

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2016

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

Commissioners absent: Conry.

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

Guests present: Kevin Wills, First Midstate, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE AGENDA. BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER –
YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Kevin Wills of First Midstate, Inc. to review
and discuss the bond process. Brief discussion followed regarding interest rates.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT AN
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
SERIES 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING FOREST PRESERVE LANDS
IN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES
INCIDENT THERETO, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX
SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS,
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER
THEREOF. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES,
AND HOGAN – YES.

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AUKER MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2015. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016. AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan reminded the Commissioners of the IPRA State Conference.

There was no Bike Path Committee report.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:15-7:22 pm-He reported that he attended the FairCom meeting on January 15th. Exelon is requesting a 15% decrease in their EAV. There is a Board of Review meeting scheduled for January 28th which will determine what their EAV will be. He informed the board that he and other staff will be attending the Illinois Association of Conservation Districts Conference on February 25-26. He updated the board on the sportsmen's club situation and stated that the club seems to be cooperating with the neighbors and their demands. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:22-7:25 pm-Commissioner Brooks asked about seeing the planets. Mark informed her that we will be offering early morning public sky viewing so people can come to the observatory to view the planets but they can be seen with the naked eye as well. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:25-

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7:29 pm-Commissioner Ludwig asked about the He-Leo wetland project. Russell stated that we should have a permit soon and be able to begin this fall. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:29-7:37 pm-He informed the board that they have decided to hire smaller bands this year so if the weather becomes inclement, they can move inside the clubhouse and continue playing. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:37-7:42 pm.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVISIONS AS PROPOSED. BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO DECLARE THE FORD TAURUS AS SURPLUS SO THE DISTRICT CAN DISPOSE OF THE VEHICLE. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:45 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. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:12 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:13 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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