

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2014

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

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Aughenbaugh, Brunner, Costa, Funke, Gerke, Henkel, Herman, Marcum, McCammond, and Tucker.

Guests present: Approximately 50 citizens including the following who signed the Board Meeting Register: James, Carol, James, & Michael Wilson, Caleb Hardy, Andrew Marcum, Becca Aughenbaugh, Greg Elmer, Noreen Kann, Jeff Schad, Mark & Kay Cameron, Mick Hockins, Bob & Michele Hamel, Conner Hurd, Trent Snodgrass, Stacey Reedy, Kathy Snodgrass, Derek Wheeler, Chris & Meg Streit, and Patti Carey.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

There were no additions to the agenda.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor for public comment.

Patti Carey took the floor and read a statement along with submitting petitions. The petitions had over 700 signatures and stated the following: We, the undersigned residents of the Byron Forest Preserve District and surrounding communities in the State of Illinois, do hereby petition the Byron Forest Preserve District Board and its Director to reinstate Steve Murray to the position of Head Professional at PrairieView Golf Club.

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President Hogan opened the floor to the next citizen to speak.

Michelle Gerke took the floor and read a statement thanking the board for volunteering their time and encouraging them and the director in making the tough but right decisions regarding the Steve Murray personnel matter.

President Hogan opened the floor to the next citizen to speak.

Mick Hockinson took the floor and stated that the board members became board members to do what is right so he urged the board to right a wrong (concerning Steve Murray's employment status with the District).

There were no other public comments.

President Hogan opened the floor to guests.

Caleb Hardy took the floor to present a statement. He stated that he is a former employee of the District and although he has personal relationships with many staff and board members, he is speaking in defense of the Forest Preserve in its entirety. But, because of his personal relationships, he knows that he can trust them to make an informed, educated, and fair decision. He asked that everyone continue to approach this matter with a level head and not let their emotions allow them to act out of character. The golf course is just one facet of the diamond at the Forest Preserve so keep in mind the Forest Preserve as a whole and the impact of our actions and reactions to situations.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2014. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, OCTOBER 6, 2014, AND OCTOBER 14, 2014, AND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, AND OCTOBER 14, 2014. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted and discussed briefly.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

As the President's Report, President Hogan read the following Joint Statement:

Steve Murray, who for the past 11 years has been the Head Golf Pro of PrairieView Golf Club, has submitted his resignation from employment with the Byron Forest Preserve District ("District") effective October 5, 2014. The District's Board of Commissioners has accepted Steve's resignation.

During Steve's tenure with PrairieView, the course has continued to grow in its reputation as a championship-caliber golf course. Both Steve and the District are rightfully proud of this outstanding facility and of the course's contributions to the quality of life of the District's citizens.

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In leaving PrairieView, Steve extends his appreciation to the many patrons and staff of PrairieView who have been so important to the facility's successes. The District's Board also thanks Steve for his contributions and wishes him well in the future.

President Hogan asked the commissioners who would be attending the State Conference this year. They will check their schedules and Michelle will email the deadline dates to the commissioners.

Commissioner Ludwig updated the board on the progress of the bike path. The next phase is in progress and should be completed by November 21, 2014.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:22-7:28 pm-He will be attending a FairCom meeting soon. Nachusa and Exelon have tentatively agreed to participate in the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum upgrade. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:28-7:32 pm-He reported that the field trips using the Voyager canoe were a big success and homeschool programs are going very well. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:32-7:37 pm-He reported that the ChiliFest that was held at Heritage Farm in conjunction with the Byron Chamber of Commerce went very well in spite of the cold weather. They liked the location and setup. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Operations-7:37-7:42 pm-He publicly apologized to the golf team for statements that he made and addressed a few other concerns regarding the situation at the clubhouse.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF APRIL 15, 2013. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO TABLE APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS ON THE IAPD CREDENTIALS CERTIFICATE UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Matt Henkel to present his proposal regarding the golf cart lease agreement for the 2015 golf season. He suggested using electric carts instead of gas carts because this would set us apart from other courses and they're more environmentally friendly. President Hogan questioned the infrastructure needed to support electric carts. It would be about \$15,000 to install the necessary infrastructure to support these carts. He then discussed the potential of increased revenue and service if Visage GPS is installed on the carts. The advantages of using GPS carts were reviewed again briefly (as this was presented by a company representative at the Board's annual budget meeting). The beverage cart would also be equipped with GPS so golfers could order items and their order would be delivered to them on the course. Orders can also be placed so that food and beverages are ready when golfers are coming off of the course. Other advantages include better pace of play, cart security, lowering course maintenance

costs, etc. Matt reviewed a few other capital items needed for the golf course. He will present another proposal at the November meeting.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO TABLE ANY ACTION REGARDING THE GOLF CART LEASE AGREEMENT UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT TO RETAIN FIRST MIDSTATE INC. AS UNDERWRITERS AND CHAPMAN & CUTLER AS COUNSEL REGARDING ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:17 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 ITS VALIDITY, UNDER 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 SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF

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PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST,
AFFECTING, OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. BREEN – YES, BROOKS –
YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:30 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER
– YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:31 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES,
BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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