

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Steve Patterson, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

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

President Brooks opened the floor to Steve Patterson. Mr. Patterson commended the board and staff on the preservation and development of the He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve. He stated that there are no kayak launches in this area so he questioned the possibility of installing kayak launches at this site. He stated that it could be done inexpensively. The launches would serve a purpose for those involved in the sport and would possibly draw more people to the He-Leo Preserve. Mr. Patterson suggested that eventually it could become a revenue producer through kayak rentals, events, etc. He stated that he enjoys using the site very much. Further discussion followed regarding types of launch systems that could be installed and would be the best options. The board thanked Mr. Patterson for his suggestion.

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CONRY MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

The correspondence was noted and briefly discussed.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2016. Shawn stated that the general fund revenue is \$11,000 ahead of last year at this time. He will be distributing budget worksheets to staff very soon to begin the 2017 budget process. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks reminded the board of the upcoming special meetings scheduled in October. She also asked the board about attending conference in January. Commissioners Brooks and Conry cannot attend. Commissioners Hogan and Auker will be attending.

President Brooks stated that the improvements to the bike path are awesome! Brief discussion followed.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administration Department-7:24-7:34 pm-He updated the board on the museum progress. They agreed to take a short tour just before the next board meeting. He commended the golf course staff for the recognition of PrairieView ranking #24 on Golf Advisor's list of Top 50 Courses

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Under \$50 in the nation. PrairieView and Aldeen were the only two courses in Illinois on the list. Todd reported that the archery lottery drawing went well with 21 interested hunters. He reminded the board of the upcoming Byron Soldier's Monument Celebration on October 15, 2016. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:34-7:38 pm-He introduced our new preschool teacher, Crystal Prue. He noted that he is working with the schools to setup meeting dates regarding the new museum. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:38-7:48 pm-He informed the board that a "watering hole" has been established at the Nardi Preserve for horses. It will also be good for deer and other animals that won't have to cross River Road to get to the river. Commissioner Hogan questioned him regarding the status of the Fish and Wildlife grant for the He-Leo Wetland Project. He said there was a permitting issue that needed to be resolved but he hadn't heard back from them yet. He will contact them again. Todd Tucker (for Matt Henkel and Andy Gramer), Golf Course Operations-He stated that the course looks great. They are very busy with the mowing schedule. Pass sales have been going well with a new promotion in place for 2017 passes.

Director Tucker distributed the Residential Occupancy Contracts for the District's residences. The board will review them and take action at the September meeting.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:46 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 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 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. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:09 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:11 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES,
CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hogan, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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