

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

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 10:00 A.M.**



**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT**

LUIS ARROYO JR  
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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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**PRESIDENT**

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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, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Steele (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Dr. Marshall Elijah Hatch, Sr. of Pastor of the New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church 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 Section 1-4-30.

**There were no public speakers**

**CONSENT CALENDAR****16-0051**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****Resolution Honoring the Winning Photographers of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Calendar**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby issues this formal recognition to the winners of the 2016 Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar photo contest; and

**WHEREAS**, the winning photographs were nominated by Forest Preserve staff from hundreds of submittals and ultimately selected by public voting for final inclusion in the yearly calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, the winning photographs stood out for their ability to skillfully capture and showcase the unique landscape and wildlife which exists in the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, The Forest Preserves thanks all winners for their participation in the annual contest and their enthusiasm and passion to celebrate and call attention to the remarkable nature that can be found within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Toni Preckwinkle, President; the Board of Commissioners, and Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent of the Preserves; thank and congratulate each winner for their contribution to celebrating the remarkable beauty of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**PRESIDENT****15-0608 (related to file #15-0611)**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE****AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR DEER GROVE EAST**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE** in part of Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 10, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois adjacent to Deer Grove East near Dundee Road and Quentin Road in District 14.

**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 plat 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:

700 WEST DUNDEE ROAD, UNINCORPORATED PALATINE TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PALATINE, LAKE ZURICH

AND WAUCONDA RAILROAD, NOW ABANDONED, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, 553.36 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE WHICH MAKES AN ANGLE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF 82 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 45 SECONDS AS MEASURED FROM EAST TO SOUTHEAST A DISTANCE OF 565.52 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF DUNDEE ROAD, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF DUNDEE ROAD, 557.58 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 190.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHERLY 267.16 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY LINES RESPECTIVELY ALSO EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF RIGHT OF WAY OF PALATINE, LAKE ZURICH AND WAUCONDA RAILROAD THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 253.565 FEET, THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 466.07 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF DUNDEE ROAD; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTER LINE OF DUNDEE ROAD A DISTANCE OF 255.875 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 02-10-100-019-0000

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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.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Ordinance be motion to waive the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison,

Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0619**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 3 Chapter 4 Section 3-4-2 - Qualified Violations for Impoundment

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 3 - Police Regulations, Chapter 4 - Seizures and Impoundments, Section 3-4-2 - Qualified Violations for Impoundment of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

3-4-2: - Qualified Violations for Impoundment.

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Vehicles also may be impounded as set forth in Section 3-4-1 for the following offense as described under the Official Code of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois:

Section 3-3-5A ~~Indecent Exposure~~ Public Indecency

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

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Fritchey, that this Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0687**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 3 Chapter 3 Section 5 - Obscenity, Indecency

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 3 - Police Regulations, Chapter 3 - Miscellaneous Misconduct, Section 5 - Obscenity Indecency is hereby amended as Follows:

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**Sec. 3-3-5 ~~Obscenity~~, Public Indecency.**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Fritchey, that this Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0693**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 2 Chapter 4 Section 2 - Events Requiring Permits

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 - Forest Preserve Land and Property, Chapter 4 - Recreation in Forest Preserves, Section 2 - Events Requiring Permits of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 2-4-2 Events Requiring Permits.**

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B. Permit Required. No person shall use any portion of the Forest Preserve District property nor any of the buildings within said District, for any of the following uses, unless the person has first paid the appropriate permit application fee and obtained, and has physical possession of, and has available for inspection, a permit allowing such use in writing from the District, with proper authorization of the



General Superintendent or his or her designee, or when required, the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 7 -1-1 Fee Schedule:

~~-1-1 Fee Schedule:~~

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C. Permit Rules and Application Review.

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2. Duration of Permit: The District may, in its discretion, make the permit valid for a period of less than one (1) year, or any portion thereof, or on an annual basis; provided, however, that the fees charged are consistent with Title 7, Chapter 1 (Fee Schedule) of the District's Code of Ordinances. Permits are not transferable and permit fees paid to the District are not refundable. ~~The actual permit (not an electronic copy)~~ Permits must be available for inspection at and during the event/activity for which the permit was acquired.

