



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

**Virtual Meeting
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board and Forest Preserve Board meetings. The President and Commissioners will participate remotely. The public can observe the livestream [https:// www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings](https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings)

The public can still testify to the Board Meetings. Only written comment will be accepted for those wishing to provide Public Testimony. Written comments provided prior to the start of the Board meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety. If you have additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record. All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online or Forest Preserve District Legislative site.

PRESIDENT

[20-0246](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local No. 73 (“Sheet Metal Workers Union”); and

WHEREAS, the union representing the category of employees has been properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sheet Metal Worker	\$43.50	6/2017 - 5/2018
	\$44.25	6/2018 - 5/2019
	\$45.50	6/2019 - 5/2020

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal Workers Union; and

WHEREAS, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>
RX Co-Pay	Increase to \$15/30/50 from \$10/25/40

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Sheet Metal Workers Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

[20-0247](#)

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A. (“Plumbers Union”); and

WHEREAS, the union representing the category of employees has been properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Plumber	\$49.25	6/2017 - 5/2018
	\$50.25	6/2018 - 5/2019
	\$51.00	6/2019 - 5/2020

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31,

2020, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Plumbers Union; and

WHEREAS, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Plumbers Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

[20-0248](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council #14 (“Painters and Allied Trades Union”); and

WHEREAS, the union representing the category of employees has been properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Painter	\$45.55	6/2017 - 5/2018
	\$46.55	6/2018 - 5/2019
	\$47.30	6/2019 - 5/2020

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Painters and Allied Trades Union; and

WHEREAS, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>
RX Co-Pay	Increase to \$15/30/50 from \$10/25/40

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Painters and Allied Trades Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

[20-0249](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is obligated to pay the prevailing rate for these categories of employees pursuant to the state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*, and the collective bargaining agreement between the Forest Preserves and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 (“IBEW”); and

WHEREAS, the union representing the category of employees has been properly certified that the below listed rates are the prevailing rates for the effective date(s) set forth herein; and

<u>Title Represented</u>	<u>Wage Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Electrician	\$47.40	6/2017 - 5/2018
	\$48.35	6/2018 - 5/2019
	\$49.35	6/2019 - 5/2020

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, has been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the IBEW; and

WHEREAS, the current healthcare plan shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>
RX Co-Pay	Increase to \$15/30/50 from \$10/25/40

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collective bargaining agreement, including the healthcare plan revisions negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the IBEW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the prevailing rates and salary adjustments pursuant to state statute, 820 ILCS 130 *et seq.*

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

[20-0253](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 covering various employees in the Landscape Maintenance, Facilities and Fleet, Law Enforcement, Conservation and Experiential Programming, and Resource Management Departments of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; and

WHEREAS, the general increases, wage adjustments and signing bonuses that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; and

WHEREAS, such general increases, wage adjustments and signing bonuses were accounted for in the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance as approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 19-0419); and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the current healthcare plan that have been negotiated are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Teamsters Local 700.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves do hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which includes the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments, and signing bonuses negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Teamsters Local 700 as follows:

- (a) effective upon board approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, \$1,200 lump sum bonus to be paid to all bargaining unit members in active status as a separate transaction on payroll closest to thirty (30) days after approval by Board
- (b) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2019 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (c) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2020 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (d) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2019, the first five steps of the salary chart shall increase by 0.5%
- (e) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2019, for longevity steps 1, 2, 3 and 4, pay differential increases from 1% to 2%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Healthcare Plan (Appendix B) shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>
RX Co-Pay	Increase to \$15/30/50 from \$10/25/40
Emergency Room Co-Pay	Increase to \$100 from \$75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Teamsters Local 700 members who retired from the Forest Preserves after July 1, 2019 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2019 for hours worked in a union position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; but shall not be eligible to receive the bonus that this Board authorizes to be paid to active collective bargaining unit employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves’ Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves’ Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

[20-0254](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN REVISIONS FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that on July 28, 2020, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners will approve salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for union employee members of Teamsters Local 700, as well as International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council #14, Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130, U.A., the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 13, and Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local No. 73;

WHEREAS, prior salary schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare plan revisions for non-union employees were approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners in 2015 (Agenda Item No. 15-0584);

WHEREAS, in consideration of the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance as approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 19-0419), the Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, and Director of Human Resources have worked to recommend appropriate salary adjustments for the Forest Preserves non-union workforce which would be implemented in Fiscal Year 2020;

