

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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

Commissioners absent: Cravatta.

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

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

President Breen added the election of Secretary Pro Tem to the agenda. HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS NOMINATED AND HOGAN SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF LUDWIG AS SECRETARY PRO TEM. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2013. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013. The board questioned why some accounts have already spent so much out of the account. Staff informed them that sometimes, things are purchased up front at the beginning of the year then it's on hand

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throughout the year. Later in the year, the accounts will level off. The loss for Stone Quarry was discussed. Shawn explained that this will be absorbed by the General Fund. Build America Bond payments were also discussed briefly. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

There was no President's Report.

Director Tucker updated the board on the progress of the Bike Path Committee. Brief discussion followed regarding a grant that is available but not feasible for the Committee and the City of Byron at this time. The Mill Road extension was also discussed briefly.

President Breen opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:16-7:30 pm-He noted that several other agencies are interested in the skate park ramps from Stone Quarry. We are waiting until April for Byron Park District to decide if they want the ramps or not. He noted that the Natural Land Institute dinner is on March 19th and the Byron Chamber's Annual Event is April 13th. He informed the board that we will be forming a committee to discuss future use plans for the Jarrett Prairie Center. He would like for two board members to be on the committee along with staff and design and/or construction professionals. The board can decide who will be on the committee at the March meeting. He updated the board on the Davis property and getting it transferred to the Stone Quarry grant status. He stated that 2014 will be the first year of operation on the property after we decide what and how it will be used. Richie Wolf, Education

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Department-7:30-7:34 pm-He informed the board that there are new mannequins located inside the Heritage Farmhouse. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:34-7:39 pm; Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-7:39-7:43 pm-He noted that Silver Ridge Golf Course has been purchased by an individual and will be re-opened soon. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance-7:43-7:48 pm-He discussed the irrigation system replacement on the course. Commissioner Breen questioned if we replace the pump now, will it be compatible with the rest of the system that we purchase in the future. Matt stated that it will be compatible.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF JULY 18, 2011. CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01-13: *The undersigned being all the Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District (“District”) do hereby approve the following Resolution:*

RESOLVED, at a regular meeting held on February 25, 2013, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and with a quorum of the commissioners present, the Commissioners of the District authorized the District to obtain a loan in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to complete the construction of the Maintenance Complex. The Commissioners of the District authorized Executive Director Todd Tucker and Superintendent of Finance, Shawn McCammond, to execute any and all documents

relating to the loan, including but not limited to the contract, any loan documents, and other customary documents necessary for obtaining the loan. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH BYRON TOWNSHIP REGARDING THE DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES ON THE BARRICK OAKS HOMESTEAD PRESERVE. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:02 PM TO GO 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. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

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BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:30 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:31 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, AND BREEN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Commissioners

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