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

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Fritchey, that this Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0702**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners and LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R .BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, STANLEY MOORE, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**2016 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-(a), the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and

shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Illinois:

1. That the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold its regular meetings and regular meetings of the Finance Committee of the Board on the following dates during 2016:

- Tuesday, January 12, 2016
- Tuesday, February 9, 2016
- Tuesday, March 22, 2016
- Tuesday, April 12, 2016
- Tuesday, May 10, 2016
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016
- Tuesday, July 12, 2016
- Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- Tuesday, October 25, 2016
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016

2. That the time for holding the above specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time and the place is the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)  
**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**15-0680**

**Sponsored by:** JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioner

**PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Forest Preserve District

**Other Part(ies):** Chicago Zoological Society

**Request:** Amendment to Agreement between the Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Zoological Society

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

**Agreement period:** 4/6/1987 until revoked

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** None

**Agreement Number(s):** None

**District(s):** 16

**Summary:** Amends Section 13 of the previously executed agreement between the Chicago Zoological Society (Zoo) and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) for the maintenance and operation of a zoological park on lands of the Forest Preserve District, commonly known as the Brookfield Zoo, to allow for changes in certain admission and parking rates.

**Reason:** This increase will support the Zoo's submitted 2016 Budget proposal. On 4/6/1987 an agreement between the District and the Zoo was presented and approved by this Honorable Board of Commissioners for the continued maintenance and operations of the Brookfield Zoo (Agreement). From time to time the Agreement has been amended by mutual consent of the District and the Zoo (Parties). The Parties now wish to amend the Agreement to approve an increase in admission and parking fees at the Brookfield Zoo as 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. The Society may otherwise charge an admission fee to said Park not exceeding ~~\$16.95~~ 17.85 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding ~~\$11.95~~ 12.50 for each visitor ages three to eleven and for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birth date. The Society may charge a parking fee not exceeding ~~\$10~~ \$11 per car and \$15 per bus. 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."

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Steele (1)

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**15-0611 (related to file #15-0608)**

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

**PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**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:** 700 West Dundee Road, Unincorporated Palatine Township, Cook County, Illinois

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** PIN: 02-10-100-019-0000 & 02-10-100-049-0000

THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approximately \$360,000.00 including closing costs.

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

**District(s):** 14

**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 Deer Grove East (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 700 West Dundee Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 2.38 ± acres. The Property is immediately adjacent to Deer Grove East preserve and contains part of Salt Creek.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the District for the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$350,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (\$360,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two appraisals obtained by the District, as well as an appraisal obtained by the Seller, 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.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that this Sale or Purchase of Real Estate be motion to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Steele (1)

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0644**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Pitney Bowes

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Leasing of digital mailing system for four departments

**Contract Value:** \$40,000.00

**Contract period:** 12/1/2015 - 11/30/2020

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2016 \$8000.00, FY 2017 \$8000.00, FY 2018 \$8000.00, FY 2019 \$8,000.00 and FY 2020 \$8,000.00

**Accounts:** Postage, 01-6315

**Contract Number(s):** 15-20-001

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** N/A

**Summary:** This item provides for the consolidation of four (4) postage machines being used under one agreement resulting in a cost savings.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0667**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** (1) Prioritize hydrological threats and propose strategies for mitigating their impacts to sites. (2) Assess quality of 20+ additional sites and prioritize according to their potential for future restoration. (3) Expand and improve functionality of document management system, incorporating natural and cultural resource documentation for additional sites. (4) Conduct and publish a deer impact assessment specific to the Forest Preserve District. (5) Update historic amphibian surveys at select sites, providing baseline data for future restoration. (6) Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2016

**Contract period:** 10/1/2013 execution until 12/31/2016

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2016

**Accounts:** 09-6759 Natural & Cultural Master Plan and 09-6750 Habitat Restoration

**Contract Number(s):** FPD 2014-01101

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This Contract (Task Order) is for second-tier natural resource prioritization, document management services, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserve now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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15-0670

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Ross Barney Architects, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional Services for design and construction administration services for a new Swallow Cliff Warming Shelter

**Original Contract Period:** 12/5/2012 - 12/4/2015, Board approved extension on 11/17/2015 from 12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$293,668.00

**Original Approval:** 7/16/2013, \$179,801.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 4/8/2014, \$113,867.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$35,651.50

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$35,651.50

**Accounts:** General Consulting Services, 25-6740, 51-6740, 54-6740 and 55-6740. Working Cash Grant Fund - Fund 07

**Contract Number(s):** Task Order #13-80-01-7R2D

**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):** 17

**Summary:** Work is substantially complete except for punch list and closeout, but additional funds were needed to compensate the consultant for redesign work performed due to unforeseen conditions (change in ComEd electrical transformer) and review of contractor structural issues relating to concrete work, and other more minor changes during construction. Negotiation with the Consultant on the value of the additional services was not finalized at the time the contract period was extended in November 2015.

Additional services were previously approved in 2014 to address an increase scope of construction relating to green building certification.



