



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 10:00 AM

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

20-0312

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OFFICER GARNETTE BROWN, OFFICER JIMMY CARRILLO, AND OFFICER LUIS FRANCO OF THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR WATER RESCUES AT BREZINA WOODS

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Law Enforcement Department serves and protects people visiting the Forest Preserves and protects natural lands and property by upholding and enforcing all state, county, and Forest Preserves laws and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Forest Preserves police officers perform a dual role: both the conventional duties of police officers, and tasks and duties performed by conservation officers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being trained and sworn law enforcement officers, the Forest Preserves Police are state certified and receive specialized training in conservation and ecology from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Each officer is an ambassador to the public for the Forest Preserves, performs conservation roles like checking for fishing licenses, and helps protect the habitat and wildlife, including rare and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, Officers Garnette Brown, Jimmy Carrillo, and Luis Franco responded to a report of people in the water in need of rescue at Brezina Woods in LaGrange Park, and at the scene the officers learned that an eight year-old girl slipped on the muddy banks of Salt Creek and was swept into the water and fast current due to recent heavy rains. The girl's father and another relative attempted to rescue her, resulting in all three family members being stranded in the creek; and

WHEREAS, Officers Garnette Brown, Jimmy Carrillo, and Luis Franco provided support and assistance in concert with other rescue personnel and the three family members were safely rescued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest

Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Officer Garnette Brown, Officer Jimmy Carrillo, and Officer Luis Franco of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement for their outstanding service and compassion toward the residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to Officer Garnette Brown, Officer Jimmy Carrillo, and Officer Luis Franco; and be spread upon the proceedings of this body.

20-0328

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OPENLANDS, THE DESIGN PROJECT TEAM, AND THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING A MERIT AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR EXPERIENTIAL GRAPHIC DESIGN'S GLOBAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE INTERPRETIVE TRAILS PROJECT AT DEER GROVE EAST AND KILLDEER WETLANDS

WHEREAS, in July 2020 the Interpretive Trails Project at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands received a Merit Award in the category of Placemaking and Identity from the Society for Experiential Graphic Design's Global Design Competition; and

WHEREAS, Deer Grove East, located in Palatine, Illinois, features nearly 1500 acres of diverse habitat such as rolling upland forest, wooded ravines, wetlands and prairie; supports over 300 unique species of native plants along with a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and was one of the first parcels acquired by the Forest Preserves of Cook County in 1916; and

WHEREAS, Killdeer Wetlands, located within 1600 acres of Bartel Grassland in Tinley Park, Illinois, is a former agricultural field that is now home to an increasing variety of native plant and bird species as restoration efforts have made the landscape more open and encouraged native species to return to the site's new mesic and wet prairies, sedge meadows and emergent wetlands; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2010 the Forest Preserves began working with Openlands to commemorate the Forest Preserves' centennial year by collaborating on the design of interpretive elements at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands to not only inspire and engage visitors but also to blend in seamlessly with the natural beauty of the sites; and

WHEREAS, a team of architects, naturalists, curators, and engineers worked to develop a new model for

nature interpretation at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands that transcends conventional interpretive elements, and focuses more on the restorative experience of spending time in nature by encouraging observation, reflection and transformation with less emphasis on traditional interpretive design and didactic text; and

WHEREAS, these new interpretive elements combine function, interpretation and aesthetic form and include the installation of serial metal signs, stone benches and tables, metal bridge railings, topography maps and stone disks to draw visitors' attention to the natural themes of land, sky, and water and prompting both curiosity and contemplation; and

WHEREAS, these interpretive elements, installed along the trail systems at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands, use natural and local materials, are contemporary and rich in design, and encourage exploration of these important natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Society for Experiential Graphic Design is an organization of global design professionals focused on teaching and highlighting the best of communication design in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, only 30 projects out of 340 entries were selected by an international jury to receive an award and the Interpretive Trails Project at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands was one of these innovative projects to be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Openlands, the design team, Forest Preserves' staff, and everyone involved in the development of the Interpretive Trails Project at Deer Grove East and Killdeer Wetlands for receiving this prestigious award and thank them for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

20-0346

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING DR. KENNETH KREBS FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden is a successful public-private partnership, owned by the Forest

