

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
District Headquarters, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois
Thursday, July 16, 2020
Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.us)
Meeting ID: 892 3767 4126

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020 via Zoom.com due to Illinois Governor Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Livesay called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Kerins called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Commissioner Livesay confirmed, via hand raise, all commissioners were able to see and hear the meeting.

Executive Director Wuellner was physically present at District Headquarters.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – All attendees participated via Zoom.com due to COVID-19 restrictions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OATH OF REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONER ANDREW KERINS
Commissioner Kerins took the oath of office.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Livesay moved the slate of officers: Kerins, President; Livesay, Vice President; Goodman, Treasurer; Hays, Secretary; Herakovich, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Livesay advised Board Committee appointments will remain the same which are as follows: Forest Preserve Friends Foundation, Livesay; Citizens Advisory, Hays; Golf, Goodman; Compensation, Herakovich.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 18, 2020
- B. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2020

Page 2 of 4

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation

Commissioner Livesay noted the Foundation met with new President Will Timmons in his first meeting, adding he is leading the group in a great direction by setting goals for the Foundation to accomplish by year-end. These include a \$75K fundraising goal as well as bringing on ten new companies or individual donors. At this last meeting, Timmons assured Wuellner that the District has the full support of the Foundation for the referendum in whatever capacity is needed.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Hays noted the group hasn't met since the last meeting, but will be meeting August 5th.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commended staff for their work on: staff reports, recent hirings, KRT trail towns' logo, continuing to work with C-U Public Health in keeping staff and patrons safe in regard to COVID-19, education staff for their programming initiatives, the construction staff for their progress on the new accessible launch at Lake of the Woods, golf staff for the amount of play and the course appearance especially the par 3 course, volunteer coordinator for her work with volunteer onboarding and welcoming, and the collaboration in naming the new preserve.

Commissioners also commented on the recent vandalism to the turf at the golf course, confirmed job posting info regarding full-time positions and current hiring timelines, District audit timelines, Lake of the Woods bike path repairs in areas where tree roots are damaging the surface, recent letters to editor in the News Gazette commending the District for its work during the pandemic and confirmed with staff the opening timeline for the new accessible boat launch at Lake of the Woods.

Lastly, commissioners commended Wuellner for contacting OSF regarding the pay back of property tax due to hospital, and for her recent committee work with IPRA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Announcements: Wuellner noted she had recently attended the golf committee meeting and shared how much the golf committee appreciates the golf staff for all they do for the golf course and patrons. Wuellner also noted under Restore Illinois phase 4, the museum and Interpretive Center are again open with limited hours, and IPRA, IAPD and PDRMA have all recently sent out surveys regarding the effects of COVID-19 on park and recreation entities.

B. Community Engagement: Wuellner reviewed the memo that was included in the Board packet, noting the need for a special meeting on August 6th, and asked commissioners for input about including meeting information in the District Leaflet publication that would be mailed before the end of July. Commissioners agreed sending information out regarding the ballot question should be done. Commissioners also noted the need for information showing cost

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2020

Page 3 of 4

comparisons and benefits of what the preserve can offer, especially during COVID-19, talking points to share with attendees of the August 6th meeting and after the meeting if media is in attendance. Commissioners noted the thanks to Brooks McDonald and others for their wisdom and experience sharing, and to the Community Engagement Committee and staff for their work.

It was agreed that a Study Session should be held prior to the meeting and Board vote, to allow the public time to hear, review and voice their thoughts. District Finance Director, John Baker, also noted there might be a slight change on the EAV amount that was supplied in the packet, as the county was still compiling property information. Commissioner Kerins asked if the study session could begin at 6 pm with the special meeting following at 6:30 pm. All agreed to the requested timing.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved to approve the payment of \$239,033.01 in disbursements dated June 19, 2020 through July 16, 2020. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. Treasures Report - June

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the June 2020 Treasures report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

C. Homer Lake Sealcoating

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve the proposal for Homer Lake Sealcoating from Iliana Construction located in Urbana, IL for Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$23,900). Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners thanked Homer Lake staff for their creative suggestion to stockpile rock chip prior to the project being done. In this way a larger order could be combined with another municipality, saving both entities money. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

D. Naming New Preserve

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board designate the contiguous 98.81 acres of property owned by CCFPD in Newcomb Township, Champaign County, IL, as Heron View Forest Preserve. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2020

Page 4 of 4

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 pm. Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Scott Hays, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District