

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Conry.

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

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Director Tucker suggested removing Executive Session Agenda Items 13B and 13C. LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor for any guests and Matt Henkel introduced his new Assistant Superintendent of Golf Maintenance, Mike Brown. Mike informed the board of his background in the golf maintenance field along with his educational background.

PATTERSON MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2017, AND JANUARY 15, 2018. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018. Shawn informed the board that we received the grant for the He-Leo Preserve wetlands project. VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met and discussed the District's Vision Document. They also decided to develop a focus group to get public input regarding the District. Commissioner Patterson suggested getting other businesses involved as well. Commissioner Vincer will announce it at the next Byron Chamber meeting (since he's the current Chamber Board President). Trevor stated that it is the intent of the Committee to develop a 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year master plan for the District.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:13-7:20pm-He informed the board of the Natural Land Institute's Annual Dinner on March 13th if any of them would like to attend. He also informed them that the District would be hosting a celebration of the District having the Biggest Tree in Illinois at the Bald Hill Preserve. There will be a media event on Friday, April 27, 2018, and a public event on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:20-7:24pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:24-7:35pm; Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:35-7:46pm-He

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invited the board to attend the Byron Chamber's Business After Hours event being held at the Prairie Grass Pub on March 13th at 5pm. He also noted that PrairieView has been ranked third in the state by Golf Advisor. Commissioner Patterson asked about the possibility of installing slot machines at the clubhouse. Director Tucker noted that by installing them, it could increase revenue \$25-30k per season. He also stated that to install the, the District's General Rules and Regulations Ordinance would need to be amended to allow it. The Board generally agreed to have Director Tucker check into it and put it on the agenda for further action in March. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:46-7:55pm.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ATTENDING THE 2018 IPRA/IAPD SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO BETWEEN JANUARY 17-21, 2018. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF TRAVEL TO THE 2018 EEAI CONFERENCE IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS BETWEEN MARCH 8-10, 2018, AND TO THE 2018 ACA MIDSTATES CONFERENCE IN ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS BETWEEN APRIL 8-11, 2018. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:56 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 OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:41 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:42 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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