

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 10:00 A.M.**



**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT**

LUIS ARROYO JR  
RICHARD R. BOYKIN  
JERRY BUTLER  
JOHN P. DALEY  
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DEBORAH SIMS  
ROBERT B. STEELE  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy, Senior Pastor at the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore, concerned citizen

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**16-0173**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING 12 YEARS OF SERVICE BY DICK RINER, SITE STEWARD OF BARTEL GRASSLANDS**

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner played an instrumental role in building community support for the 640 acre, one square mile, Bartel Grassland and helped to establish the Bartel Grassland Volunteers who guide and support therestoration and monitoring of this site; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner’s creativity, positive attitude and nuanced understanding of complex ecosystems have made him a natural leader in local restoration and outreach efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner, a retired elementary school teacher, brought his love of teaching to each and every volunteer day at Bartel Grasslands and introduced hundreds of children from all backgrounds to the incredible nature of the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner inspires countless people to take a closer look at nature, at birds, at prairies, and at what each of us can do to heal the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick and Peggy Riner “The Mad Baker of Bartel” have welcomed countless individuals and groups to Bartel Grassland over their many years at the site.

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner has maintained stewardship equipment, been on site day after day, season following season, to monitor, work and advocate for Bartel Grassland; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner’s dedication and leadership resulted in Bartel Grassland being awarded the Chicago Wilderness Conservation and Landscaping Award in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Riner is a shining star and partner of the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s Ecological Stewardship Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Dick Riner’s 12 Years of Outstanding Volunteer Service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ceremonial copies of this resolution be sent to Dick Riner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**PRESIDENT**

**16-0158**

**(Related to Board Agenda Item 16-0159)**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR TAMPIER LAKE**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 5, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Tampier Lake in District 17.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas required or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plan now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

13541 SOUTH 110TH AVENUE, UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The West 215.40 feet of the West 1/2 of the South 325.00 feet of the North 650.0 feet of that part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

PIN: 27-05-101-015-0000

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri to suspend rule 2-7 requiring committee referral. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**16-0070**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Deer Grove and Tinley Creek Outdoor Interpretation

**Original Contract Period:** 2/20/2015 - 2/15/2016, Administrative Extension; Sixty (60) calendar day extension days granted by the Purchasing Agent (2/16/2016 - 4/16/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Two hundred and fifty eighty (258) day extension (4/17/2016 - 12/31/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$836,289.65

**Original Approval:** 1/20/2015, \$836,289.65

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Recreation Landscape Accounts, 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and 55-6760

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-05C4-R

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 6 and 14

**Summary:** A contract extension is required to provide additional time to finalize fabrication specifications for stone elements and install bridge, signs and seating and submit contract closeout documents.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0159**

**(Related to Board Agenda Item 16-0158)**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE (Related to Board Agenda Item 16-0158)**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Owners of Record

**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

**Description of Real Estate:** 13541 South 110th Avenue, Unincorporated Orland Township, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** NA

**Parcel(s):** PIN: 27-05-101-015-0000

The West 215.40 feet of the West 1/2 of the South 325.00 feet of the North 650.0 feet of that part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 36 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approximately \$295,000.00 including closing costs

**Accounts:** 25-6800 and 06-6800, Land Acquisition

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the District’s current holdings near Tampier Lake (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 13541 South 110th Avenue, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 1.6 ± acres. The Property is an inholding and would bolster the District’s holdings in the area.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the District for the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$285,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (\$295,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two appraisals obtained by the District, and is subject to the District’s satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the District’s legal department, to remit a check in the amount of the Purchase Price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Sale or Purchase of Real Estate be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0160**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Outlook/GMA JV, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously executed contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to replace roofs at Joe Louis Golf Course and Burnham Woods Golf Course

**Original Contract Period:** 11/16/2015 - 2/14/2016. Administrative Extension (2/15/2016 - 4/14/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty (180) calendar day extension (4/15/2016 - 10/13/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$373,386.00

**Original Approval:** 7/21/2015, \$373,386.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Building Accounts 25-6710, 26-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710, 55-6710, 56-6710 and 09-6710

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01-G6R2

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 4 and 5

**Summary:** An extension is required to complete roofing work. This request is for time only. Delays occurred due to the contractor's difficulty securing bonding for the project. Though this contract was awarded in July, the contractor was not able to produce adequate bonding until October. By the time materials were approved, ordered and ready for delivery to the site, the weather had changed to make installation of the roofing systems problematic. Since the weather has now changed, the work has started and is proceeding to schedule.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0161**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously executed contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for the addition to the General Headquarters and related site improvements.

