

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, 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: Herakovich, Hult, Livesay and Kerins. Commissioner Goodman was absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATION - None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Study Session on October 17, 2016
- B. Minutes of the Study Session on October 20, 2016
- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 20, 2016
- D. Minutes of Executive Session on October 20, 2016
- E. Monthly Staff Reports
- F. Kickapoo Rail Trail Report
- G. Disbursements for Approval
- H. October Treasurers Report
- I. 2016 United Way Combined Charities

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioner Hult asked for the Disbursements Report to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda with said change. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the Disbursement Report. Commissioner Hult seconded. Commissioner Hult asked staff about a tire purchase, recycled battery charge, P-Card statements and a tree removal charge. Staff noted the tires were for a Lake of the Woods Operations vehicle, batteries were recycled AA and AAA and other such batteries, the P-Card statement was due to this meeting being scheduled ahead of the closing of the statement period, and lastly the tree removal was an unsafe large tree in a user area that staff was unable to safely remove. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- A. **Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Report** – Commissioner Livesay reported at the last meeting Mary Ellen Wuellner gave a presentation on possible KRT donor recognition ideas and that at next month's meeting, Jonathon Hasselbring, District Planner, will present information on the revised Botanical Garden pond/waterfall plan. Livesay also noted FPF member, Bob Espeseth, commended the District on the number of staff that had recently attended the NRPA Conference.
- B. **Talking Points to Recruit Community Engagement Group** – Commissioners reported they were still talking with potential candidates. It was also noted the 6 talking points supplied by Commissioner Livesay at the last Study Session would work, and they could be individualized per candidate. Also suggested was the message for the CEG should include District projects cost and, as noted prior, the ratio of full-time employee to acreage. Commissioners also asked staff to forward other talking points ideas to them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Commissioner Herakovich suggested additional traffic counters be purchased prior to the end of the year 2016, so they could be installed prior to the beginning of 2017. Commissioner Livesay noted as there were still items below the red-line in 2016, that the counters should remain in the 2017 budget for ordering. It was agreed by those present, that the counters should be ordered early in January 2017 and be installed as soon as weather and staff time allow.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #16-3 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2016 Taxes due in 2017

Commissioner Hult moved approval of Ordinance #16-3, the Annual Tentative Tax Levy for 2016 Taxes due in 2017. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #16-4 Annual Tentative Appropriation for 2017

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of Ordinance 16-4 the Annual Tentative Appropriations for 2017. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. Champaign County Forest Preserve District Interpretive Plan

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the attached Champaign County Forest Preserve District Interpretive Plan. Commissioner Hult seconded. Museum and Education Director, Barb Garvey, stated they talked with many groups to gather feedback, and were also able to incorporate outreach strategies for underserved, volunteers and others. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

C. 2017 Golf Fees

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the 2017 Golf Fee schedule and, the sale of 2017 passes at 2016 rates with three free golf cart passes, and the sale of 2017 passes during a “Black Friday” promotion. The motion included delegating authority for approving targeted golf discounts for marketing purposes to the Executive Director. Commissioner Hult seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. Lightscape Management Plan for Middle Fork River Forest Preserve

Commissioner Hult moved the Board adopt the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Lightscape Management Plan as part of the effort to receive certification in the International Dark Skies Park program. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. It was noted that fully shielded lighting offers safety with less glare. Dark Sky certification could help with future granting. Commissioners asked Middle Fork Site Superintendent, Matt Kuntz, for comment on the lighting change. Kuntz replied that the lighting will actually offer more safety for the campers. Commissioners also commended staff on the collaboration with other entities, and confirmed the cost associated with the plan was for replacement lighting needs, not additional lighting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

REGULAR SESSION - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

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MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:54 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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