



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

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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COMMISSIONERS**23-0183**

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Illinois

Request: To amend an agreement between the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") and the Chicago Zoological Society (the "Zoo").

Good(s) or Service(s): Brookfield Zoo Admission and Parking

Agreement period: 4/8/1986 - 4/7/2026

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Agreement Number(s): N/A

District(s): 16

Summary: The Zoo seeks agreement of the Forest Preserves to amend Section 13 of the previously executed agreement between the Chicago Zoological Society (Zoo) and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (Forest Preserves) for the maintenance and operation of a zoological park on lands of the Forest Preserves commonly known as the Brookfield Zoo, to allow for changes in certain admission and parking rates. The proposed increase will support the Zoo's submitted 2023 budget proposal. The amendment to approve an increase in admission and parking fees at the Zoo is indicated below:

Section 13 of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

"Said Zoological Park shall be open without general admission charge to organized groups of children in attendance at schools in the State of Illinois. The Society may limit the number of any such groups in any given day and may establish other rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to standards of conduct and supervision. Said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days each year, except for the period from 6/12/2020 through 6/30/2022, in which case the said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days over the approximately two (2) year period. The Society may otherwise charge an admission fee to said Park not exceeding ~~\$40.00 and \$24.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding \$17.95 for each visitor ages three to eleven; and not exceeding \$19.95 for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birth date.~~ The Society may charge a parking fee not exceeding \$30 per vehicle, \$14 per car and \$20 per bus provided, however, that for the period of time from 4/1/2023 to 3/31/2024, parking rates shall not exceed \$20 per vehicle and admission rates shall not exceed the following: \$29.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age, \$20.95 for each visitor ages three to eleven years of age, and \$24.95 for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birthdate. The Society may charge fees not exceeding these limits ~~on a per vehicle basis~~ and may otherwise adjust seasonally and daily to provide for optimal utilization of said Zoological Park. The proceeds of such admission fees and parking fees shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of said Zoological Park and the collections therein. Charges may be made at any time pursuant to special services and for admission to special facilities within said Zoological Park for the education, entertainment or convenience of visitors."

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

23-0113

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Morton Grove, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Morton Grove

Goods or Services: The Village of Morton Grove (“the Village”) is seeking to improve and maintain roughly 0.13 acres of Forest Preserves property facing its redeveloped train station and other redevelopment parcels to make it more welcoming to visitors and residents in the redevelopment area.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Ten (10) years from effective date, with subsequent automatic one (1) year renewals thereafter.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

License Fee: \$12,038.56 (waived)

License Application and Review Fees: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Village is seeking to improve the immediate area near the renovated Morton Grove Metra station, including enhancement of a 20-foot buffer area of Forest Preserves land facing the train station and other new development. Proposed enhancement includes removal of debris and invasive species and installation of a new Forest Preserves sign that meets staff review and approval to direct the public to the entrance to St. Paul Woods. The Village will maintain the buffer area and sign for the duration of the agreement. The Forest Preserves has agreed to waive all license fees as the improvements would benefit the Forest Preserves. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

23-0168

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Interface Engineering, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services to provide architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for a new heating and air conditioning system for the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters located in River Forest.

Original Contract Period: 12/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$257,511.00

Original Approval: 12/14/2021, \$184,846.00

Previous Increase(s): Administrative increase (\$17,450.00); Board Approval 4/5/2022 (\$55,215.00)

This Increase Requested: \$74,989.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$64,989.00, FY 2024 \$10,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, 51051.520830, 51033.520830 and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000009962 issued under RFP #21-80-44

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 9

Summary: Increase in the contract amount is needed to cover additional work that was not part of the original scope or prior amendments. The original scope of work for this contract was for architectural and engineering services for the replacement of existing old and inefficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building.

Diagnostic testing conducted under the original contract scope of work revealed the existing building envelope had severe air infiltration issues that needed to be corrected to meet the energy efficiency performance requirements of the new system. Due to budget constraints at the time, Forest Preserves staff requested Board approval of a contract increase for the study and preliminary design of several lower-cost solutions including the installation of storm windows. Because the lower-cost options would still require significant capital investment and have a limited useful life, window replacement is now the preferred solution. Additional funds are required to perform architectural work associated with designing and detailing the new windows to meet energy and historic preservation objectives, review mock-ups of the proposed replacement systems, and ancillary services.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and two (2) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and determined Interface Engineering to be the most responsive.

[23-0142](#)

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: 12/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2022. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

23-0171

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - December 2022

Report Period: 12/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of December 2022. Payments total \$99,437.36 for December 2022.

23-0178

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 2/7/2023- 3/14/2023

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s website for updates and changes.

Wednesday, 2/8; 10am - 12pm

Poetry Trail: Black History Month, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

In honor of Black History Month, walk a short, looped trail and read poetry for children written by Black authors along the way.

Friday, 2/10; 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Nature of Love, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for s’mores around the fire while learning about friendship, family and love among our local wildlife. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 2/11; 11am - 2pm**Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

In partnership with the Portage Creek Boy Scouts, join us for winter activities including hikes, broom hockey, orienteering and more.

