



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

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore,
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1) Excused Absence

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public speakers

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[21-0142](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Commissioner Dennis Deer

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective date: 7/1/2021

Expiration date: 6/30/2023

Summary: In 1997, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to form NeighborSpace, a not-for-profit that owns, leases and insures small parks, gardens, natural areas, river edges, and scenic landscapes in the City of Chicago. A Forest Preserves Commissioner, the General Superintendent, and an additional Forest Preserves staff member sit on the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace along with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District.

Commissioner Deer has served on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors as the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners representative since January 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to suspend the rules 21-0142. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0142. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0223](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement and a temporary easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at IL Route 7 (Southwest Highway) and 131st Street in the Groundhog Slough forest preserve for less than 0.2 acres for roadway improvements.

Reason: Permanent and temporary easements are needed at the northwest corner of Southwest Highway and 131st Street as part of a larger drainage improvement project between 131st and 135th Streets. This road segment has experienced severe flooding due to inadequate drainage infrastructure.

Stormwater would be conveyed via new storm sewers and improved ditches to Mill Creek and the Cal Sag Channel. The proposed drainage improvements will allow for more effective management of the water levels at McGinnis Slough, which drains via storm sewer to the ditch along Southwest Highway.

A small permanent easement is needed on Forest Preserves land adjoining the roadways for slight roadway widening, installation of traffic signal equipment, an underground drainage culvert, and a roadside ditch. A Forest Preserves sign will need to be relocated.

A small temporary easement is also needed for period of five (5) years to construct the improvements.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.078 acres and the area for the temporary easement is 0.064 acres. IDOT indicates that 0 trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$6,800.00, including \$5,900.00 for permanent and \$900.00 for temporary easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0223 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0229](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

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

Goods or Services: Green infrastructure partnership for repaving of a Forest Preserves parking lot in unincorporated Cook County, adjacent to Westchester and LaGrange Park. MWRD will contribute the lesser of \$420,000.00 or 50.00% of the total construction cost, as a reimbursement to the Forest Preserves, for the Possum Hollow Woods Green Infrastructure Parking Lot Retrofit project

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Thirty (30) years

Fiscal Impact: Local match (including contingency) not to exceed \$554,560.00 (FY2021: \$125,813.00 and FY2022: \$428,747.00).

Accounts: Positive \$420,000.00 Grant Revenue 51010.560019. Forest Preserves match at time of contract award: Professional Services 51029.520830, 51009.520830; and Land Improvements 51029.560019, 51009.560019, 51030.560019, 51051.560019 and future Construction & Development accounts.

District(s): 17

Summary: As part of its Green Infrastructure Partnership Opportunity Program, the MWRD proposes to contribute the lesser of \$420,000.00 or 50.00% of the total construction cost, to retrofit an existing access and parking area near Salt Creek to reduce direct discharge of stormwater runoff to the Creek and corresponding downstream flooding and improve water quality. The project includes replacement of over one acre (46,476 s.f.) of existing asphalt with porous unit paving and restoration of almost another acre (39,699 s.f.) of existing asphalt to natural open space. An accessible access path to the existing picnic

shelter and interpretive signage will also be included in the project.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0190](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Openlands, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement for the continued preservation, maintenance, management, and restoration of the Deer Grove East O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account ("OMMA") site through 2023

Original Contract Period: 6/7/2016 - 6/6/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 6/7/2021 - 12/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A. Services are being provided by Openlands at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves

Original Approval: 6/7/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

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

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 14

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting to extend its stewardship and restoration agreement with Openlands to facilitate the continued preservation, maintenance, and management of the Deer Grove East OMMA site for an additional two and one-half (2 1/2) years. The original agreement was approved by the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners on June 7, 2016, per Board Item No. 16-0230.