WHEREAS, salary adjustments and general wage increases are reflected in the proposed amended Schedule 1 Non-Union Salary Schedule and Schedule 5 Non-Union Hourly Rate Schedule;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller and Director of Human Resources recommend the following:

- (a) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2019 the pay rates for non-union employees who make an annual base salary of \$80,000 or less in all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (b) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2020 the pay rates for non-union employees who make an annual base salary of \$81,600 or less in all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (c) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2020 the pay rates for non-union employees who make an annual base salary of more than \$81,600 in all classifications shall be increased 4.00%

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Plan shall be revised to account for prescription co-pay increases as follows:
Item Effective December 1, 2018

Rx \$15/30/50

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and approve the salary increases and healthcare plan revisions for the Forest Preserves non-union workforce as provided herein.

COMMISSIONERS

20-0263

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN TO COLLECT ADMISSION FEES

WHEREAS, Section 43 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 810/43, authorizes the corporate authorities of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to prepare and maintain grounds for a botanic garden “to acquire, plant, maintain and display botanic material, to conduct research for improvement of plant species and for plant protection against disease and harmful insects, for the general care and growing of plant material, and to erect and maintain such structures appropriate for the purposes aforesaid; or such corporate authorities may authorize the directors or trustees of any botanic garden existing and organized under the laws of Illinois, to maintain a botanic garden as aforesaid out of funds belonging to said botanic garden; or the corporate authorities of such forest preserve districts may contract with a botanic garden or horticultural society organized and existing under the nonprofit laws of Illinois to establish and maintain a botanic garden as aforesaid,...”; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners adopted an “Agreement Between Chicago Horticultural Society and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois” on August 4, 1975, revising a previous agreement between the Forest Preserves and the Chicago Horticultural Society entered into on January 27, 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden (the “Garden”), operated by the Chicago Horticultural Society, is currently one of the greatest living museums and a renowned conservation science center, one of the top attractions in Cook County and major cultural institutions in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, more than one million people visit the Garden's 27 gardens and four natural areas annually, which are uniquely situated on 385 acres on and around nine islands, with six miles of lake shoreline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chicago Botanic Garden to charge the following not to exceed fees:

Admission Fee: \$35 per each visitor (3-61 years of age)
Parking Fees: \$30 per passenger vehicle
\$60 per bus, limousine, RV, and mini-bus

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Garden shall offer a reduced Admission Fee and reduced Parking Fees for residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Garden is authorized to offer discounts and/or waivers of fees for members, children, seniors, and veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-referenced fees shall be used solely for the purposes of the improvement, operation and maintenance of the Garden; activities related to the study, propagation and culture of plants; and educational programs conducted by the Chicago Horticultural Society in furtherance of the programs of the Garden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written approval of the General Superintendent is required if the Garden increases all or any fees per this resolution within the limits set forth above, including the reduced Admission Fees and reduced Parking Fees for residents of Cook County and any discounts and/or waivers of fees for members, children, seniors, and veterans. Increases that exceed the amounts set forth above require the approval of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Garden shall offer 52 free days per twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of this Resolution shall be June 30, 2021.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[20-0238](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Bobolink Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: The proposed agreement will authorize the Forest Preserves to partner with the Bobolink Foundation (the “Foundation”) to develop and implement ecological restoration projects on Forest Preserves property within the Spring Creek Forest Preserve complex, located in Barrington Township in northwest Cook County. Funding and contractual management services will be provided by the Foundation, at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. An initial 100-acre project located west of Old Sutton Road between Penny Road and Dundee Road has been proposed, providing an estimated value of

up to \$347,167.00 over a four (4) to five (5) year period for restoration work that will strengthen efforts to preserve, conserve and manage Forest Preserves lands. Subsequent projects may be developed and implemented within the Spring Creek complex, subject to additional funding opportunities.

Restoration activities will include invasive species control, seeding, and use of prescribed fire to restore native vegetation and benefit wildlife. Project design will require approval by the Forest Preserves. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

The Bobolink Foundation is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to advance conservation and stewardship of biodiversity through the protection of natural areas, education, and building local constituencies for nature.

