

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Carol Jackowski (District's auditor), Beggin, Tipp, and Lamm and Matt Hilliker, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Director Tucker added Agenda Item 13C - Executive Session 2(C)(5) Discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District.

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

President Hogan opened the floor to Carol Jackowski of Beggin, Tipp, and Lamm, to present the District's 2014 audit. She stated that it went very well. There were no difficulties during the audit. Brief discussion followed and she departed the meeting.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2015. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

There was no correspondence.

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

President Hogan reported that he is recommending that the District stay with Hinshaw and Culbertson to update the District's policy manuals utilizing PDRMA's template. The board generally agreed.

He noted that there are several IPRA Boot Camps coming up for board members to attend if they would like to get additional training.

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-7:22-7:34 pm-He reported on the staff assisting Rochelle Park District with cleanup after the tornadoes on April 9th. The staff rescued two owlets. Staff posted the rescue to Facebook and over 10,000 people were reached because of so many people sharing the post. This is the most that any of the District's posts have received. He also reported that he met with someone regarding installing a disc golf course at the He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve. It would cost the District about \$9,000-\$10,000 to install the infrastructure for a 9-hole course. Maybe this could be budgeted in 2016. He has talked to Rochelle Park District staff regarding their disc golf course and it is utilized very well so this may be a good passive recreation option for the District to consider. A presentation will be made to the board in June or July by those citizens interested in installing and utilizing the course. He stated that the

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Illinois Department of Transportation will present a proposal regarding extending a bike path along Illinois Route 2 at the June or July board meeting. He noted that the Byron School District will be coming back to the Forest Preserve to participate in the District's Earthkeepers program. He also noted that Dream Hunt 2015 was very successful again this year. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:34-7:36 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:36-7:39pm-He stated that they are done burning for the year and have burned over 1000 acres this year. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:39-7:49pm-Commissioner Auker commended Andy on his professionalism and enthusiasm. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:49-7:52pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:53 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

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AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. AUKER – YES,
BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:45 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG
– YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:46 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES,
BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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