Additional time is being requested in order to continue projects needed to sustain and build upon the successful restoration efforts undertaken at Deer Grove East during the initial large-scale habitat enhancement project, which concluded in 2016. All work on the initial project and subsequent management at the site have been paid for by Openlands using OMMA funds, which provide mitigation of off-site wetland impacts resulting from the O'Hare Modernization Program. The cumulative value of the work provided to-date by Openlands under this stewardship agreement, and anticipated to be provided under the proposed extension, is valued at up to \$885,000.00. This agreement calls for no direct cost to the Forest Preserves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0190. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0194](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Space Haus, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services to design building and exhibit renovations for Crabtree Nature Center located in Barrington Hills

Contract Value: \$173,800.00

Contract Period: 4/13/2021 - 4/12/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$173,800.00 (with \$112,500.00 to be reimbursed by IDNR grant)

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520830 and 51009.520830

Contract Number(s): #7400008940 for RFQ #21-80-09 issued under Solicitation #21-80-006316

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement 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): 15

Summary: The Crabtree Nature Center was established in 1970 and is in need of renovation to update exhibits and signage as well as improve accessibility and energy efficiency. Building renovations would include new entrance doors and welcome desk, redesigned and refreshed interpretive exhibits, energy-efficient lighting, windows and HVAC system replacement. Site enhancements would include new signage and access improvements. A \$750,000.00 Museum Capital grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) would fund \$112,500.00 (or roughly 65 percent) of the proposed design cost as well as roughly 70 percent of estimated construction costs. Forest Preserves

staff evaluated 10 proposals in response to an RFP and determined Space Haus to be the most qualified to perform this time-sensitive design work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0194. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0218](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent, Law Enforcement, and Human Resources

Vendor: Samaritan Technologies, Salt Lake City, Utah

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Online Volunteer Management Software

Contract Value: \$40,000.00

Contract period: 5/26/2021 - 3/26/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$15,000.00, FY 2023 \$15,000.00

Accounts: Volunteer Resources Program 51001.521446; Human Resources 51001.501806; and Law Enforcement 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000008961

Concurrences:

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to enter into an agreement on a sole source basis for online volunteer management software. The Samaritan Technologies software allows a small team of Volunteer Resources staff to manage a program that engages thousands of volunteers throughout the Forest Preserves via a public-facing website portal. This website integration allows the Forest Preserves to advertise and promote hundreds of volunteer opportunities annually and facilitates online registration among a myriad of other functions. Additionally, Human Resources and Law Enforcement departments use the software to track trainings and certifications for all Forest Preserves staff. Software agreements are often form agreements that apply to a general class of customer, which is the case here as well. Thus, the proposed new contract includes some non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves, particularly with respect to interest for late payment, disclaimers, limitations on liability, warranties, indemnification, venue, governing law, and termination. The Forest Preserves has used Samaritan Technologies software since 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0218. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0221](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Al Warren Oil Co., Inc., Hammond, Indiana

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel

Contract Value: \$1,000,000.00

Contract Period: 5/1/2021 - 7/5/2021 and one (1) 12-month optional renewal extension to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$200,000.00, FY 2021 \$400,000.00 (optional extension), FY 2022 \$400,000.00 (optional extension)

Accounts: Automotive Operation and Maintenance 29270.540250

Contract Number(s): Suburban Purchasing Consortium Contract #198

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase motor fuel from Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. through a purchasing consortium. The fuel would be used with Forest Preserves-owned vehicles. The Forest Preserves' current contract with a different vendor for motor fuel expires 4/30/2021. In anticipation of the current contract expiring, a joint RFP was issued with Cook County, however, no bidders responded to the solicitation. This request is a short-term response to allow time to solicit proposals through a separate RFP, issued by the Forest Preserves and independent of the County. The Suburban Purchasing Consortium awarded the motor fuel contract to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. based on the vendor submitting the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a term ending 7/5/2021. The purchasing consortium reserved the right to exercise three (3) one-year renewal options. The proposed contract with Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. would be extended for an optional year if the Forest Preserves was unable to find less expensive alternatives by 7/5/2021 and the Suburban Purchasing Consortium extended the underlying contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0221. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0224](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: NearMap US Inc., South Jordan, Utah

