

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JULY 16, 2012

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

Commissioners absent: Breen.

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

Guests present: Jason Stoll, MDES; Tom Tristano and John Caputo of Williams Design Build.

Vice President Brooks presided over meeting in President Breen's absence. She called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

Vice President Brooks opened the floor to Tom and John of Williams Design Build. Discussion followed regarding building the new maintenance complex. Costs were discussed. During the engineering process, things came up that need to be addressed. These things will increase the costs associated with this building process.

Value Engineering was discussed. This is a process saving money by allowing the Forest Preserve staff to do some of the work during the building process. The staff would go through the list of tasks to decide what they can do.

Vice President Brooks stated that the board is committed to completing this project whether staff is doing it or it has to be done through the bidding process. The

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board trusts the staff to make the judgments of what can be done by the staff or the contractors.

Director Tucker asked the board about going over budget since there is no “fluff” in this bid which it makes it difficult to “cut” from the plans.

The board agreed to trust and allow the staff to get the project completed and completed well.

The timeline of the project was discussed. The project should be completed by July 2013.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED OF JUNE 18, 2012. Vice President Brooks noted that both times of the executive sessions should be reflected in the executive session minutes. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE. Director Tucker noted that the Golf Fund Revenues are the highest since 2005. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

The board discussed setting a date for the Annual Budget Meeting. The date is tentatively set for Wednesday, October 10, 2012, beginning at 6pm. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Meeting is set for Monday, October 1, 2012, at 5pm.

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Vice President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:47-7:58 pm-He reported that he met with the new Byron School District Superintendent and it went very well. He discussed donating the skate park ramps to the school. Vice President Brooks recommended meeting with the new Byron Park District Director in 4-6 weeks to discuss the possibility of the Park District accepting the ramps. The meeting with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources went well. The DNR gave options of how to deal with the Stone Quarry Park situation. Todd thanked Russell and his staff for helping with ByronFest. Then he reported that the Dreamhunt went very well and passed around a photo of the children who participated. Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:58-8:01 pm. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-8:01-8:05 pm-He discussed the trail system. The board is very pleased with the condition of the trails. Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-8:05-8:09 pm-The board commended Steve and his staff on the condition of the course. Steve stated that the number of playdays has increased even though other courses are struggling. Cheryl Heesaker, Stone Quarry Recreation Park-8:09-8:11 pm-She noted that with school starting soon, the park is winding down.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF JANUARY 17, 2011. BREEN – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH FIRST MIDSTATE INCORPORATED AS THE DISTRICT'S OFFICIAL BOND COUNSEL FOR DISTRICT FUNDS. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – ABSENT, AND BROOKS – YES.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX STEWARD BUILDING PHASE 1 BID FOR \$492,542. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:14 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, PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST, AFFECTING, OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. LUDWIG – YES, BREEN – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:49 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BREEN – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

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CRAVATTA MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:50 PM  
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG –  
YES, BREEN – ABSENT, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Cravatta, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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