**Original Contract Period:** 10/3/2014 - 8/14/2015, Administrative Extension (8/15/2015 - 10/13/2015, Board Extension 10/6/2015 (10/14/2015 - 4/13/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty (180) calendar day extension (4/14/2016 - 10/11/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,586,885.51

**Original Approval:** 7/22/2014, \$2,586,885.51

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Building Accounts 25-6710, 26-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710, 55-6710, 56-6710 and 09-6710

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01-G7R1

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** An extension is required to perform inspections, perform punch list items, including weather dependent site work and submit closeout documentation. This request is for time only. The majority of the work has been completed however building, fire alarm, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District inspections need to occur. Miscellaneous site work, punch list and closeout activities need to be completed as well.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

### **16-0171**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 2/1/2016 - 2/29/2016

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2016. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

### **16-0177**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves")

**Other Part(ies):** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”) and the City of Palos Heights (“the City”)

**Request:** Authorize the Preserves to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD and the City to construct, operate and maintain modifications to the existing Arrowhead Lake, dam embankment, and paved Bike Trail.

**Goods or Services:** MWRD will construct the modifications at its sole cost and expense and maintain the vegetative improvements for three years. The City, at its sole cost and expense, will maintain the flood control improvements built as part of the project. The Preserves will maintain the vegetative improvements and path improvements.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** The agreement becomes effective on the date the last signature is affixed thereto and remains in effect for a continuous term.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** MWRD proposes to increase the temporary storm water storage capacity of Arrowhead Lake by raising the existing paved trail at two locations. The project will raise the existing dam embankment and spillway and place riprap and concrete spillway protection on the embankment. Approximately 250 feet of embankment will be restored with native plantings to stabilize the embankment. Trail flooding will be reduced and a new trail access to 131st Street will be constructed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be referred. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0169**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar, 4/13/2016 - 5/10/2016

**Saturdays in April and Sundays in May; 10 am**

**Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sagawau Canyon will highlight the geology of Northeastern Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain, and wading through a stream is necessary. Registration in person or by phone, starts the Monday prior to the

program date. No groups. Space is limited.

**Friday - Sunday, 4/15 - 4/17; 10 am - 5 pm**

**Antiques Garden & Design Show; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Come shop for the best in classical and contemporary garden furnishings, botanical art, and home and garden design. Admission fee applies.

**Saturday, 4/16; 9 am - Noon**

**Swallow Cliff Stairs (North entrance), IL Rt 83 (Cal Sag Rd) & US Rt 45, Palos Park**

Spring into action and refresh the senses! Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. Warm up your morning with a relaxing yoga session or an energetic workout. Get tips on nutrition to supplement a healthy lifestyle. Call 708-386-4121 for more information.

**Saturday, 4/16; 10:30 am**

**Blooms and Blossoms, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Check out the array of wildflowers and learn some trivia, too!

**Saturday, 4/16; 7 pm - 10 pm**

**Night Sky Programs, Little Red School House Nature Center, Willow Springs,**

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

**Sunday, 4/17; 1 pm**

**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see the tree swallows compete.

**Thursday, 4/21; 4 pm - 7 pm**

**Outdoor Art Workshop, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest**

Come create art inspired by nature. Try your hand at a variety of projects with a creative reuse focus. All Ages. No registration required.

**Saturday, 4/23; 9am - 1 pm**

**Earth Day Celebration and Preserves Clean Up, Whistler Woods, 480 Acme Dr., Riverdale**

Clean up the preserves in partnership with Friends of the Parks in the morning, and then afterward celebrate with fun nature activities and snacks.

**Saturday, 4/23; 10 am - 3 pm**

**Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet every day. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, a craft and Earth Day Jeopardy!

**Saturday, 4/23; 1 pm**

**Earth Day Walk to McDonald Woods; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Take a special guided walk through McDonald Woods to celebrate Earth Day. Learn about a variety of spring wildflowers and the restoration work underway. The walk is free and lasts from 45 minutes to an hour.

