

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

**This meeting was held via Zoom. All participants attended via teleconference.

PRESENT: Committee members - K. Swanson, D. Cremeens, A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, E. Sowards, L. Moreno(logged in at 9:36am).

ABSENT: R. Simmer.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Kurt Davis, IT; April Palmer, Auditor; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:31 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, via teleconference.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the October Committee minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the October Committee minutes. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, K. Swanson, E. Sowards.

TOTAL YES 5
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$158,202.36, and transfers of appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$158,202.36, and transfers of appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the abatement ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17, and the abatement ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the abatement ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17, and the abatement ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, L. Moreno.

TOTAL YES 6
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the improvements to the camel yard and building at Niabi Zoo up to an amount of \$50,000.00.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the improvements to the camel yard and building at Niabi Zoo up to an amount of \$50,000.00. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

President Swanson stated that it looks like Niabi will be able to convert the camel yard and building with relatively little expense to bring in a new animal to the collection. Niabi is receiving the Rhino from a zoo that is decreasing their collection due to financial reasons. With the collection at Niabi being a bit static over the years, and older animals passing, this addition should not affect the Niabi budget to a great extent.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer if there was anything from the Auditor's reports that she would like to bring attention to.

Ms. Palmer stated that there are two of the three standard reports in the packet. The Cash report will be forth coming. There is nothing new to report from last month.

[At this point internet connection at the Forest Preserve Administration Office was lost, and Mr. Craver and Ms. Sullivan were dropped from the meeting.]

President Swanson stated that Mr. Craver seemed to have been lost from the meeting.

President Swanson asked Mr. Mills if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Mills stated that the park has been very busy with people coming out to hike. There has been an uptick in vandalism, but nothing that staff cannot handle.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve all routine reports for the District.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to adopt the previous roll call. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Submitted by:
Cassie Sullivan
Forest Preserve Administrative Assistant