



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Zoological Committee

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:40 AM

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

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/15/2019

[19-0459](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Forest Preserves District

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society

Request: Amendment to Agreement between the Forest Preserve 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 2020 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

~~\$21.95~~ \$24.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding ~~\$15.95~~ \$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 \$14 per car and \$20 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."

Legislative History: 11/19/2019 FPD Board of Commissioners refer to the Zoological Committee



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