**Sunday, 4/24; 12 noon - 3 pm**

**Earth Day, Nature Play, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Catch, craft, and climb! Special Earth Day family activities in our 3-acre nature play area.

**Saturday, 4/30; Noon - 4 pm**

**Arbor Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, 6800 N Caldwell, Chicago**

Celebrate the grandeur learn why they're important to our community and our world. Enjoy tree planting,

tree climbing, tree-caching and ID, scavenger hunts, art projects and more.

**Saturdays, 4/30 and 5/7; 7 am - 8:30 am**

**Morning Bird Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Spring migrants are in the air! Take an early morning walk through various habitats in search of birds making their way north. Dress for the weather. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**Saturday, 4/30; 10 am - 12 noon - Teens and adults only**

**Sunday, 5/1; 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Children ages 7 and up**

**Birding Basics for All Ages, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Residents are beginning to nest and migrants are passing through by the thousands. Learn the basics in bird watching. Limited binoculars available. Registration required by 4/28.

**Saturday, 4/30; 1:30 pm**

**A Trail for All People, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Come join a staff naturalist to explore nature along our new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail. People of all abilities are invited to attend.

**Sunday, 5/1; 3 pm**

**Spring Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, seed planting, building a bird house, and more! Call 708-366-6530 for more information.

**Saturday, 5/7; 5:30 am - 5 pm**

**THE BIG SIT, ALL NATURE CENTERS**

All day long at all six of our Nature Centers we will be counting how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. This 'citizen science' can help us make better decisions about the conservation of bird habitat. We need birders of any experience to help us for part or all of the day. Stop by anytime, grab a seat and join in.

**Sunday, 5/8; 9 am**

**Mother's Day Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Begin your day with a naturalist-guided walk to spy some spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Bring Mom and the family. We have binoculars to loan.

**Sunday, May 8; 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.**

**Mother's Day Brunch; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe** Enjoy a special time with Mom at this buffet, which includes a carving state and made-to-order omelets. Reservations are required and fee applies

**Sunday, 5/8; 9:30 am - 11 am**

**Mother's Day Bird Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

River Trail is habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and birds of prairies and forests. Join us for a morning stroll to watch for birds.

**Sunday, 5/8; 9:30 am - 11 am**

**Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, stop inside for refreshments. Register by 4/13.

**Sunday, 5/8; 1 pm**

**Flower Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Walk the trails with a naturalist to see which of our woodland wildflowers are in bloom.

**Sunday, 5/8; 1 pm**

**Mother's Day Woodland Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about wildlife mothers on a guided nature walk. Register by 5/6.

**Monday and Tuesday, 5/9 and 5/10; 7:30 am**

**Weekday Bird Hikes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Catch the migration spirit and join us each day for a guided bird hike at Sagawau.

**Tuesday, 5/10; 6:30 am - 8 am**

**Bird ID Canoe Cruise, Skokie Lagoons, tower Road Boat Launch, North Branch Trail, Winnetka**

For rookie or advanced birders! Increase your identification skills with a morning of birding on the Skokie Lagoons. Forest Preserves staff will teach paddling instruction as well as provide birding expertise during the program. Limited number of boats; please reserve a space.

**Saturday, 5/14 - Sunday, 5/15**

**Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Attention leaders of community and school groups, scouts and youth groups! This overnight training course teaches equipment use and care, campground cooking, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education. After completing this training, your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a campout at Camp Sullivan. Training is required to gain access to gear. For more info, email [experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyl.gov) for an application and more information.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Miscellaneous Item of Business be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4/12/2016**

**16-0174 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 3/22/2016.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Butler, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4/12/2016**

**15-0708 A RESOLUTION** Supporting the Establishment of Veteran Memorials honoring those who fought and died in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0112 LICENSE REQUEST** MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, LLC

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this License Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0113 LICENSE REQUEST** Wide Open West d/b/a WOW!

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this License Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0166 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -3/22/2016

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Litigation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0162 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Matthew Paving, Inc.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**15-0237 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Forest Preserve Fee Schedule Aerial Adventure & Zipline Course

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Ordinance Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0107 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Forest Preserve Fee Schedule Glen Grove Equestrian Center Fees

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Ordinance Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0132 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FEE SCHEDULE** Aquatic Center Fees

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Ordinance Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**16-0170 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenses as of February 29, 2016

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Robert B. Steele, seconded by Commissioner Richard R. Boykin, that this was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Garcia, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (11)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, and Sims (6)