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

Good(s) or Service(s): High-resolution aerial imagery subscription

Contract Value: \$25,000.00

Contract period: 2/13/2021 (retroactive) - 2/12/2026

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Technical Membership Fees 51001.501790, Professional Services 51001.520830, Institutional Supplies 51001.530170, Co-ops and Special Programs 51001.521313 and Operations and Maintenance 51001.540350

Contract Number(s): #74000008959

Concurrences:

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: High-resolution aerial maps are essential for planning restoration and improvement work. Procurement of aerial imagery from NearMap is desired on a sole-source basis for a period of five (5) years due to unmatched advantages which include frequency of updates (quarterly), high resolution quality, integration with current software or web-based delivery and cost compared to other vendors that can fly and collect aerial imagery over Cook County. The proposed subscription agreement is a form agreement that includes some non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves, particularly with respect to interest for late payment, disclaimers, limitations on liability, warranties, and indemnification. The Forest

Preserves intends to pay upfront for the proposed five (5) year subscription. The Forest Preserves has used NearMap since 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0224. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0222](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Matthew Paving, Inc., primary place of business Oak Lawn, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at Campground Road Woods in Des Plaines, Northwestern Woods in Des Plaines, Potawatomi Woods in Northbrook and River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook.

Reason: Contract #74000008960 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C1 Districtwide Transportation Improvements at four (4) northwest locations (Campground Road Woods, Northwestern Woods, Potawatomi Woods and River Trail Nature Center). The work includes, but is not limited to, pavement resurfacing, drainage and sidewalk improvements, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 3/17/2021

Bid Results:

1. Matthew Paving, Inc	\$713,013.45
2. M&J Asphalt Paving Co, Inc.	\$755,232.25
3. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$838,939.34
4. Advantage Paving Solutions	\$845,466.84
5. Enlight Contracting, LLC	\$861,388.99
6. Meru Corporation	\$909,482.72

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$713,013.45

Contract Period: One hundred and seventy-four (174) days from notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51029.560019 and 51009.560019

District:9, 14, 17

Concurrence(s):The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0222. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0227](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - February 2021

Report Period: 2/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of February 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0227. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0230](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for February 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0230. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0231](#)

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: 2/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of February 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0231. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0233](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserve District of Cook County Workers Compensation Audit Process Review

Report Period: March 2021

Summary: This audit was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal controls in place to

ensure that each Workers Compensation claim was valid based on the required information given to support that an incident occurred, was reported timely and accurately, and was administered properly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0233 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0225](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 3/16/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$1,795,564.89

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$187,616.17

Legal Fees for 3/16/2021 to Be Approved: \$43,617.18

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0225. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0226](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 4/13/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$167,175.30

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$30,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0226. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0236](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 3/16/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0236. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0237](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 3/18/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0237. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0228](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 4/13/2021 - 5/11/2021

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

All Month

Earth Month Spring Cleaning Donation Drive, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Usable goods do not belong in landfills. Drop off your gently used clothing and household items to help others in need. Donation drive supports GiveNKind, an organization connecting goods to non-profits in order to benefit our community and our environment.

Tuesday, 4/13 through Tuesday, 5/11

Brookfield Zoo Spring Run, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brookfield Zoo's first-ever Virtual 5K Spring Run/Walk takes you outdoors to enjoy the warm weather and glorious colors of spring. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood, for example. Or if you enjoy competition, run the full 5K (3.1-miles) and compare your time with other runners. Each runner will receive a numbered bib and commemorative swag included with registration. *To register, visit Brookfield Zoo website.*

Tuesday, 4/13 through Monday, 9/6

Dinos Everywhere! Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are BIGGER and BADER than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos Everywhere! features acres of earth shakers, including the largest Argentinosaurus that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Zoogoers will be able to search for this amazing life-like animatronics located throughout the park.