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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0672**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** The Friends of the Forest Preserves is the managing partner for this program. Forest Preserve Leadership Corps (“FPLC”) program, which engages young adults in hands-on ecological restoration work and professional development training at sites throughout the Preserves.

**Original Contract Period:** 11/18/2014 - 11/17/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 12/16/2015 - 12/31/2016

**Administrative Extension:** 11/18/2015 - 12/15/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$50,000.00

**Original Approval:** 11/18/2014

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$50,000.00

**Accounts:** 09-6758, Intern Programs and 10-6750, Habitat Restoration

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve Leadership Corps program provides advanced conservation and

leadership skills training for young adults, ages 18 to 20, who have successfully graduated from the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (“CCLC”) program. The FPLC fills a critical gap in the ladder of advancement by providing year-round opportunities for young adults that are not yet old enough to serve as crew leaders in sister programs.

The 52-week program will engage one leader (30 hours per week) and 5 participants (25 hours per week) in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered around invasive species control and restoration of native plants. Participants will receive training in prescribed fire, herbicide application, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0673**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Old Veteran Construction, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Bridges, Culverts & Underpass Repair & Replacement, Regions 7-9

**Original Contract Period:** 7/31/2014 - 4/14/2015

**Administrative Extension:** Sixty (60) days granted by the Purchasing Agent 4/15/2015 - 6/14/2015

**Board Contract Extension:** Two hundred (200) day extension on 10/6/2015 from 6/15/2015 - 12/31/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred and eighty (180) day extension 1/1/2016 - 6/28/2016

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,162,905.65

**Original Approval:** 5/20/2014, \$1,162,905.65

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Trails Accounts, 25-6780, 51-6780, 52-6780, and 54-6780

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-03C1-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):** 17

**Summary:** The original project scope was completed by the original completion date. The Forest Preserves would like to amend the contract to perform additional work for an emergency bridge repair at Sundown Meadow on the Arie Crown Trail System. The Forest Preserves received a report from a citizen in November of a collapsed railing on a bridge in Sundown Meadow near Countryside, Illinois. An inspection by Forest Preserve civil engineers revealed more serious erosion of bridge support piers. New emergency work is within OVC’s contract scope for bridge repair work in this region. The estimated cost of work is less than the remaining contingency funds on the contract, so no increase in the contract amount is needed.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (14)

**Present:** Commissioners Arroyo and Moore (2)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0674**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Path Construction Co., Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Repairs to Lakes and Dams

**Original Contract Period:** 5/27/2015 - 12/25/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Two hundred and nineteen (219) day extension 12/26/2015 - 8/1/2016

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$467,280.00

**Original Approval:** 4/14/2015, \$467,280.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Trails Accounts, 25-6780, 51-6780, 52-6780, and 54-6780

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-10C1-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, 15 and 17

**Summary:** Work at Wampum Lake is complete and all work except landscape restoration is completed at Crabtree (Sulky Pond). Work has not yet begun at Maple Lake due to IDNR permitting delays. The permit for Maple Lake is still pending. The project includes repairs to dams at the following lakes: Big Bend, Maple, Crabtree and Wampum.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Present:** Commissioner Schneider (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0676**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** The Lakota Group, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to amend the scope and increase the amount of an existing contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Planning, architectural & engineering services for gateway plans and design guidelines

**Original Contract Period:** 4/14/2015 - 9/30/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$230,324.00

**Original Approval:** 4/14/2015, \$226,624.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 9/24/2015, \$3,700.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$51,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** 10-6740, General Consulting Services Grant Account

**Contract Number(s):** 15-80-09

**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, 9 and 11

**Summary:** The District has been awarded grant funding from the Forest Preserve Foundation for design services for three additional gateway sites located in the City of Chicago at Caldwell Woods, Dan Ryan Woods and Eggers Grove. The original scope of work was funded primarily through a grant from the Cook County Department of Public Health that restricted locations to suburban Cook County.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0681****Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** General Office, Communications**Vendor:** Marj Halperin Consulting, Chicago, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase the current contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** Media and public relations consulting professional services for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2014 - 11/1/2015**Administrative Extension:** Sixty (60) day extension, 11/2/2015 - 12/31/2015**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2016 - 04/30/2016**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$110,000.00**Original Approval:** 11/25/2014, \$100,000.00**Previous Increase(s):** 10/25/2015, \$10,000.00**This Increase Requested:** \$40,000.00**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2016 \$40,000.00**Accounts:** Contractual Services, 01-6200**Contract Number(s):** 14-10-109**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):** Districtwide**Summary:** An extension and amendment to the Marj Halperin Consulting Contract, initially selected through the Request for Proposal process is requested to provide continued supplemental support to the General Office Communications Division. An extension with "MHC" will ensure seamless transition in 2016 and the ability to continue the marketing and communications work that has been developed in 2015 towards the ongoing Next Century Conservation Plan and Camping Initiatives.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0677**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** 2016 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Report Period:** 2016-2020

