

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: 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 Item 13C.

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

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES,  
LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted and briefly discussed.

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

President Hogan informed the board that the Long Range Planning  
Committee will meet on April 12, 2018, at 9am at the Jarrett Prairie Center.

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President Hogan opened the floor to the District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:07-7:24pm-He discussed the email received from Chris Remhoff regarding the new Bald Hill Prairie Preserve and how much he enjoyed running at the preserve and would like to get more involved with the plans for it. Director Tucker also noted a letter received from Chris Wiehle regarding the potential for allowing mountain biking at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve. Commissioner Patterson stated his concern regarding rutting and erosion from that type of use. Russell noted that other agencies have agreements with biking clubs to use their parks and preserves. Commissioner Vincer informed the board that he is may be developing an unmotorized trail at his facility and suggested that Director Tucker give his phone number to Mr. Wiehle to discuss usage for his bike club. Director Tucker reminded the board of the Big Tree/Arbor Day Event on April 27 & 28 at Bald Hill Prairie Preserve. Commissioner Patterson suggested including a directional road map to the location since it's fairly difficult to find. Russell stated that directional signs will be posted along the road directing people which way to go to get there. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:24-7:28pm-He informed the board that NPR (National Public Radio) has stated that they will cover the Big Tree Event. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:28-7:37pm-He reviewed and discussed various photos. The Illinois Fire Service Institute trained area firefighters on grass fires by burning the Loop Trail prairie

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for the District and it went very well. His department bottled almost 200 bottles of maple syrup this year. Commissioner Ludwig asked about burning the Mill Creek Preserve. Russell stated that they are going to try to burn it this year. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:37-7:44pm-He informed the board that the pavilion is well booked with many events. He noted that Customer Appreciation Week is April 16-20, 2018. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:44-7:50pm-He has been working on erosion issues on #6. He reviewed and discussed photos.

PATTERSON MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL USE REGULATION OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 18-1. CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL USE REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT AMENDING REGULATION OF SPORTS AND GAMES, SECTION (K) GAMBLING AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 18-1. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVING GREG WELKER FROM THE DISTRICT CREDIT CARD AND ADDING MIKE BROWN. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND PATTERSON 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 AND 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, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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CONRY MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:39 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:40 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary

Board of Commissioners

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