

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brunner, Funke, Gerke, Henkel, Herman, M. Johnson, Kinney, Leon, McCammond, Muzzarelli, Tucker, and Welker.

Guests present: Jim Pirages, District's Attorney and approximately 150 citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

There were no board or staff 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 read the following statement:

The Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District strives to make the best decisions for the District and public input is very helpful during this process. We recognize that you may have concerns about some issues and decisions that impact the District and we respect your right to speak concerning those issues and decisions. However, we ask for you to respect the duties and responsibilities of the District's Board and, in this regard, request that civility and a respectful manner be adhered to. In that regard we ask that comments be limited to not more than three minutes in length and for them not to be personal attacks, defamatory or obscene. Please also know that outbursts, applause or other types of disturbances or disruptions will not be tolerated.

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We also assume that some of your comments may be related to personnel decisions.

Please know that because of the confidential nature of personnel-related matters, the Board's Commissioners are not in a position to respond to questions or comments about the District's current or former employees that you may make here. Finally, please also know that while we welcome your comments within the parameters that I've established, you should not expect that the Commissioners will be providing responses to those comments during tonight's meeting.

President Hogan opened the floor for public comment. Several citizens addressed the Board of Commissioners stating their support for Steve Murray and their opposition to his placement on administrative leave. The following citizens addressed the board: Mike Austin, Frank Eaton, Gary Huber, Carla Leddy, Lloyd McWilliams, and Trent Snodgrass. The following citizens read statements (in portion or in entirety) and submitted statements to be archived with the minutes: Mark Cameron, Nick Farmer, Joe Hanlin, Dale Hartman, Andrew Marcum, Gregg Marinelli, Katherine Petrusa, Dennis Reedy, Stacey Reedy, Jeff Schad, Matthew Schindler, Tim Sedam, Jason Stoll, Quinn Virgil, and Jean Wolfe. Veronica Sanders requested to speak but was dismissed from the meeting due to outbursts.

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

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

President Hogan reminded the board of upcoming meetings on October 6th at 6pm and October 14th at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Ludwig stated that the next phase of the bike path 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-8:01-8:03 pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-8:03-8:05 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-8:05-8:07 pm; and Matt Henkel, Golf Course Operations-8:07-8:10 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF MARCH 18, 2013. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:13 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

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

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:55 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKE – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:57 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, AUKE – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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