

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, July 20, 2017
Activity Center, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve,
Penfield, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2017 at the Activity Center, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Livesay and Kerins and Scott Hays, newly appointed CCFPD Commissioner. Commissioner Herakovich was absent with notice. Commissioner Goodman would be late with notice. Commissioner Goodman arrived at 6:48 pm.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Chato representing the Champaign County Audubon Society gave the 2016 District Bird Count. Ms. Chato reported bird counts for all preserves and presented the Board with a copy of the report. Commissioners thanked Ms. Chato for her and the group's work on the counts. Natural Resource Director, Mike Daab, also thanked Ms. Chato for her work and state that the information is very helpful to their department.

PRESENTATION ON EQUESTRAIN USE AT LAKE OF THE WOODS

Rick Eyestone, from Mahomet, showed a visual proposal of an equestrian program for Lake of the Woods and answered questions from Commissioners.

PRESENTATION OF MID YEAR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2017 BUDGET

District Finance Director, John Baker, gave a visual presentation and answered questions from the Commissioners including; health care cost, funds availability, and HRA savings use.

OATH OF NEW COMMISSIONER SCOTT HAYS

Scott Hays was sworn in as commissioner of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS – Moved to the August meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Moved to the August meeting.

AGENDA MODIFICATION – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting on June 22, 2017
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 22, 2017
- C. Minutes of Executive Session on June 22, 2017
- D. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 28, 2017
- E. Minutes of Executive Session on June 28, 2017
- F. Monthly Staff Reports
- G. KRT Monthly Update

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

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION

Commissioner Livesay commented that the recently approved position (Administrative Assistant) with the FPF and the District has received more than 50 applications. Commissioner Livesay also reported approval of a contract to have 'Vanishing Acts', a traveling exhibit through the Morton Arboretum, at the Botanical Garden in 2018, the River to Rail Ride scheduled for September 30th at Homer Lake needs volunteer assistance, and about the KRT ribbon cutting event. FPF members will personally contact large donors.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- A. Community Engagement Group** – Commissioner Goodman advised that he and Commissioner Herakovich have identified key individuals, but those individuals would like more definition of the role and the time commitment. It was noted a Study Session was needed to discuss the matter and would be set up next month prior to the regular Board meeting at 5 pm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Executive Director Olson welcomed Commissioner Hays and noted a vVolunteer recognition event is scheduled for September 20th. Matt Kuntz, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Site Superintendent, give a brief update on Middle Fork including projects and staffing.

Commissioners commended staff for budget projections, Middle Fork grounds, the recent addition of the accessible sidewalk at the Middle Fork Campground, all the publicity and media attention the District has been receiving, and the impressive things being done by staff.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for approval

Commissioner Livesay moved approval of disbursements for June 23, 2017 through July 20, 2017 for a total of \$199,295.61. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. June Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Goodman moved approval of the June 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried. Commissioners thanked District Finance Director, John Baker, for the Capital Projects updates.

C. Museum of the Grand Prairie Request to Acquire Collection Items

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the acquisition of eight recommended items offered by Mifflin, Adams, and Behrends for inclusion in the Museum Permanent Collection. Commissioner Hays seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Commissioners thanked museum staff for bringing the items to the meeting and for the professional and thorough the steps they take to process items for acquisition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

REGULAR SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Livesay moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary
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