

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Commissioners present: Conry, Hogan, Ludwig, and Vincer.

Commissioners absent: Patterson.

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

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Director Tucker suggested removing all of the Executive Sessions from the agenda due to no discussion needed on any topics at this time. The Board agreed.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2017. PATTERSON – ABSENT, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

LUDWIG MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017. Shawn stated that the Golf Fund is down a little at \$30,000 compared to last year at this time was \$41,000. Andy ran a golf special that brought in approximately \$15,000 which should boost September's report. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

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President Hogan reminded the Board of the upcoming special meetings in October. He also reminded them to let Michelle know if they are going to State Conference. He stated that he would like to see the salary comparisons for the staff to be discussed at the Annual Budget Workshop on October 11, 2017. Commissioner Vincer stated that it's very advantageous to keep good staff when you have it because it's very difficult to find qualified applicants at this time.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:15-7:30 pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:30-7:32 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Land Management Department-7:32-7:40 pm; and Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-7:40-7:48 pm.

Director Tucker stated that work is still progressing on the District's Policy Manual revisions.

The development of a Long Range Planning Committee was discussed. Director Tucker suggested that Mission Statement and Vision Document for the District will be reviewed along with the policy manual revisions. Commissioner Ludwig suggested that this committee develop a plan to protect what is being done currently as far as land, development, etc. Director Tucker noted that almost half of the 2100 acres that the District owns is already protected by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission into Dedicated Nature Preserves. Commissioner Ludwig stated that the neighbors of all of our sites should be met with and informed that if they ever decide to sell their property to

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let the District know right away. President Hogan questioned what the committee should look like. It was suggested that a couple of board members, some staff, and a couple of citizens make up the committee. The Board will notify Director Tucker of who would be good candidates to serve on the committee.

CONRY MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:55 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON –
ABSENT, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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