Contract period: Date of execution through 12/31/2024, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: The Forest Preserves may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

Account(s): N/A

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 15

[20-0175](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”)

Request: Permission for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the MWRD

Goods or Services: Green Infrastructure grant for the repaving of a Forest Preserves parking lot in unincorporated Cook County, adjacent to North Riverside and Forest Park. MWRD will contribute the lesser of \$203,107.00 or 41.8% of the total construction cost, as a reimbursement to the Forest Preserves, for the Schuth’s Grove Parking Lot Green Infrastructure Retrofit project.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Thirty (30) years

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$374,691.00 (local match including contingency)

Accounts: Positive \$203,107.00 Grant Revenue 51010.560019; Professional Services 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51009.560019, 51058.520830; Land Improvements 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51009.560019, 51056.560019, 51057.560019, 51058.560019, 51051.560019, 51028.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District(s): 1

Summary: As part of its Green Infrastructure Partnership Opportunity Program, the MWRD proposes to contribute the lesser of \$203,107.00 or 41.8% of the total construction cost, to retrofit an existing access drive and parking area to the Schuth's Grove forest preserve near the Des Plaines River to reduce direct discharge of stormwater runoff to the river, corresponding downstream flooding and improve water quality. The project includes replacement of approximately 36,900 square feet of existing asphalt with porous unit paving and upgrades to bio-retention areas in four (4) parking lot islands. An anticipated related project includes an accessible path to the existing picnic shelter and a new canoe launch to the Des Plaines River, to be funded in part by a separate boat access grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Forest Preserves is responsible for maintaining the project, including the permanent posting of required signage. In addition to the costs described above, the proposed agreement includes provisions that could result in additional future costs to the Forest Preserves that are unknown at this time. The MWRD shall have the right (including any necessary right of access) to conduct its own annual inspection of the constructed project. The Forest Preserves is required to comply with applicable standards or provisions in MWRD's Purchasing Act and Affirmative Action Ordinance, as well as MWRD's applicable labor requirements. The agreement also contains requirements with respect to MWRD's Veteran's Business Enterprise Contracting Policy. The final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0215](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Terra Engineering, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Phase II Engineering Services for design and preparation of contract documents for a new pedestrian bridge on the Des Plaines River Trail, over Union Pacific Railroad tracks, north of Golf Road in Des Plaines, Illinois

Contract Value: \$292,296.01

Contract period: 6/16/2020 - 12/31/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$292,296.01 with \$176,000.00 reimbursement from Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways Invest in Cook grant and potential reimbursement of \$116,296.01 from Interstate Commerce Commission Grade Crossing Protection funds (petition pending)

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520830, 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51051.520830, 51056.520830, 51057.520830, 51058.520830 and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): Contract #74000007884 issued under Solicitation #20-80-005199 per Request for Qualifications 17-80-31B

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): 9

Summary: The proposed contract involves engineering design services for phase II engineering for a new pedestrian bridge, to close an existing gap in the regionally important Des Plaines Trail. The new pedestrian bridge will be located over the active Union Pacific Railroad tracks located just north of Golf Road in Des Plaines, Illinois. An Invest in Cook grant awarded in 2019 by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways will fund \$176,000.00 of the work. The balance of \$116,296.01 will potentially be reimbursed through Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) Grade Crossing Protection grant funds. The ICC previously approved inclusion of the project in its 5-year capital improvement plan and the Forest Preserves will submit a petition for approval of funds for reimbursement of the balance of this contract in 2020-2022. Forest Preserves capital funds would be used for any balance that is not approved by the ICC.

Terra Engineering, Ltd., was chosen by a committee of the Department of Planning and Development, in response to a qualifications-based selection process (RFQ 17-80-31B). Seven (7) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

[20-0231](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars - 4th District (VFW), North Riverside, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to

enter into an agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves owns the Andrew Toman parking lot ("Parking Lot") in North Riverside, Illinois. The Parking Lot currently has approximately ninety (90) marked spaces available for parking and open to the public. The VFW is located at 2622 Des Plaines Ave and has requested use of said Parking Lot to provide twenty (20) overflow parking spaces for patrons which host events at their facility. On May 20, 2019 the Forest Preserves entered into a one (1) year pilot agreement with VFW to provide these parking spaces and no issues or concerns were identified. The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into a new agreement with VFW for a three (3) year period. The fee for this new agreement shall be a Parking Fee of \$16.00 per event for events hosted by the VFW and their patrons. This fee was calculated based on the Forest Preserves current weekday overflow parking fee for Monday-Friday, with a 50% discount due to the VFW being a designated nonprofit entity. VFW will indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain an insurance policy naming the Forest Preserves as an additional insured. VFW's access to the Parking Lot will be limited to Monday through Friday (including Holidays) from 3:00 pm to 1:00 am and on weekends from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am (including Holidays). VFW will not be granted exclusive use of the Parking Lot and it shall continue to be available for use and benefit of the public.