**Summary:** This Plan is an update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for years 2016-2020. The location of funded projects that are still in progress as well as new 2016 projects are identified on maps for northwest, north, central, southwest and south Cook County. The Plan also includes projected capital funding needs for projects in 2017-2020 that were identified by Forest Preserve staff, partner organizations and members of the public. The draft Capital Improvement Plan has been posted for additional review and comments on the Forest Preserves' website [www.fpdcc.com/cip](http://www.fpdcc.com/cip) during December and January and will be finalized by February 2016.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Report be referred to the Capital Development Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0682**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Bond Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 12/31/2012 – 9/30/2015

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0683**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** The Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2015 – 9/30/2015

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0685**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration



**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 10/1/2015 - 10/31/2015

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of October 2015. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0668**

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

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 12/15/2015 - 1/18/2016

**Thursday, 12/17; 6:30 - 8:30 am**

**Solstice Sunrise Celebration, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Help us welcome the sunrise with a fire and celebration as we approach the shortest day of the year. All ages.

**Fridays, 12/18 and 1/8; 7 pm**

**Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Listen to a talk about these nocturnal hunters, then join us as we look for these unique predators. Registration required.

**Saturday, 12/19 - Monday, 3/7; Open daily, 9 am - 4 pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Trails Open, Sagawau Nordic,**

**Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit. All skiers must obtain a free trail pass.

Rentals available until 2 pm. Rental equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm.

Rental Rates: Individual-\$15; Senior-\$10; Family-\$40. Must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by parent or guardian to rent skis. Equipment is for use at Sagawau only.

**Saturdays, 12/19 and 12/26, 1 pm**

**Beginning Snowshoeing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us for a quick lesson on snow-shoeing basics and a naturalist-led trek. If adventurous, continue along on your own. Requires a minimum 4” snow base. Registration required. Space is limited.

**Saturdays, 12/19 and 1/3; 1:30 pm**

**Snowshoe Hikes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Enjoy a guided winter hike on our trails with snowshoes if there's snow (or on foot if not). Equipment is limited. Register at least two days prior.

**Sunday, 12/20; 6 am**

**Dawn Owl Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Owls announce territory and begin courtship in early winter. As part of the 116th annual Christmas Bird Count, we'll search for great horned and screech owls in Thatcher Woods. Led by John Elliott, Chicago Audubon. Adults and children 10 & up. Registration required.

**Monday, 12/21; 11 am and 1 pm**

**Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Claus; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Cozy up with Mrs. Claus for some hot chocolate, cookies, story time and Wonderland Express.

Fee applies.

**Monday, 12/21 and Tuesday, 12/22; Noon - 4 pm**

**Winter Breakout Adventures, Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin Road, Palatine**

Don't let the chilly winter bring you down - embrace your time off from school and head outdoors.

Youth and families, join us for snowshoeing (weather permitting), crafts using wood, winter bird migration activities, tracking and shelter building. Warm up with a campfire and s'mores. Come for the day or just for an hour. For more info, call 708-386-4042 ext. 26. All activities offered on each day, weather permitting.

\*Continue the adventure and reserve a 10-person cabin to experience the marvels of winter camping. Overnight activities will include an evening bonfire, night hike and star gazing. The evening program is 7:30-9:30 pm and is open to registered campers. For reservations, call 312-636-9750.

**Monday, 12/21; 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Winter Solstice Bonfire, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Celebrate the shortest day of the year with a nature walk, bonfire and trimming of the wildlife tree.

Family program; no organized groups please. In-person registration required starting 12/1.

\$3 per person.

**Sunday, 12/20; 10 - 6 pm**

10:00 AM: **Volunteer Restoration Workday**

2:00 PM:

**Solstice Celebration & Bonfire**

**Somme Woods, Waukegan Road and Dundee Road, Northbrook**

**Tuesday, 12/22; Noon - 2 pm**

**Here Comes the Sun - Winter Solstice, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Celebrate the winter solstice by making a sun dial, cooking snacks in a solar cooker and viewing the sun through a filtered telescope. Drop-in family program.

**Tuesday, 12/22; 7 pm**

**Solstice Celebration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Discover the science and mythology surrounding the solstice and enjoy a hot drink around a campfire.

Registration required.

**Saturday, 12/26; 10 am**

**Photo Meet-Up, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

This monthly series is led by a naturalist and will highlight a natural area with scenic vistas, interesting

plants and wildlife. For all photographer levels and camera types.