Preserves of Cook County and operated by the Chicago Horticultural Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth A. Krebs, DMD, is the recipient of the Chicago Botanic Garden’s Volunteer of the Year Award for his service in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer of the Year Award was initiated in 1984 to focus attention on the outstanding support to the Garden each year by its numerous volunteers, and to recognize the contribution of one special volunteer as an example of extraordinary service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and attended Indiana University and completed his dental school and specialty training at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, after an internship at Chicago’s Michael Reese Hospital, Dr. Krebs and his wife Sandy settled on the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, in addition to practicing in Chicago and Wilmette, Dr. Krebs was the executive director of the Midwest Society of Periodontology from 1998 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs also proudly served as president of the American Academy of Periodontology in 2006; and

WHEREAS, after a long career in periodontics, Dr. Krebs is enjoying his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs was inspired by his wife Sandy’s frequent bike rides through the Garden to attend a volunteer orientation session; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs donates his time as a writer of the Garden Update article in the bi-monthly “Grounds Cover” newsletter, the Chicago Botanic Garden’s volunteer newsletter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs diligently conducts and tapes interviews, expeditiously turning in article drafts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs enjoys photography and using his camera; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs enrolled in several photography and Adobe Lightroom classes on his own time to hone his craft and better support the Garden; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs has put his passion for photography to use as an integral part of the Living Plant Documentation Department’s digital photography team for almost 15 years, now leading a team of six people who photograph and download their work into a computer database; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs serves a mentor to new members and interns on the digital photography team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Krebs is inclined to step forward to be of helpful whenever the need presents itself, and in a display of his commitment to service, it is not unusual for Dr. Krebs to volunteer several days a week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Dr. Krebs for receiving the Chicago Botanic Garden's Volunteer of the Year Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Dr. Krebs as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

20-0365

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN STERENBERG

WHEREAS, John W. Sterenberg, Jr. retired from his position as the Licensing & Land Use Records Manager at the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") after ten (10) years of service and after a thirty-three (33) year career as a private-sector land surveyor for Area Survey Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg is an Illinois Licensed Land Surveyor and has maintained this professional license throughout his long career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg joined the Forest Preserves in 2010 where he played an instrumental role in updating the Forest Preserves' license and land use procedures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg played a key role in organizing and digitizing over 100 years of Forest Preserves land records that were conveyed to him in paper or handwritten form in bulk with no recognizable organization system when he began his service with the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, today, due in large part to the organization and digitization of license and land use records, revenue from license renewals and new licenses and easements constitutes the highest source of non-tax revenue to support the Forest Preserves' general operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg's responsibilities also included providing boundary information and rightly defending the Forest Preserves' boundaries against encroaching private uses, resulting in the return of roughly 47 acres of Forest Preserves land to public use; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg also played a key role in researching and assessing information in response to many questions and concerns from the general public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg steadfastly maintained a highly professional, unflappable demeanor in the face of pressure from internal requests and infrastructure deadlines of other agencies which were often unfamiliar with the Forest Preserves' processes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterenberg's dedication and commitment to his work with other municipalities and agencies were positive reflections on the Forest Preserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate John Sterenberg on his career of public service and thank Mr. Sterenberg for his many contributions to protect and improve the health, beauty and sustainability of the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mr. Sterenberg in recognition of his contribution to the Forest Preserves and his exemplary public service.

20-0372

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING THE 2020 ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WHEREAS, the Illinois Archaeological Survey is a society of professional archaeologists and other technical professionals dedicated to identifying and preserving important archaeological resources throughout the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County has been awarded the 2020 Illinois Archaeology Public Service Award, which recognizes important contributions to Illinois archaeology by public figures, private citizens, organizations and programs for their outstanding efforts to promote, protect and preserve cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, Forest Preserves of Cook County lands contain approximately 620 of the 1,200 recorded cultural sites in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Forest Preserves of Cook County partnered with the Illinois State Archaeological Survey--a subset of the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute--to develop the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, which catalogued and prioritized the Forest Preserves' natural and cultural resources and informed strategies to guide implementation of the Forest Preserves' Next Century Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County, in partnership with the Illinois State Archaeological Survey, have made important contributions to Illinois archaeology through their work on cultural resources within the preserves, including the professional systematic survey of over 4,000 new acres, the identification of 59 new archaeological sites, the establishment of a cultural resource management plan, and prioritization of cultural sites across Forest Preserves lands; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves has established a public outreach program to inform the public of Cook County's cultural history, and has incorporated cultural resource training into its Youth Outdoor Ambassador and Greencorps Chicago employment programs, which to-date have provided field and laboratory instruction for over 100 Chicago-area youth; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County has continued to integrate archaeological resource management into its operations and decision-making processes and continues to pursue State protection of its cultural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Forest Preserves for receiving the Illinois Archaeology Public Service Award and recognize the significant steps that have been taken by the Forest Preserves to preserve our region's cultural history.