Contract period: 6/16/2020 - 6/15/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,500.00 (Revenue Generating) over three (3) years

Account(s): N/A (Revenue Generating)

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 16

[20-0232](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to delay all contractually obligated financial payments due after 3/1/2020 from Billy Casper Golf, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Go Ape, Oak Park Tennis Center and Glen Grove Equestrian Center (together, the "Concessionaires") until the third quarter of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the Forest Preserves will work with the Concessionaires over the summer of 2020 to negotiate amendments to current agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19, including potential reductions or waivers of base payments and/or revenue share payments. The Forest Preserves will bring specific financial relief packages to the Board of Commissioners for

approval in fall 2020.

District(s): Districtwide

[20-0234](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Swim Chicago Southland, Bridgeview, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Aquatic Center Management

Original Contract Period: 3/22/2016 - 3/21/2019 with two (2) one-year extension options; 3/22/2019 - 3/21/2020 (approved 10/16/2018) and 3/22/2020 - 3/21/2021 (approved 6/25/2019)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/22/2021 - 12/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,885,221.00

Original Approval: 3/22/2016, \$3,211,551.00

Previous Increase(s): \$823,670.00, included \$82,566.00 management fee and \$741,104.00 for Aquatic Center operations (10/16/2018); \$850,000.00, included \$84,504.00 management fee and \$765,496.00 for Aquatic Center operations (6/25/2019)

This Increase Requested: \$100,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021, Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): 16-35-01

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set at zero.

District(s): 4, 9, 10, 16

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting that the Swim Chicago Southland, Aquatic Center Management Service contract be extended and increased through another season. While the original contract had two (2), one-year renewals, ending with the 2020 season, COVID-19 shutdowns have impacted operations in such a way which are anticipated to limit the Forest Preserves ability to obtain a reasonable bid for a new management and operations contract for the 2021 season. In 2021, the Forest Preserves intends to go out for bid for a new management and operations contract.

[20-0235](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Enlight Contracting, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for transportation improvements at Axehead Lake, Bemis Woods South, Thatcher Woods, and Zoo Woods

Reason: Contract #74000007883 issued under Project #19-80-67G-20C1 for transportation improvements at Axehead Lake, Bemis Woods South, Thatcher Woods, and Zoo Woods, including pavement resurfacing, drainage and sidewalk improvements, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications

Bid Opening Date: 5/8/2020

Bid Results:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Enlight Contracting, LLC | \$822,610.17 |
| 2. Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. | \$832,235.25 |
| 3. CPMH Construction | \$833,091.43 |

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$822,610.17

Contract Period: One hundred and seventy-five (175) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvement Accounts 51029.560019, 51051.560019, 51056.560019, 51057.560019, 51058.560019 and 51028.560019

District: 9, 17

Concurrence(s):

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

[20-0236](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain approximately 100 square feet of workspace at the Poplar Creek Wildlife Field Station, 28W040 IL-58, Elgin, Illinois. The IDNR provides technical support and guidance to the Forest Preserves for the implementation of wildlife research programs, and compliance with state threatened and endangered species laws. Its location at the Poplar Creek Wildlife Field Station provides better access to the Forest Preserves for mutual projects, and a venue for the IDNR’s presence in the northeast region of the state.

Term: Date of execution through 12/31/2025, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

License Fee: \$0.00

License Application Fee: \$0.00

YELAR Fee: Waived

Total one-time upfront fee of N/A for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: Approximately 100 square feet of workspace at the Poplar Creek Wildlife Field Station, 28W040 IL-58, Elgin, Illinois

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 15

[20-0237](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): Village of Northbrook, Northbrook, Illinois; and the Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

Goods or Services: Maintenance of a meadow at the southeast portion of Chipilly Woods in the Village of Northbrook, Illinois

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution through 4/30/2025, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 14

Summary: The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement would grant the Village of Northbrook (“Northbrook”) and the Northbrook Park District (the “Park District”) limited access to Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) property for the purpose of maintaining a 7-acre meadow on Sunset Ridge Road, just

south of Midway Road. Northbrook and the Park District will be responsible for all mowing and vegetation reduction in the meadow, subject to the Forest Preserves' approval of an annual vegetation maintenance plan. The site will be maintained at no cost to the Forest Preserves. The proposed work will mitigate growth of invasive species until more comprehensive restoration work can be conducted on the site, as funding allows. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[20-0243](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 4/30/2020

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for April 2020.