Saturday, 2/11; 6pm**Sweetheart Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Bring your favorite person to this guided walk. Learn about the romance of the forest at a bonfire. *Ages 18 and up.*

Sunday, 2/12; 1:30pm**Superb Owl Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Help us celebrate owls with crafts and activities. *All ages.*

Saturday, 2/18; 10:30am (Zoom)**Conservation at Home: Go Native and Get Wild, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the many benefits of gardening using native plants! *Registration required. Call to register and receive Zoom link.*

Saturday, 2/18; 6am - 9am**Sunrise Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An outdoor workshop focusing on amazing winter scenes. *Registration required by 1/30. Location provided upon registration. Ages 13 and up.*

Monday, 2/20; 1pm - 3pm**Snowy Play Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop in for snow day fun. Snow toys and activities will be available for outdoor family fun! *Weather dependent; call for conditions.*

Saturday, 2/25; 10:30am**Amazing Winter Residents, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Come for a walk on our scenic trails as we discuss some of the amazing year-round residents of the Preserves. *Family program. Registration required.*

Saturday, 2/25; 10am - 12pm**Frozen Feathers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Let's take a short walk to see which resident birds we find and who is getting a head start on spring migration. *Bring binoculars or borrow ours. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 2/25; 10am - 12pm**Black History Month Celebration, Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center (VRC), Chicago**

Learn about Black environmentalists and the history of the Forest Preserves' trails as it relates to the

Underground Railroad Movement. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 2/25 and Sunday, 2/26; 10am - 3pm

Underground Railroad Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800's.

Sunday, 2/26; 6pm - 8pm

Season of the Salamanders Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Discover if salamanders have begun their annual migration. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 2/26; 1pm

Snowshoe Walk, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Enjoy the preserves in snowshoes. *Registration required. Snow-shoes provided; 4" of snow required. If snowshoeing is not possible, walks and other activities will be offered. Programs begin at 1pm.*

Tuesday, 2/28; 3pm - 5pm

Animal Olympics Trail, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Families and kids, follow the trail and compete in activities during a fun test of human abilities versus animal abilities! Complete all challenges to claim gold medal.

Saturdays, 3/4 and 3/11; 10:30am or 1:30pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making.

Sunday, 3/5; 1pm - 3pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Make a simple instrument from invasive plants or bring your own guitar, fiddle, etc. and join the jam! All are welcome to join or just listen. *All ages.*

Wednesday 3/8; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Free workshop covering basic camping skills.

Saturday, 3/11; 10am and 2pm

Maple Tree Tapping, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us on a short hike as we discuss the history of tapping and tap a maple tree to taste some fresh sap as well as finished syrup. *Registration required. Family program.*

Saturday, 3/11; 1pm

Crabtree History Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Experience a walk-through time together as we discuss the early days of Crabtree Nature Center and

what came before.

Saturday, 3/11; 11am - 1pm

Conservation at Home: Kickstart your Garden! Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center (VRC), Chicago

Learn about sustainable at-home gardening and conservation practices. Talk to local organizations about native gardening. *Presentation at noon. Drop-in.*

Saturday, 3/11; 10am

Women's History Month Walk, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Join us for a hike during which we'll highlight conservation leader Isabel Bassett Wasson and the work and discoveries she made at Thatcher Woods.

Saturday, 3/11; 8am

Be a Better Birder: Field ID, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Field test the skills you have learned virtually out in the preserves. *Registration required. Only open to those who have completed Be a Better Birder: Intro to Bird ID.*

Sunday, 3/12; 10am

Women's Wilderness Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Celebrate Women's History Month with a guided walk and learn about the women who helped shape the environmental conservation movement. *All ages.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0173 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 2/7/2023

23-0174 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers Compensation – 2/7/2023

23-0140 REPORT Department of Finance and Administration, Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0185 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 1/24/2023

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0109 PROPOSED ORDINANCE To create a Forest Preserve near Sweet Woods

23-0110 PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE Legal Department, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, 19220, 19300, & 19330 South Cottage Grove, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

23-0111 PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE Legal Department, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, 19400 & Part of 19330 South Cottage Grove, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

23-0123 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Authorizing the acquisition of land via donation from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and creating a Forest Preserve near Wolf Road Prairie Nature Reserve

23-0124 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Department of Law Enforcement, Village of North Riverside, Authorizing the Village of North Riverside to install, maintain, repair, and operate an automated license plate reader on Forest Preserves of Cook County property

23-0016 LICENSE REQUEST Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County as Licensor to grant a License to Streamwood Park District, Grantee

23-0106 LICENSE REQUEST Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, as Licensor to grant a License to ComEd, Grantee

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**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0132 PROPOSED APPOINTMENT Daisy Feidt, Megan Bang, and Ryen Nagle, Conservation and Policy Council Members, Conservation Policy Council

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**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0006 REPORT Office of the General Superintendent, Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Disparity Study 2022, Report Period: Active contracts for the period of 2016-2020

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0139 REPORT Department of Law Enforcement, Report Title: Model Policing, Report Period: October 2022 through December 2022

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

23-0105 REPORT Office of the County Auditor, Report Title: OCA-FPD FY22 4th Quarter Open Recommendations, Report Period: 12/30/2022

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