

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: none.

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

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Commissioner Brooks arrived at this time.

The board discussed the correspondence. Commissioner Brooks stated that she had received negative feedback on relocating the skate park ramps within the City of Byron. Director Tucker stated that there are other agencies interested in the skate park ramps outside of the Byron area. The board agreed to set a deadline date of April 30, 2013, for the City of Byron to decide whether or not they are going to relocate the ramps within the city limits.

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HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2012. Commissioner Brooks questioned the Training and Travel account. There was some staff training that was not budgeted. Shawn will check into this and run a report for her. Overall, the board agreed that the General Fund looks really good. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

President Breen reminded the board of the State Conference on January 24-26, 2013. Director Tucker stated that the board was invited to a reception being held by Williams Design Build.

Director Tucker updated the board on the Bike Path Committee progress and the good news of being allowed to take the path across the right of way to get into the subdivision in Nordic Woods.

President Breen opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:17-7:26 pm-He informed the board that he met with the Township regarding moving the right of way on the Oak Grove property and had documents for the board to sign. Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:26-7:31 pm-Commissioner Brooks questioned the attendance at Kids Concerts. Richie said it just depends on the act. Magic shows tend to draw more. He said that a couple hunters have killed deer on the Barrick property. Kudos were given to the woodshop volunteers on the laptop shelf that they built for the school. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:31-7:36 pm-He discussed the affects of

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the drought on prairie plants. They were still green, flowering, and seed producing.

They were just a lot shorter. Steve Murray and Matt Henkel, Golf Course Operations-
7:36-7:46 pm.

Director Tucker stated that he received a phone from a citizen notifying us that the Spalding house will be going up for sale and suggested that the Forest Preserve buy the house. The board generally agreed that the Byron Museum District should be the agency to pursue this endeavor.

BROOKS MOVED AND CRAVATTA SECONDED A MOTION
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE AUDIO TAPE
RECORDING OF JUNE 20, 2011. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN –
YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Director Tucker informed the board that a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed to move forward with this phase of the hotel project.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO DECLARE
THE PROPOSED LIST AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. The board suggested that the
equipment be made available to local government agencies before being offered outside
of the District. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS –
YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Director Tucker reported that the Ogle County Sheriff has requested that the
Forest Preserve assume the control of the maintenance and general upkeep of Weld Park.
The District would receive a portion of the \$6500 that is received to maintain the park.

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The County would still be responsible for capital improvements at the park. The District would be responsible for mowing, maintenance, and shelter reservations. Commissioner Cravatta stated that it needs to be really cleaned up so that more people will use it. It was suggested that a sign be posted that the park is owned by the County and maintained by the Forest Preserve with phone numbers on it. The County would also maintain the liability insurance on the park. The board generally agreed to try it for a year to see how it goes.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:03 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. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

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CRAVATTA MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:25 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE DAVIS PROPERTY, 28.015 ACRES AT \$11,430 PER ACRE FOR A TOTAL OF \$320,211.45 AND AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR TUCKER TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PURCHASE. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:27 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CRAVATTA – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Denny Cravatta, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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