

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2012

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Marc Heinzman, Zoo Director and Scott White, Illiniwek Ranger.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, October 5, 2012, in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office in the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion approving the September Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Sallows approved the minutes. Second by Mr. Schultz. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$37,280.76, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$336,460.78 the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$2,092.56 and the Marvin Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$31,834.00.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund, the Niabi Zoo Fund, the Liability Insurance Fund and the FISSA Fund for FY12/13.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer approved the Transfers. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of five Ordinances providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to lay on display, the "Other Power Driven Mobility Device Policy".

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to lay the Policy on display. Ms. Harmon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to lay on display, a "Service Animal Policy".

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to lay it on display. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman said Director of Golf, Doug Wells, has been excused from this meeting. Indian Bluff was inspected by Ms. Sallows and she gave her report. (record)

Director Craver asked for approval to give a \$25 discount for returning season pass holders.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the discount. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White had nothing to report and they will be closing at the end of October. Ms. Sallows inspected Illiniwek and Dorrance and gave her report. (record)

Chairman Rockwell called on Marc Heinzman for the Niabi Zoo report. He reported they have opened the two cat exhibits that were being renovated. "Pints for Pachyderms" was held on September 28th and they had a sold-out crowd of approximately eight hundred. He said they have been interviewing for the vacant Assistant Director and expect to have someone selected in the next couple of weeks. Niabi Zoo was inspected by Ms. Sallows and she gave her report. (record) She also inspected Loud Thunder and gave her report. (record)

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver informed the Committee that the trail signage at Illiniwek and Loud Thunder is coming along. The ECO camp was held at Loud Thunder on September 27th & 28th. The Chili Open at Indian Bluff Golf Course will be held October 20th. Boo at the Zoo will be held October 27th and 28th.

Director Craver reported he and Ranger Mills met with Sheriff Boyd to discuss how to deal with rowdy campers. The Oltman Trust house will be auctioned off October 21st and we will get a portion of the estate. Mr. Craver said he has written a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting that they assist us in investigating the possibility of preparing a feasibility study to formulate a restoration for the Lake George and Big Branch Creek inlet wetland area. He also reported he has applied for a grant for a Heart Start at Loud Thunder

Mr. Craver has met with Longley Time Systems along with our payroll department and they have proposed a timing system for Niabi Zoo. Monthly usage fees would range from approximately \$100 - \$300 depending on the number of employees who are actively using the system each month.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to go with the Longley system. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

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

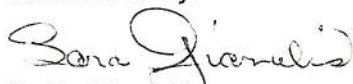
At this time, Chairman Rockwell entertained discussion of minutes lawfully closed. All sessions involved employees, personnel or wages

MOTION: Maranda moved to keep the minutes closed. Second by Ms. Harmon. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell reminded members that there will be a Public Hearing at 5:30 on the 16th for the purpose of public input considering the ADA Access Audit & Transition Plan

Chairman Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 3:39 PM.

Submitted by:


S. A. Gianulis