Thursday, 4/15 through 5/18

Native Plant Sale

We are partnering with West Cook Wild Ones again this year for a Spring Native Plant Sale. Sales are open March 16-May 18 at westcook.wildones.org/plantsale. Pick up locations include 2199 1st Ave, Maywood and Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont. *Facemasks required.*

Thursday, 4/15; 8am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for a walk while looking for local birds. Visit aprilbirdwalkeggers.eventbrite.com

Registration and facemasks required.

Saturday, 4/17; 11am (Facebook Live)

Peak into the Pond, Little Red Schoolhouse Facebook Page

Join us for a virtual Pond dipping experience to discover the wonders beneath the water LIVE from the Pond on Facebook. *Suitable for a general audience.*

Saturday, 4/17; 12pm - 3pm

Explore: Pulaski Woods-South, Pulaski Woods-South, Willow Springs

Adults and families, come explore on your own with one of our self-guided exploration activities or join us on a guided hike! We will also have litter pickup supplies available if you would like to help in cleaning up the preserves, and a take-home activity for you to continue your adventure at home. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/17 and Sunday, 4/18; 11am, 12:30pm, or 2pm

GPS Scavenger hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration and facemasks required. Limited spaces. Call 847-824-8360.*

Sunday, 4/18; 1:30pm

Watercolor Spring, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

A great way to appreciate nature is to paint it! We will go a quick hike to gather inspiration and then spend time in our Story Circle painting the many beautiful Spring flowers we see this time of year. *Paper and watercolors will be available. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Sunday, 4/18 through Sunday, 4/25

Celebrate Earth Week, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a week-long celebration, learning how to protect and clean-up the Forest Preserves. Self-guided wildflower walks and in-person programming including a bird hike and garlic mustard pulls will give you opportunity to enjoy nature throughout the week. *Various walk and hike themes available. Please visit fpdcc.com/celebrate-earth-day-with-the-forest-preserves for more information. Some events require registration and facemasks are required for all in-person activities.*

Monday, 4/19 through Thursday 4/22, and Saturday 4/25; 10am - 12pm

Nature's Pop-up, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist as we discuss conservation, water quality, composting, and invasive species removal and how it ties into Earth Week. *Registration and facemasks required. For a complete schedule of activities, check out Little Red Schoolhouse's Facebook page or the list at the nature center welcome tent.*

Monday, 4/19 through Sunday, 4/25

Earth day SOLO Clean Up

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will be celebrating Earth Week from Monday April 19-April 25. Celebrate with us by doing your part in helping remove litter at Litter Hotspots. Anyone can commit to regularly volunteering in the Preserves through the Select Organized Litter Obliterators, or SOLO, program. SOLO volunteers can choose to go to a Litter Hotspot (specific locations) for litter clean up or any Forest Preserves site of their choosing. Volunteer information can be found on the Forest Preserves' website at fpdcc.com/volunteer. *We will provide bags and gloves for you to give back to the earth on this special day. Please visit fpdcc.com/celebrate-earth-day-with-the-forest-preserves for locations, dates, and times.*

Wednesday, 4/21; 12pm (Facebook Live)**Plug into Nature: Introduction to iNaturalist, Sand Ridge Nature Center Facebook Page**

Get prepared for the City Nature Challenge (an international citizen scientist project documenting nature in urban centers) by turning your phone on to iNaturalist; a free program used globally to discover and document wild plants and animals. We will go over the basics of iNaturalist in a Facebook. If you want to test iNaturalist with us in-person, sign up for our 4/25 in-person hike.