**Saturday, 12/26; 1:30 pm**

**Animals of the Night, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we explore the habits of nocturnal animals such as the skunk, opossum, raccoon and bat.

**Monday - Wednesday, 12/28 - 12/30; 9:30 am - Noon**

**Winter Nature Camp, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a three-day camp where we'll explore the wonders of nature in winter. Ages 7-10. Register by 12/21. \$15 per child.

**Saturdays and Sundays, 1/2 - 3/6; 9:30 am**

**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn to ski with a professional instructor. Lessons cover the basic skills of flatland skiing and getting up and down easy hills. Ages 12 & up. First come, first served. Limit 12. Reservations not accepted. Please arrive by 9 am for registration and equipment fitting. \$20/person.

**Saturday, 1/2; 10 am - Noon**

**Snowshoe Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn how to use snowshoes as we explore the wonderful winter world outside. Requires a minimum 4" snow base. Ages 8 & up. Registration required. Limit 20.

**Saturday, 1/9; Noon - 4 pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoe nature hikes, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). We'll also have winter crafts, a campfire and more. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 1/10; 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Animals in Winter, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Ever wonder where animals go in winter? Learn strategies animals use to survive the cold. Drop-in family program.

**Tuesday, 1/12; 7 pm**

**Master Gardener: Planting Perennial Peony's, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension present programs each month to help you become a better gardener. Registration preferred.

**Thursday, 1/14; 10 am - 6 pm**

**Nature Preschool Open House; Lakeside Room, Visitor Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Drop in to find out about the new Chicago Botanic Garden Nature Preschool, opening in September 2016.

**Friday, 1/15; 6 - 8 pm**

**Winter Bonfire, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we enjoy an evening around a bonfire telling stories, roasting marshmallows and sipping hot cocoa. Register by 1/13.

**Friday, 1/15; 7 pm**

**Family Science Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us on a winter night for unique, nature-themed programs. Our resident "freeze miser" will guide you in science experiments with ice and snow. Registration required at least two days prior. \$2 per person.

6:45 pm check-in, 7 pm start. Ages 6 & up. Register by 1/13.

**Monday, 1/18; Noon - 3 pm**

**Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago**

Join us for a day of stewardship and service. Help staff remove invasive plants that threaten the health of our forest preserves. Also, enjoy a variety of fun, family-friendly wintertime activities.

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**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, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**15-0613 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Waste Management of Illinois, Inc.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**LABOR COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**15-0584 PROPOSED RESOLUTION** Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, Wage Adjustments and Healthcare Plan Resolution Teamsters Local 700

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**RULES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**15-0705 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** regular meeting held on 11/17/2015

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0628 – PROPOSED APPOINTMENT** Arnold Randall as the Annual Business Meeting Delegate with the Illinois Association of Parks.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**15-0678 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

**Present:** Commissioner Schneider (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0679 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** All-Bry Construction Company, Burr Ridge, Illinois

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0696 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**15-0666 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**NEW ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, that this Resolution be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**15-0708**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, STANLEY MOORE, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Supporting the Establishment of a Veterans' Memorial Honoring Those Who Fought and Died in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn**

**WHEREAS,** the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been demonstrated through patriotic commitment and sacrifice of many veterans from Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County veterans are owed a great debt for serving in defense of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, those sacrifices of our veterans have resulted in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued promise and perseverance of liberty for all the oppressed individuals throughout our world; and

**WHEREAS**, over 2 million members of the United States Armed Forces have been deployed to warzones since the commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; and

**WHEREAS**; many have been deployed for multiple tours of duty. More than 5,500 troops have been killed while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, and tens of thousands have been seriously wounded in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of these dedicated citizens of Cook County, the Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioners wish to memorialize the enduring efforts of our veterans in preserving the site at the Cook County Forest Preserve Headquarters area as a lasting symbol to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, family members, friends and those of every walk of life may be offered a sanctuary, to reflect on the lives of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice and those still serving; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, it is hereby decreed by the Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioners that a memorial be designed and built on the land where the Cook County Forest Preserve Headquarters resides; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserve shall accept entries for the Memorial’s design and construction from our Cook County Colleges and Universities, while working with members of the Veterans Assistance Commission, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran Association, Chicago Veterans, Superintendent of the Cook County Forest Preserve District and two members of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that those United States Armed Service heroes from Cook County that have fallen during the line of duty post 911 shall have their name inscribed on the Memorial.  
10/31/2015



**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, that this Resolution be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Steele (1)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri that this was**

**adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, Steele and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Murphy (3)