

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015

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

Commissioners absent: Conry.

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

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Commissioner Auker added Health Insurance Discussion under New Business on the agenda. BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015. It was noted that the Golf Fund is \$116,000 above where it was this time last year. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan congratulated Andy Gramer and his golf team on winning the State Championship.

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Commissioner Ludwig updated the board on the Bike Path Committee's progress by stating that they are still waiting for the lights.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:09-7:16 pm-He stated that he spoke with Peter Murphy of the Illinois Association of Park Districts regarding the tax freeze situation. Peter stated that both parties agree to implement the tax freeze but the language around it is still in question. Russell Brunner, Maintenance/Restoration Department-7:16-7:25 pm-He noted that his department will be picking seed at Nachusa Grasslands which saves the District money in purchasing seed. He also stated that they are removing dead trees at the Ripplinger site and will be allowing the neighbors to take the wood if they like. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:25-7:36 pm; Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-7:36-7:38 pm.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS TO BE HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON JANUARY 30TH, 2016, AT 3:30 PM IN THE GRAND F BALLROOM (EAST TOWER/GOLD LEVEL): DELEGATE-HOGAN, 1ST ALTERNATE-BROOKS, AND 2ND ALTERNATE-CONRY. AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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The board discussed the staff's health insurance plan. Commissioner Auker informed the board that he switched to Obamacare and it's much more affordable and comparable in coverage. He recommended that it may be in the District's best interest to check into Obamacare. Director Tucker stated that the staff will do an "apples to apples" comparison with the District's current carrier and Obamacare and report back to the board. Further discussion followed regarding promoting wellness, etc.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:54 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 AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:15 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:16 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BROOKS – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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