

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 16, 2011

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Al Hill, hotel developer and Gene Stoll, Larry Hewitt, and Chris Millard, all representing City of Byron.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

At this time, President Brooks administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected commissioners, Dave Breen (4-year term), Jeff Ludwig (4-year term) and Trevor Hogan (4-year term).

There were no board additions to the agenda. Director Tucker removed Agenda Item 24A – Executive Session 2(C)(1).

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

BROOKS NOMINATED AND LUDWIG SECONDED THE NOMINATION FOR BREEN FOR BOARD PRESIDENT. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CRAVATTA NOMINATED AND BROOKS SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF LUDWIG FOR BOARD VICE PRESIDENT. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG NOMINATED AND HOGAN SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF CRAVATTA FOR BOARD SECRETARY. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG NOMINATED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF BROOKS FOR BOARD TREASURER. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED THE MOTION TO SET THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 PM AT THE JARRETT PRAIRIE CENTER, 7993 NORTH RIVER ROAD, BYRON, ILLINOIS. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE FEBRUARY 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR THE FOURTH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR AS THE CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY-DECEMBER). BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO DESIGNATE BYRON BANK AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF THE DISTRICT.

CRAVATTA - YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND
BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO DESIGNATE
THE OGLE COUNTY LIFE AS THE DISTRICT’S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.
HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND
BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH
THE BOARD COMMITTEES AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO INCLUDE
BUILDING & GROUNDS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL, PERSONNEL/FINANCE,
AND PROGRAM & RECREATION. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA
– YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Breen opened the floor to Al Hill, hotel developer and Mayor Chris
Millard, Gene Stoll, and Larry Hewitt, City of Byron, to further discuss the proposal
regarding the hotel/condo development near Stone Quarry Recreation Park. It was
reported that the soil borings were completed and favorable for a septic system.

Mr. Hill presented a PowerPoint presentation, basically reviewing the same
proposal from the last meeting they attended. This hotel would be a Best Western with a
stone/wood design. There would also be 20-24 condos. The need for a hotel in the
Byron area was discussed. To move forward, approximately \$30,000 is needed for the
next phase. This phase will determine the return on investment (ROI), what the bank will
require, etc. Further discussion followed.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2011. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2011. CRAVATTA - YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

There was no President's Report or Bike Path Committee Report.

President Breen opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:52-7:58 pm; Richie Wolf, Education Department-8:05-8:09 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-8:09-8:15 pm; Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-8:19-8:20 pm; Todd Tucker (for Cheryl Heesaker), Stone Quarry Recreation Park Department-8:20-8:21 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

The board reviewed and briefly discussed the sealed bid results for equipment sold by the District.

The board reviewed the election results.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE A PAYMENT TO BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,807.58 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION FOR THE APPRAISAL OF THE EXELON PLANT. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:31 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 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. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:13 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:14 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BREEN – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Cravatta, Secretary
Board of Commissioners