

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5, 2011

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

ABSENT: Committee member, S. Sallows.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Mark Ryan, Zoo Director; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; April Palmer, Auditor; Jill Cole, Purchasing and Cathy Bizarri.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, August 5, 2011, in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office, County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

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

MOTION: Mr. Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Second by Dr. Simmer. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$23,837.89, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$40,926.67, the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$1,117.91 and a Marvin Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$1,575.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve all the Fund claims. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund for FY2010-11 and the Transfers in the Liability Insurance Fund and Forest Preserve Fund for FY2011-12.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to approve the Transfers. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on a Resolution transferring \$52,472.37 from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund for FY 2010-11.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda approved the Resolution. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said we need a motion to approve the "Fund Balance Reporting and Use Policy". Auditor Palmer said it is an audit requirement enacted in 2011.

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

Chairman Rockwell called on Jill Cole, Purchasing. Ms. Cole presented a State bid for a John Deere 5065E Utility Tractor for Loud Thunder from Holland & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$27,084.06.

MOTION: Ms Harmon moved to approve the purchase. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for his report. Mr. Wells reported that the weather has been so hot that leagues were cancelled and the turf on the course is very stressed. One wall on #12 is complete and he hopes to have the second wall finished next week. He needs seasonal maintenance help. The mechanic is still on leave and will not be back as soon as was expected. He has found a mechanic who has a shop in Coal Valley that could work on the equipment at Indian Bluff on an as needed basis, possibly ten hours per week. He is asking for eighteen dollars an hour.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to allow the work to be done at Indian Bluff at \$18 per hour. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Ben Mills for the Loud Thunder report. Mr. Mills reported routine maintenance being performed and a dry dam was excavated on the Martin property. They are trying to work on the trails but access has been an issue due to weather conditions. They have had some volunteers helping out on the trails. They had an event planned at the Horse Corral but it was cancelled due to inclement weather on that day.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for his report. Mr. Ryan reported the "Pints for Pachyderms" fundraiser was successful in spite of the horrific heat and they raised about \$10,000 after expenses. He heard many comments about doing it again and maybe having a wine and beer event. This event could be held in October since there will be no Zoofari this year. The AZA inspection was July 12th and 13th. He presented a list of concerns and achievements from the AZA visiting committee.

Chairman Rockwell commented that we will have to consider the naming rights to the Discovery Center and Arvid Kohler's name will definitely be considered.

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

Mr. Maranda inspected Illiniwek and Niabi Zoo and his report is on file. Mr. Bohnsack inspected Indian Bluff and Loud Thunder and his report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called on Jeff Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported the 2011 archery deer hunt is up and we will have a disabled veterans hunt as well. The applications are available at Loud Thunder, the County Building and on the website. He said the boat docks are still not in at Illiniwek due to high water. The trails at Loud Thunder need signage and he will be working on that.

Chairman Rockwell said the Army General of First Army toured the Zoo and was very impressed. They will be having a welcoming ceremony Niabi Zoo on September 23rd.

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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