

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2011

PRESENT: Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, V. Dueysen, K. Harmon, R. Simmer and F. Schultz.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Mike Murrin, Loud Thunder; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Scott White, Illiniwek and Mark Ryan, Zoo Director.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 7, 2011, at the new Education Center at Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the December minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Schultz moved to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Harmon. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$67,528.87.

MOTION: Mr. Schultz moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the Niabi Zoo claims in the amount of \$47,912.02.

MOTION: Mr. Simmer moved to approve the Zoo claims. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the claims in the Liability Insurance Fund in the amount of \$507.28.

MOTION: Ms. Harmon moved to approve the Liability claims. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Niabi Zoo Capital Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$113,355.63.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve the claims. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve and Niabi Zoo Funds.

MOTION: Ms. Harmon moved to approve the transfers. Second by Mr. Schultz. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$48,913.66 in unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to take the outside audit off display.

MOTION: Ms. Harmon moved to take the audit off display. Second by Mr. Dueysen. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to renew the intergovernmental agreement with the Sheriff's Department to patrol Loud Thunder on weekends and holidays.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve the Sheriff's agreement. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to renew the County Office Building lease.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to renew the lease. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said Ms. Gianulis has submitted a proposal to waive the Loud Thunder shelter rental fee for school groups on weekdays in the month of May.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to waive the shelter fee. Mr. Dueysen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bids were presented for the aviary roof project at Niabi Zoo. The only bid received was from McCartney Improvements Company, Davenport, in the amount of \$32,000.00, with the extra cost to replace any defective roof sheeting discovered after removal of existing shingles at \$64 per square foot.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen approved the only bid. Second by Mr. Simmer. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for the Director's report. Mr. Craver reported that he will be doing employee evaluations for the non-bargaining unit employees and there is a labor-management meeting at the Zoo on January 13th. He will be meeting with the River Action Committee to discuss the future "Quad Cities Wild Places" project.

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells reported they were tearing out the floor in the men's restroom and replacing it with ceramic tiles and they are painting walls in the Club House

Chairman Rockwell called on Mike Murrin for the Loud Thunder report. Mr. Murrin reported he talked to Dave Martin about the naming of the Ralph Martin property and they will meet and he will get back with the Committee next month on this issue. He reported they are holding an ice fishing derby on Lake George on Saturday, February 5th. The archery deer season ended December 19th and thirty-four deer were harvested. He would like to contract with Volrath Hardwoods to do some more timber harvesting on a fifty-fifty basis.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen approved more timber harvesting at Loud Thunder. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported they are doing routine maintenance of equipment. He received a request from Chad Pegraecke of Living Lands & Waters, to loan him the picnic tables at the shelter for his wedding on May

21st. He will haul them a half mile to his place for the event and will bring them back the next day. They will rent the shelter for these two days. Mr. Pegraecke's organization has donated and planted thousands of trees at Illiniwek.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for the Zoo report. Mr. Ryan reported they are closed. He reported that a replacement keeper was hired to fill the position vacated by promoting Marc Heinzman. Kim Bruch, Animal Keeper, has resigned due to personal reasons and he is requesting to fill her position and further requested to include posting this position through AZA for potential to increase the skills level of applicants.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to post this position. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve all reports.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve all reports. Ms. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said they were in the process of drawing up a memo of understanding with the Zoological Society.

MOTION: Mr. Simmer moved to negotiate a new agreement with the Society. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said the pay increases for non-bargaining unit employees will be on the agenda for next month. We will be doing evaluations. He said the mediation hearing for the Indian Bluff Golf Course project will be January 25th and would like permission to give Mr. Craver authority to either accept or reject the mediator's recommendation.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to give the Director the authority. Ms. Harmon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Submitted by:

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