Thursday, 4/22, Saturday and Sunday, 4/24 - 4/25; 9:30am - 11:30am**Garlic Mustard Pull, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Welcome back wildflowers and wildlife by removing the harmful garlic mustard. *All ages. Call Sagawau at 630-257-2045. Registration and Facemasks required.*

Thursday, 4/22; 4pm - 7pm**Earth Day Celebration Drop-In, Maple Lake Boating Center, Willow Springs**

Stop by Maple Lake Boating Center to participate in litter cleanup, self-guided activities, and grab a take-home DIY kit to celebrate the week of Earth Day. *Facemask required. For more information, visit experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov.*

Thursday, 4/22; 2pm (Facebook Live)**Earth Day - Nature's Heroes, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page**

Join us to learn a little about some the female pioneers in the environmental movement.

Thursday, 4/22; 7pm (Zoom)**Earth Day: Nature Trivia Night! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Grab a beverage of your choice and Zoom into our online Nature Trivia challenge! *Ages 16 and up. Call 847-381-6592 to register for Zoom link.*

Thursday, 4/22; Drop in: 12pm - 5pm, Hikes: 12pm and 4pm**Earth Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Commemorate Earth Day with the Cook County Forest Preserves! Staff-led hikes, on non-paved trails, will take place at noon and 4pm. Participants can also support the county-wide litter cleanup as well as create a project using recycled materials. *Registration required for hikes. Facemasks required. Litter cleanup and other activities are drop in. Contact experience.nature@cookcountyl.gov for more information and visit, www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-celebration-tickets.*

Thursday, 4/22; 7pm (Zoom)

Trailside Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest

We will be discussing the book *Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life* by Lulu Miller. Please call 708-366-6530 to register, and we will send you the Zoom link so you can join us virtually.

Friday, 4/23; 8pm

Spring Sensory Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a naturalist as we hike along the trail opening our senses to the tunes and wonders of the night. Ages: 10 and older. Hiking pace is average to slow. Registration and facemasks required. Call (708)839-6897.

Saturday, 4/24; 9am - 3pm

Earth Day Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate Earth Day with a self-guided litter cleanup along the Burnham Greenway, take home artmaking project, nature play, and Earth Day-themed games. Facemasks required.

Saturday, 4/24; 11am

Creative Reuse: Bird Feeders, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Use things you commonly have at home to make unique bird feeders for our feathered friends.

Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in-person or email: sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.

Saturday, 4/24; 9am - 10:15am, 10:45am - 12pm

Earth Day Celebration with the BackYard Nature Center, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield

Celebrate the 51st anniversary of Earth Day with a morning of service, learning and exploration. Activities include nature play, fishing clinic, guided hike, litter cleanup, monitoring and stewardship exhibits, and a demonstration on how to repurpose buckthorn. Registration and facemasks required. Contact experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov for more information.

Saturday, 4/24; 10am (Facebook Live)

Ribbit, Croak, or Chirp: Frogs and their Calls, Crabtree Nature Center Facebook Page

One of the best ways to identify frogs is through their calls during the spring and early summer mating season. Get ready by learning which frogs are common in our area and learn to identify them through sight and sound.

Saturday, 4/24; 9am - 2pm

Earth Day: A Party for the Planet, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Every day is Earth Day at Brookfield Zoo, but on this very special day we will be showcasing some of the steps you can take that will make a difference for animals across the globe! If you have been storing items in your basement and garage waiting for the perfect time and most Earth-friendly way to dispose of them, you can recycle them at Brookfield Zoo. The zoo will be collecting electronics, textiles, and used

books. For more details, visit the Chicago Zoological Society website.

