

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Derek Wheeler, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

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

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2015. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO ADD ANDY GRAMER TO THE SIGNATURE CARDS AT BYRON BANK. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan asked the commissioners to submit their Economic Interest Statements to Michelle before May 1st.

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President Hogan also informed the board that he spoke with PDRMA and there is a law firm that could update the District's policies for \$5,000 or less in 60 days or less. There is a free assessment. The board generally agreed to do this.

President Hogan noted that the District's legal counsel is up for approval in May and that the commissioners consider new counsel. He suggested Ancel, Glink, and Bush. Commissioner Brooks questioned what they would charge. She also asked if the District could have more than one legal counsel available. Director Tucker will check into these items and let the Board know.

President Hogan also noted that the Rockford Register Star stated that the golf market is struggling but he feels that we are on top of it and ahead of the trends, commending the staff for doing a good job.

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-7:19-7:44 pm-He commended Andy on the March 1st event that was held at the Turf Care Center for junior golfers. He reported that he will be attending a Conservation and Forest Preserve Districts meeting soon to discuss organizing a conference. He also discussed the museum renovation and the preliminary plans to remove the wall between the museum and the PrairieView Room. The board agreed that the education the new museum would provide is more important than a banquet facility. He informed the board that he talked to the gentleman interested in a disc golf course and plans are still to install one at the He-Leo

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Two Rivers Preserve. He reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation has approached the District asking if we would maintain a multi-use path along Route 2 if they build it. This is planned to happen in the next 3-10 years. IDOT would like for the District to approve a resolution to participate. Discussion followed and the board asked Todd to get more information and clarification from IDOT. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:44-7:46 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:46-7:52 pm; Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:52-8:01 pm; Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-8:01-8:05 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:06 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 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, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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