

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTE OF MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2019

Commissioners present: Conry, Ludwig, and Vincer.

Commissioners absent: Hogan and Patterson.

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

Guests present: Kris Baker, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

In President's Hogan's absent, Vice President Conry presided over the meeting. Vice President Conry was not feeling well so he appointed Secretary Ludwig as President Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.

It was agreed that Executive Session discussion was not needed on the agenda. VINCER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – ABSENT, PATTERSON – ABSENT, VINCER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018. HOGAN – ABSENT, PATTERSON – ABSENT, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

The correspondence was noted and briefly discussed.

VINCER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018. PATTERSON – ABSENT, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – ABSENT, AND LUDWIG – YES.

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Director Tucker informed the board that Exelon's EAV was lowered to \$504M so the District will need to remove \$195,000 from the current budget. The District has \$103,000 in surplus and the remaining \$92,000 will need to be added to the District's tax levy. A revised levy will need to be approved by the board.

President Pro Tem Ludwig opened the floor for discussion of the tour taken by staff and board at the TopTracer Golf facility in Madison, Wisconsin. Commissioner Vincer stated that he's not a golfer but played and enjoyed the game very much at this facility. There were different games available to cater to the type of player you are. 70-80% of players are non-golfers. Matt Henkel stated that TopTracer is a younger generation golf game. He stated that since this is an indoor facility, winter leagues and lessons can be held inside. Rainouts during the summer could be played inside this facility instead of losing the revenue for the day. Director Tucker stated that it's like a bowling alley setup with infrared heating. Matt stated that if we operate on a monthly lease, revenue from a couple of our leagues will cover the cost. He distributed a preliminary drawing of a stand alone building located at our current driving range. Director Tucker noted that there is \$500,000 in the capital budget to renovate the lower level of the Jarrett Prairie Center. This could be earmarked for this project if the board approves. He stated that it would take about \$4500 to get plans drawn and a solid figure to complete the project. A municipal leasing option will be

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considered. The board generally agreed. Director Tucker stated that in a “perfect world,” this could be completed by Thanksgiving.

President Pro Tem Ludwig opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services-7:40-7:48pm-He worked out a plan with Byron Township regarding paving the cart paths and parking lots over the summer. He informed the board that Exelon has agreed to renew the electric cart agreement. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:48-7:51pm-He reported that over 100 people attended the lunar eclipse event at the observatory. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:51-8:01pm-He reviewed photos with the board.

At this time, Commissioner Conry left the meeting due to feeling ill so the meeting ended at 8:01 pm due to a lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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