Sunday, 4/25; 1:30pm**Plug into Nature: Introduction to iNaturalist, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Get prepared for the City Nature Challenge (an international citizen scientist project documenting nature in urban centers) by turning your phone on to iNaturalist; a free program used globally to discover and document wild plants and animals. We will use iNaturalist on an in-person walk to get users comfortable with the program in the field. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in-person or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Sunday, 4/25; 10:30am and 1:30pm**Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A walk to highlight the signs of spring. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-824-8360 to register. All ages.*

Sunday, 4/25; 12pm - 3pm**Celebrating Earth Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Create a cute native animal out of recycled materials, learn how to go greener in your cleaning, pick up supplies to clean-up a preserve or neighborhood park and/or start a native plant to take home for your garden in our Mini Earth Day Celebration. *Facemasks required.*

Friday, 4/30; 4pm**City Nature Challenge and Nature Journaling, Killdeer Wetlands, Tinley Park**

Join us to document Cook County's biodiversity in the City Nature Challenge. Hundreds of cities worldwide will compete to see who can make the most observations of urban flora and fauna, find the most species, and get the most people participating. We will use iNaturalist.org or the iNaturalist app to take photos that will be added to the challenge on www.chicagowilderness.org/page/citynaturechallenge. We will also be offering a chance to journal. Nature journaling improves observational skills and memory, connecting you to nature in a new way. For artists and non-artists alike, come join us to try this rewarding practice. *Registration required at citynaturechallenge2021.eventbrite.com. Facemasks required.*

Friday, 4/30; 6:30pm**Creative Reuse: Bird Feeders, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Kickstart the 2021 City Nature Challenge weekend with a sunset walk on our trails. We'll work together to find and document the nature around us to help study and protect it. More information can be found at citynaturechallenge.org. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in-person, or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Saturday, 5/11 through Monday, 9/6**Dinos Everywhere! Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are BIGGER and BADDER than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos Everywhere features acres of earth shakers, including the largest-argentinosauros-that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110

tons. Zoogoers will be able to search for these amazing life-like animatronics located throughout the park.

Saturday, 5/11 through Sunday, 5/30**Brookfield Zoo Spring Run, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's first-ever Virtual 5K Spring Run/Walk takes you outdoors to enjoy the warm weather and glorious colors of spring. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood, for example. Or if you enjoy competition, run the full 5K (3.1-miles) and compare your time with other runners. Each runner will receive a numbered bib and commemorative swag included with registration. *To register, visit the Chicago Zoological Society website.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0228. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[21-0006](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'20 4th Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: November 2020

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 21-0006. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0152](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'21 1st Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: February 2021

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 21-0152. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

[21-0207](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2020

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

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

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

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2020 include awarded contracts achieved 48% minority and women-owned businesses participation; and 47% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in seven (7) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to receive and file 21-0207. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

[21-0166](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE EXTENSION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 5 - Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprises of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as

follows:

1-8-5: - MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

1-8-5a: SUBDIVISION I-GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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T. Review and Sunset.

1. On or before the sunset date of this Ordinance [subdivision], the District shall review new evidence to determine whether it has a compelling interest in continuing narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
2. This Ordinance [subdivision] shall sunset on or before ~~December 31, 2022.~~ ~~June 30, 2021.~~ June 30, 2022.

1-8-5b: SUBDIVISION II-CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE.

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P. Program Review and Sunset.

1. The President and the Board of Commissioners shall receive—quarterly and annual reports from the CCA detailing the District's performance under the Program.
2. The President and the Board of Commissioners will review these reports, including the Annual Aspirational Goals and the District's progress towards meeting those Goals and eliminating discrimination in its contracting activities and marketplace.
3. Prior to the sunset date of this subdivision, the District will review the operation of the Program and the evidentiary basis for the Program in order to determine whether the District has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against PCEs in its construction marketplace, and the permissible scope of any narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against PCEs so that the District will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.
4. This subdivision shall sunset on or before ~~December 31, 2022.~~ ~~June 30, 2021.~~ June 30, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve as amended item 21-0166. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[21-0007](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to the Village of Crestwood (“Crestwood”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a trunk storm sewer and drainage basin in Rubio Woods near the southwest corner of 135th Street and Central Avenue as part of a larger flood control project with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The proposed stormwater infrastructure will replace an existing earthen berm of unknown origins that was placed on Forest Preserves land decades ago south of 135th Street behind the residential homes along South End Lane.