[20-0244](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 4/1/2020 - 4/30/2020

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of April 2020. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[20-0250](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2019

Report Period: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Summary: Under the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves Board Approved Resolution, 16-0314, dated July 12, 2016.

For FY 2019, the Forest Preserves, with the cooperation of our partners, issued fee waivers to forty-seven (47) customers with a value of \$26,813.20. In addition, 2,075 passes were issued with an estimated value of \$53,904.65.

[20-0251](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Billy Casper Golf, Reston, Virginia

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an agreement

Reason: Billy Casper Golf, Inc. ("Operator") manages the Forest Preserves' ten (10) golf courses and one (1) stand-alone driving range through a Golf Course Facilities Management Agreement (the "Golf Agreement") which expires on December 31, 2022. As part of the Golf Agreement, the Operator is required to provide a fleet of motorized golf carts ("Golf Carts") for rental and use by consumers. The

Operator leases these Golf Carts pursuant to lease agreements, all of which will expire in 2020 (the "Existing Leases"). Due to current regulations issued by the State of Illinois in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple person use of golf carts is limited. As a result, the Operator seeks to lease seventy-four (74) additional electric golf carts to supplement its existing fleet and provide more capacity. The optimal operating lease term from a reputable, national manufacturer is five (5) years; however, this term extends beyond the expiration of the Golf Agreement. The current Golf Agreement provides an option for the Forest Preserves to assume any lease or financing held by the Operator for equipment at the end of the contract term.

The proposed agreement authorizes the Operator to lease seventy-four (74) Lithium Ion electric golf cars for five (5) years from a reputable, national manufacturer. Operator will leverage current pricing advantages and deliver a quote to the Forest Preserves which represent the best pricing and financing terms available to the Operator. Upon review and approval of the quote by the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves and Operator will jointly enter into and execute the five (5) year operating lease. The Forest Preserves would sign the lease as a co-lessee, with the understanding that the responsibility for such lease would be transferred to the next competitively selected golf course operator. The lease agreement would be subject to legal review and approval.

Contract period: 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$0.00, FY 2021 \$0.00, FY 2022 \$0.00, FY 2023 \$63,000.00, FY 2024 \$63,000.00

Account(s): Professional Services 51001.520850

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 6

[20-0255](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - April 2020

Report Period: 4/1/2020 - 4/30/2020

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of April 2020. A revised report for the month of March 2020 is also included.

20-0269

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2020.

[20-0257](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -05/19/2020

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$230,082.87
 Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$6,666.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2020 to Present: \$321,147.24
 Legal Fees for 05/19/2020 to Be Approved: \$39,642.31

[20-0191](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

Report Period: Fiscal Year End 2018

Summary: The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting

and financial reporting, and represents a significant accomplishment by a local government. The award is given by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) upon its review of the Forest Preserves' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2018.

The GFOA has awarded the Forest Preserves of Cook County the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for twelve (12) consecutive years. In order to be awarded the certificate, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. The report must satisfy both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and applicable legal requirements.

[20-0128](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 6/16/2020 - 7/28/2020

Wednesday, 6/17

Live Healthy Discover Nature: A Virtual Celebration of the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Throughout the day the Forest Preserves Facebook page, Nature Center Facebook pages and various partners websites and social media sites will celebrate how the Forest Preserves and partners connect people to nature.

Please see the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, fpdcc.com/events, for a current list of upcoming events and activities. Also go to our Nature at Home page on the website fpdcc.com/nature-at-home/ for access to ongoing virtual programming.

COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCHARGE AND/OR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

[20-0190](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2019

Report Period: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefitting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned as set forth under the ordinances that comprise the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Municipal Code.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2019 include awarded contracts achieved 41% minority and women-owned businesses participation; and 43% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in sixteen (16) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities. Also, in 2019, the Forest Preserves, in collaboration with Cook County provided monthly workshops to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses on how to do business with the government.