

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2011

Commissioners present: Breen, Brooks, Cravatta, Huber, and Ludwig.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, McCammond, Murray, Tucker, and Wolf.

Guests present: Jordan Auker, and Dr. Craig & Lisa Stear, citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

There were no board or staff additions to the agenda.

HUBER MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks opened the floor to Jordan Auker to present a proposal on building a boat launch in Byron.

Mr. Auker stated that he would be interested in building a boat launch on some of the District's property located just east of the Byron Bridge on Route 72. Since this area is out of the current, he would like to use about 5-7 acres to build the launch providing easy launching, boat slips, storage, gas and servicing of boats, towing, and snacks. He feels that this is a service that the community needs because these services are not currently available. He also noted that even though this is an idea that he's been pondering for several years, there are still many steps to be taken before it could be built. He stated that he would have to get approval by the Corps of Engineers and other agencies. He just wanted to get some thoughts from the board to see if the District would

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be a willing partner in going forward with this plan. He also stated that he has potential investors for the project.

President Brooks informed Mr. Auker that the board will discuss this proposal and Director Tucker will be in touch with him. Commissioner Cravatta questioned how many slips would be available? Mr. Auker stated that it would depend on how much property he could use or lease but he was thinking about 25-30 slips with two entrances off of the river. Commissioner Huber agreed that the community needs this service and he also noted that a marina has been in the District's master plan for years.

Mr. Auker also noted that as the business grows, he was thinking about offering pontoon rental and scooter rental so that customers could ride into town if they want. Mr. Auker thanked the board and departed at this time.

HUBER MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2010. HUBER – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

The correspondence was noted and briefly discussed.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HUBER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2010. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

There was no President's Report.

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Director Tucker informed the board that the Phase I of the Bike Path is progressing and the committee is still attempting to apply for and receive a grant.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:25-7:26 pm; Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:26-7:28 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:28-7:35 pm; Steve Murray, PrairieView Golf Operations-7:35-7:38 pm-He explained some unforeseen expenses in the Finance Report. The board noted that the bottom line still looks good.; Todd Tucker (for Cheryl Heesaker), Stone Quarry Recreation Park Department-7:38-7:40 pm.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF JULY 20, 2009. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HUBER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2011, TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011, AT 7 PM AT THE JARRETT PRAIRIE CENTER. CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Director Tucker informed the board that he would like for them to review the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Byron. Suggested changes by Hinshaw

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and Culbertson are also included with the document. This document will be placed on the agenda for action at the February board meeting.

HUBER MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:48 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. HUBER – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:54 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

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HUBER MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:55 PM TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HUBER – YES,  
LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Cravatta, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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