

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Aaron Vincer, City of Byron.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

President Brooks began the public hearing for the proposed bond sale. Kevin Wills of First Midstate was not present at the meeting. There were no comments from the commissioners. There was no oral or written testimony from the public.

AUKER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS - YES.

President Brooks opened the floor to Aaron Vincer of the City of Byron to discuss the usage and purchase of Forest Preserve property for a clean fill dumpsite for the City. The site would be used for dumping leaves and other clean fill debris. The board generally agreed.

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HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – ABSTAIN, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – ABSTAIN.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2016. AUKER – ABSTAIN, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016. CONRY – ABSTAIN, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks commended the staff on the PDRMA audit score received.

HOGAN MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks reminded the board of the upcoming state conference in January.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:15-7:28 pm-He noted that Commissioner Hogan will be teaching a class about drones at state conference. He commended golf staff on the number of rounds so far this year. The course hasn't had this high number of rounds since 2005. He updated the board on the progress of the deck

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at the Jarrett Prairie Center. He informed the board that 280 acres at the Colman Preserve is being proposed to become Illinois Nature Preserve at the INPC meeting in May 2017. A complete proposal will be presented to the BFPD board for approval in April before the INPC meeting in May. He updated the board on the situation with the Byron Bank sign for the immersive theater. President Brooks stated that the sign cannot be on the side of the area facing the main entrance door. It was discussed that the BFPD logo should go in that area. Todd will meet with Ben Barton to discuss. He stated that he received another sponsorship for the museum from OSF for \$2500. He will be meeting with Dr. Weiskopf to present sponsorship opportunities to him as well. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:28-7:31pm-He informed the board that SplitRock is completing the punch list for the final details in the new museum. He stated that the architects and photography suggested applying for national awards for the new museum. He noted that the Education Department had 160 children for field trips in October and that's the most ever recorded. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:31-7:42-He informed the board that Exelon has asked for assistance with burning some of their prairie. They would be in charge of the burn and our crew would be assisting. Director Tucker noted that Exelon has put their best foot forward regarding conservation which is good. Their property is close to our Nardi Preserve so it would be advantageous for us to assist. The board generally agreed. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:42-7:46 pm-He noted that the Matt Johnson Golf Fundraiser had about 80 golfers participate so about

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\$2,000 was put into the Fund. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-7:46-7:51 pm-Commissioner Conry commended Matt on the condition of the course.

AUKER MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO SELL APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) ACRES OF FOREST PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR \$10 TO THE CITY OF BYRON TO BE USED AS A CLEAN FILL DUMPSITE. LUDWIG – ABSTAIN, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 16-4. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE AS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 16-5. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CONRY MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:55 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hogan, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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