

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2011

PRESENT: Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, S. Sallows and R. Simmer.

ABSENT: Committee members, V. Dueysen, K. Harmon, K. Maranda and F. Schultz.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Scott White, Illiniwek; Mark Ryan, Zoo Director; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder and Donna Wilkerson, Purchasing.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, July 8, 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 June minutes.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$30,213.29.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims. Mr. Bohnsack seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$49,171.78.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the Liability Insurance Fund claim in the amount of \$130.02.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Liability Insurance claim. Mr. Bohnsack seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$1,575.00.

MOTION: Ms. Sallows moved to approve the Martin Trust claim. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

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

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Transfers. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on a Resolution transferring \$118,496.06 from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer approved the Resolution. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said we have a request from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation for free admission for participants in their Walk fundraiser to be held at Niabi Zoo in May of 2012.

MOTION: Ms. Sallows moved to approve the Foundation's request. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell stated we have a request from the Grand Illinois Trail & Parks bicycle tour to locate two overnights on consecutive mid-week dates in mid June of 2012 at Illiniwek Forest Preserve. They would purchase site accommodations at the rate of four tents, or persons, per site for about thirty sites and allow them to tent in the grassy areas to the south and west of the pavilion or at places close to the river. The Committee wanted to be able to accommodate them and would like the Director and Ranger to get more information in order to adequately address their request.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to table the request. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Donna Wilkerson, who had no information or bids to present. He called on Doug Wells for the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells said we have had a good July and they have five more shotgun starts this month. They are building the retaining wall on number 12 and will have that done by the end of this month. He reported they will be without a mechanic for the next six weeks due to medical reasons. Indian Bluff was inspected by Dr. Simmer and he presented his report. (record)

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Bohnsack seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White requested that two weeks of his vacation be carried over. He would not be able to fit it into his schedule this summer, however he could use it before December 1st.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved for Mr. White's two weeks vacation be extended to be used by December 1st. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Sallows inspected Illiniwek and gave her report. (record) Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Illiniwek report.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer approved the Illiniwek report. Mr. Bohnsack seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for his report. Mr. Ryan reported they are preparing and doing general cleanup for the AZA inspection which will be July 12th and 13th. He reported the giraffe feedings with the public began the first of July and is going great, they are doing two feedings per day with up to 100 people per feedings on busy days and the cost is four dollars per person.

Ms. Sallows inspected Niabi Zoo and gave her report. She said she got a behind the scenes tour and everything looked great and very clean. She thinks the sale of ice cream would go over well at the Zoo. She reported the Aviary needs an update (record). Chairman Rockwell asked for approval of the Zoo report.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer approved the Zoo report. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell introduced Ben Mills as the new Ranger at Loud Thunder. Mr. Mills said this is his second week at the preserve and told a little about his background. The camping has been down at Loud Thunder for this season due to the weather. Dr. Simmer inspected Loud Thunder and reported everything looked very well maintained (record).

MOTION: Dr. Simmer approved Loud Thunder report. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Jeff Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported the bid letting for the new restroom at Loud Thunder will be July 12th. Mr. Rockwell will present the low bids to the Commission on July 19th. Mr. Craver said he is working on the Budget for FY 2012-13. He will prepare a budget summary for the Committee and present it to them before the August 5th meeting which will begin at 2:00 PM instead of 3:00 PM for the purpose of approving the budget.

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of Mr. Craver's report.

MOTION: Ms. Sallows moved to approve his report. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Submitted by:

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