

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Commissioners present: Auker, Brooks, Conry, Hogan, and Ludwig.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brunner, Herman, McCammond, and Tucker.

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Commissioner Ludwig added Agenda Item 12D – Long Range Planning Committee. HOGAN MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

(Note: January 2017 minutes to be approved at the March board meeting.)

AUKER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

There was no President's Report.

There was no Bike Path Committee Report.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:05-7:38 pm-He updated the board on SB9 regarding Exelon attempting to become a pollution control entity. It is critical that this doesn't happen. He noted that the City of Byron would like to place a metal recycling bin next to the District's bins at the Land Management Center. The board generally agreed with allowing the City to do this. The City of Byron is

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considering presenting a proposal to the board regarding a potential municipal maintenance complex being located near the District's Land Management Center. He informed the board of the brainstorming meeting held with Tom Tristano of Prairie Forge Group, his staff, and District staff to discuss potential renovations to the lower level of the Jarrett Prairie Center. He stated that PrairieView will be opening on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. He noted that Matt Henkel and his family will be relocating to live in the District's main farmhouse location near the Turf Care Center. A request for a rifle range was briefly discussed and denied. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:38-7:43 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:43-7:48 pm-He reported that 60 bottles of syrup have been made and hoping to get 100 bottles total. He reminded the board of the Maple Syrup Festival on March 18th, 8-11am. He also noted that his department has burned 250 acres so far this season.

LUDWIG MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: 2 TORO GREENSMaster 3320 TRIFLEX, HYBRID; 7 TORO GR3320 REPLACEMENT REELS & ACCESSORIES; AND 1 TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4700-D WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS, TOOLING ACCESSORIES, APPURTENANCES, AND ADDITIONS THERETO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,582.21. ACCEPTANCE CONTINGENT ON DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY APPROVAL. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO AWARD THE AERATOR & MULTI-USE SWEEPER/VERTICUTTER BID #02FY2017 TO J. W. TURF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,128.74. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CRYSTAL PRUE TO OBTAIN A DISTRICT CREDIT CARD TO USE ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Commissioner Ludwig presented the idea of implementing a long range planning committee for the District to develop a master plan. The committee could include board, staff, and citizens and could meet quarterly. This will be discussed further at the March board meeting.

HOGAN MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:20 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE IS VALIDITY, UNDER SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE DISTRICT, AND UNDER

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SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:05 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CONRY MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:06 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hogan, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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