The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. Roll was taken with the following Commissioners present: Goodman, Herakovich, Hult and Kerins. Commissioner Livesay was absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Beth Chato representing the Champaign County Audubon Society gave the 2015 District Bird Count. Ms. Chato reported bird counts for all preserves and presented the Board with a copy of the report. Ms. Chato also thanked the District for their efforts in preservation and conservation.

AGENDA MODIFICATION - None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes of Study Session on August 18, 2016
B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 18, 2016
C. Minutes of Executive Session on August 18, 2016
D. Minutes of Special Meeting Open House on August 24, 2016
E. Monthly Staff Reports
F. Kickapoo Rail Trail Report
G. Disbursements for Approval
H. August Treasurers Report

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Hult seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Report – Deputy Director Wuellner noted at the last meeting an update to the current tier recognition was passed and information on Peer-to-Peer giving was discussed. Executive Director Olson also stated the River to Rail Ride would be held September 24th.

B. Community Engagement Group – Discussed during the earlier Study Session.

C. 2017 Annual Meeting Schedule – Commissioners agreed the proposed meeting dates would work. As for study sessions, scheduling them quarterly was agreed upon by those in attendance. Olson stated the schedule would be updated and would be brought to the Board next month for approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Budget Capital Updates – Commissioners commended staff for their work on the report, stating the additions to the report were very helpful. Commissioner Goodman asked staff about the bunker updates that had been on last month’s report. It was noted as this was under the $5,000 threshold, it wasn’t on the report. Commissioner Goodman also asked about the history of the Par-3 shelter. Staff noted it had been removed years back as it was unsafe and has been proposed in previous years, as lessons are sometimes given there and it is used for those waiting on Par-3 play. Commissioners Herakovich stated she is all for moving infrastructure items up in priority.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT contd.
Commissioner Herakovich also suggested staff strategize and give recommendations regarding large projects such as the Lake of the Woods Spillway, and also having planning staff look at options to have the golf course locker room work possibly done in phases.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Commissioner Herakovich made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 5 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, 2 (c) 6 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body;. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, Hult and Kerins. Motion carried.

The Executive Session closed and Regular Session opened at 7:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, Hult and Kerins. Motion carried.