

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JULY 6, 2012

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

ABSENT: Committee member, K. Harmon.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Marc Heinzman, Zoo Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Scott White, Illiniwek Ranger; Meg Hoskins, Human Resources; Robert Westpfahl, Commissioner and Cathi Bizarri.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, July 6, 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 June Committee meeting minutes.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$52,438.21, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$46,223.37, the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$1,581.47 and the Marvin Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$52,023.50.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda 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 Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda approved the Transfers. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$99,043.93 in the Niabi Zoo Fund, a Resolution transferring \$83,731.68 in the Forest Preserve General Fund, a Resolution transferring \$15,000 in the Liability Insurance Fund and a Resolution loaning \$10,000 to the Liability Insurance Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Resolutions. Second by Mr. Dueysen. Motion carried.

At this time, Meg Hoskins passed out longevity awards to respective employees.

Mr. Craver reported for Indian Bluff in Doug Wells' absence. Mr. Wells written report was submitted with nothing significant stated. Dr. Simmer inspected Indian Bluff and Chairman Rockwell read his report. Dr. Simmer reported that the golf course was in great shape considering the weather conditions.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported that the John Deere 3320 mower sustained fire damage and is being investigated by Deere personnel. The Grand Illinois Trail ride took place June 11th & 12th and 120 people spent two July 6, 2012

nights at Illiniwek. A letter of appreciation was received stating the riders were in awe of the natural beauty of the park, the cleanliness, the helpfulness of the staff and the nice camping and eating areas. Living Lands & Waters would like to place a sign at the north end of the park recognizing their tree plantings.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the placement of the sign. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Maranda inspected Illiniwek and reported everything in good shape.

Chairman Rockwell called on Ben Mills for the Loud Thunder report. Mr. Mills written report was presented. He reported they are removing storm damaged trees on the trails from the storms last month. They installed a new gate at the top of the hill to Lyle's Landing and they are working on installing four more steel gates to replace the old chain ones. The archery deer hunt applications will be out the 1st of August. There was a two hundred foot section of fence that was taken out at the Martin Farm and it should be replaced.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to get new fencing. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Marc Heinzman for the Niabi Zoo report. In his report, Mr. Heinzman stated the heat has been very bad for Zoo attendance and the grounds are pretty burned out. They are starting the work to re-landscape and renovate the large cat exhibit. Two snow leopards arrived from the Bramble Zoo in South Dakota and are being quarantined for one month and will be on display once their exhibit is done being renovated. The AZA inspection will be August 1st through the 3rd.

The AZA would like to see night security at the Zoo. The Committee had two quotes one from Global Security for \$16.00 per hour for patrolling from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM seven days a week and a quote from Per Mar for \$13.00 per hour.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to contract with Per Mar until we can come up with an alternative security plan. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Maranda inspected Niabi Zoo. He stated they need a new dump truck. Mr. Craver said that Illiniwek is getting a new dump truck and the Zoo could purchase Scott's 2000 one ton dump truck for the trade in value.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the exchange. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported he is working on the budget and will have the budget meeting at our next Committee meeting which will start at 2:00 instead of 3:00. The website is moving along and the photography is getting prepared. The Recreation Access Audit will be done in August. He has been involved with the Animal Handler interviews. Mr. Heinzman said they hired one of their own seasonal keepers, Nate Dickson, for the new Animal Handler.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the bonuses that were discussed in closed session last month. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 3:39 PM.

Submitted by:

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