

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

Thursday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2017 at Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. Roll was taken with the following Commissioners present: Herakovich, Hult, Livesay and Kerins. Commissioner Goodman arrived shortly after roll call.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATION** – None

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Special Meeting on February 9, 2017
- B. Minutes of Executive Session of February 9, 2017
- C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2017
- D. Minutes of Executive Session Minutes on February 26, 2017
- E. Annual Staff Reports
- F. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioners thanked staff for their reports. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, and Livesay. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT**

- A. **Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Report** – Commissioner Livesay reported at the last meeting they discussed a new to be shared with the District (Administrative Assistant position). Livesay said the group is interested, but is still investigating the position duties. Also discussed: the KRT Ribbon Cutting Event, sponsorships, donor recognition and upcoming events including Community Used Bike Sale sponsored by Champaign Cycle, an Online Auction sponsored by Neutral Cycle and an upcoming promotion sponsored by Stone Brewing and Founders Brewery, and local sponsors Cowboy Monkey and Blind Pig, called Bastards on the Patio.
- B. **Community Engagement Group** – Commissioners Herakovich and Commissioner Goodman are still talking with 2 individuals.
- C. **House Bill 3127** – Executive Director, Olson, updated Commissioners on current status of the Bill, which would require drainage districts to seek permission before accessing forest preserve districts land.
- D. **District Subsidization** – District Finance Director, Baker, gave an overview. Commissioner Herakovich noted she feels taking the administration cost along with marketing and dividing by department number is the easiest way, and she feels a fair way. Herakovich also noted she felt the museum and interpretive center should be treated as two different departments.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT contd.**

Commissioners also thanked staff for District CD's that have been managed well over the last year, interpretive signage, setting up ActiveNet, radio and TV advertising, prairie restoration work, and staff for leading the Districts mission outside of the District by speaking/training and outreach. Commissioners also asked staff about reporting data on the trail counters that were recently installed. Jon Hasselbring noted reports can be done quarterly. Commissioners noted at Bloomington/Normal's Constitution Trail, volunteers were used to get trail user feedback from the opening of the trail. Commissioners also asked the Sustainability Committee to share information on District sustainability plan with possible costs associated.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT –**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution R-2017-06 Intergovernmental Agreement: Weaver Park/Kickapoo Rail Trail Feasibility Study**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Urbana Park District, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, and the City of Urbana, including expenditure of \$3,500 for the Weaver Park Trailhead feasibility study. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, and Livesay. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Disbursements for approval**

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of Disbursements for February 17, 2017 through March 16, 2017 for a total of \$129,931.66. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**C. February Treasures Report**

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve the February Treasures Report. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**D. Resolution R-2017-07 Recreational Trails Program Grant Agreement**

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the Resolution #R-2017-07 approving a Recreational Trails Program grant agreement for Phase 2a of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, from Main to Seventh Streets in St Joseph, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. This grant will cover 80% of design, construction, and construction engineering costs. Commissioner Hult seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**E. Special Use Permit Fee**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve increasing the Special Use Permit Fee to \$75.00 per event not including the CCFPD scientific and collection permit. Special use permits do not include weddings. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Herakovich made a motion at 6:55 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Herakovich, Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins closed Executive Session at 8:01 pm and opened the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hult moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Herakovich, Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County Forest Preserve District