The trunk storm sewer and adjacent basin would occupy a license area of approximately 11,202 square feet (0.26 acres).

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$23,144.63

License Application Fee: \$500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,394.63 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Additional Benefits: As conditions of this license, Crestwood has also agreed to:

- (1) improve approximately 100,721 square feet (2.31 acres) of adjacent Forest Preserves land by removing an existing berm and restoring this land within 12 months after the trunk sewer is completed;
- (2) pay associated construction access permit fees in 2022 for berm removal and associated tree removal, estimated at \$31,887.08 for a 60-day construction period, and estimated at \$96,029.74 for removal of 21 trees;
- (3) pay construction access permit fees in 2021, estimated at \$7,224.31 for a 60-day period for staging of construction equipment and some berm removal on an estimated 21,273 square feet (0.49 acres) adjacent to the trunk sewer;
- (4) mow previously-mowed portions of Forest Preserves land on a specified parcel south of the

proposed trunk sewer on an annual basis until it is under active restoration management by the Forest Preserves;

- (5) survey the boundary and install markers at the property line with adjacent residential properties; and
- (6) provide advance notice and information to adjacent homeowners prior to future removal of the berm.

The area of the License is: estimated at 0.257 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 6

This License Request was no action taken

RECREATION COMMITTEE

[21-0202](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BIKE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 4 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 3 - Bicycles of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 3 - BICYCLES AND EBIKES

4-3-1: - OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND EBIKES.

A. Definitions:

1. "Bicycle" or "bicycle" means a device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels except scooters and similar devices. The definition of "Bicycle" or "bicycle" shall also encompass recumbent road bicycles and mobile elliptical trainers propelled by human power.
2. "Bicycle Trail" means a trail on which the General Superintendent allows bicycle riding as an exclusive or non-exclusive use of such trail, as indicated by sign or notice.
3. "Ebike" means, for purposes of this ordinance, a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, which is classified as either "Ebike-Class 1" or "Ebike-Class 2." An Ebike is not a "moped" or a "motor driven cycle" as such terms are defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-148.2 and 625 ILCS 5/1-145.001 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. For purposes of this ordinance, the term "Ebike" does not include a "Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle" which is a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.
4. "Ebike-Class 1" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
5. "Ebike-Class 2" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

B. General:

1. Persons may operate a bicycle or Ebike only on Bicycle Trails and must not operate a bicycle or Ebike on any other District property, unless authorized by the General Superintendent.
2. No person may operate an Ebike on single track trails unless authorized by the General Superintendent.
3. Persons operating bicycles and Ebikes must ride within the designated lane on the Bicycle Trail as indicated by signs or notice, or if no specific lane is designated, on the right-hand side of such Bicycle Trail.
4. No person may operate a bicycle or Ebike more than two (2) abreast or side by side on any area designated for bicycle use.
5. Persons operating a bicycle or Ebike shall walk or ride such bicycle or Ebike in single file when approaching or overtaking another bicyclist, pedestrian or equestrian.
6. No person may operate a bicycle or Ebike while carrying another person on the handlebars, frame or fender, or so ride on a bicycle or Ebike, except in a suitable seat attached to such bicycle or Ebike for such purpose.
7. No person may operate any bicycle or Ebike in any manner that endangers the safety of other persons or property, including, without limitation, other bicyclists and trail users, and

