

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2014

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Lindsey Ruzicka, Jeff Schad, Derek Wheeler, Ron Wright, and
one other citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

President Hogan added policy review under unfinished business. BREEN
MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS
AMENDED. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES,
AND HOGAN – YES.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Brooks noted a couple of changes to the minutes. LUDWIG
MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR
MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2014, AS
AMENDED. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN –
ABSTAIN, AND HOGAN – YES.

A Christmas card and cookies were noted correspondence from Byron Bank.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2014. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER –
YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSTAIN, AND HOGAN – YES.

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President Hogan reminded the board of state conference in January.

There was no progress to report for the Bike Path Committee.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:07-7:10 pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:10-7:11 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:11-7:15 pm-He noted that he met with Mike Perkins of the Byron Park District regarding hiring a maintenance person to take care of their parks. The Forest Preserve will provide a space in the expo building for the Park District to store some equipment. Russ also assisted them with what type of vehicle and equipment should be purchased for their use. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Operations-7:15-7:27 pm-He talked about tree removal on the golf course and the damage being done by the emerald ash borer. There are 107 ash trees on the course that could be damaged. He would like to replace the trees with various oaks. Commissioner Ludwig questioned him about gingko trees. Matt agreed that these are beautiful trees but the females of this tree produce a foul odor when producing fruit. If we could get only male trees, that would work for the course. Matt passed around the new complimentary golf card that will be used for donating/giving away golf fees. He stated that over 1200 rounds were given away in 2014 using printed cardstock cards. He feels there should be more security with this process so the new cards aren't as easily duplicated and will be more trackable in the computer system. He also noted that Saro has agreed to solicit businesses to buy ads on the new GPS system on the golf carts for next year.

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The board discussed the first reading of two policy revisions. Regarding the Executive Session Audio Tapes, it was recommended to add the proposed paragraph with a couple of wording changes to the current Board of Commissioners – Forest Preserve Meetings - Closed Meetings policy. Commissioner Breen suggested changing the wording as follows: 1) The request to listen to tapes must be in writing and submitted to the Board President. 2) When listening to the tape(s), the requesting board member, the Board President or his designee, and the Executive Director and/or Human Resource designee must be present. Regarding the Personnel Contracts, it was recommended to add the proposed paragraph to paragraph 11 of the current Board of Commissioners – Forest Preserve Board Legal Status - Responsibilities policy. The changes will be made and President Hogan and/or Director Tucker will get approval by legal counsel before the second reading of these policies at the January meeting.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:44 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 EAN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, UNDER 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

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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. AUKEER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKEER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:12 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKEER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:14 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BROOKS – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKEER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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