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- taking into consideration, without limitation, weather; Bicycle Trail conditions, surfaces, hills, curves, intersections; and other bicycle, Ebike, pedestrian, and/or equestrian traffic.
8. No person may operate any bicycle or Ebike in excess of a posted speed limit, or in the absence of a posted speed limit, at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) m.p.h.
 9. No person shall ride their bicycle or Ebike while it is attached to a moving vehicle.
 10. The operator of a bicycle or Ebike shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and equestrians on Bicycle Trails and follow all traffic rules, and shall walk their bicycle or Ebike in all areas where bicycle or Ebike riding is not specifically allowed by the General Superintendent, as indicated by sign or notice.
 11. The operator of a bicycle or Ebike shall give an audible warning, by horn, bell, voice or otherwise, when approaching any pedestrian from behind.
 12. No person may operate any Ebike-Class 3 or Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle.
 13. No person may operate any electrically powered scooter, unicycle, hoverboard or similar electrically powered recreational device.
 14. No person may operate any gas powered bicycle.
 15. This section does not prohibit any person with mobility impairment(s) from using an electronic personal assistive mobility device in accordance with District policy.
 16. Any person in violation of this Section 4-3-1(B) shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- C. Helmets: The District does not require but strongly recommends that no person shall operate a bicycle or Ebike on District property, particularly minor children age fourteen (14) and under, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. This recommendation also applies to a person in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or Ebike, or in a trailer towed by the bicycle or Ebike.
- ~~A. General: Persons may operate a bicycle only on paths, trails, roadways or other areas designated for bicycle use. Persons operating bicycles must ride on the right hand side of such path, trail, roadway or other area designated for bicycle use by the General Superintendent. Not more than two (2) bicycles shall be operated abreast or side by side. No person may operate a bicycle while carrying another person on the handlebars, frame or fender, or so ride on a bicycle, except in a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose. No person may operate a bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians. No person shall cling or attach himself/herself or his/her bicycle to any other moving vehicle. The operator of a bicycle shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians on walkways and to all vehicles on roadways, and shall walk his/her bicycle in all areas where riding is prohibited by the General Superintendent, as indicated by sign or notice. The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning, by horn, bell, voice or otherwise, when approaching any pedestrian from behind. Any violation of this Section 4-3-1.A. shall be fined not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.~~
- ~~D. B. Motorized Bicycles: Persons may not use or ride within the District any electric or electric assisted bicycle capable of exceeding a speed of fifteen (15) miles per hour. Any violation of this Section 4-3-1.B. shall be fined not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five~~

~~hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. This section is not intended to prohibit any person with mobility impairment(s) from using an electronic personal assistive mobility device.~~

~~E. C. Helmets:-~~

~~F. 1. No person age fourteen (14) or under shall operate a bicycle nor ride upon a bicycle on Cook County Forest Preserve property, bikeway, or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by either: The American National Standards Institute, the American Society for Testing, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, or the Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc., or standards subsequently established by those entities. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.~~

~~G. 2. A violation of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256, is an infraction punishable by the following: first violation will be a warning; second violation will be a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00); and each additional violation will be a fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). The parent or legal guardian having control or custody of an unemancipated minor age fourteen (14) or under whose conduct violates this Ordinance No. 15-0256 shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor age fourteen (14) or under for the amount of the fine imposed.~~

~~H. 3. Fines collected for a violation of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256 shall be deposited in a special account of the Cook County Forest Preserve District to be used for bicycle safety education and for assisting low income families in obtaining approved bicycle helmets for children under the age of fourteen (14) years.~~

~~I. 4. The Cook County Forest Preserve District shall create and implement a bicycle education safety program that at a minimum includes: Outreach to schools; development and distribution of an informational brochure; placement of safety information on the District's website; appropriate signage in Forest Preserves; and four (4) educational programs per year.~~

~~J. 5. The Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners has a desire to assure that all children have access to bicycle helmets regardless of their economic situations. To address this concern, the Forest Preserve District will develop a bicycle helmet rebate program in partnership with appropriate non profit groups for qualified, low income applicants. Proof of income, residency, and purchase must be provided. Eligibility for this program is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines.~~

~~K. 6. To support this rebate program, the District will establish a designated account that can accept charitable donations and look for private, corporate, and organizational partners that would be willing to make financial contributions to the program. Additionally, fines collected for violations of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256 can be used for the rebate program.~~

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect May 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 21-0202. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, that this meeting adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Anaya (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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