



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

**Swallow Cliff Pavilion Route 83 and Calumet Sag Rd. Palos Park, IL
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Consent Agenda

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 10:00 AM

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CONSENT CALENDAR[19-0353](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE BRAVE ACT OF A FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE, CHRISTOPHER CAMMON, AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE LIFE OF AN ENDANGERED MOTORIST**

WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 18, 2019 at around 3 am Christopher Cammon was waiting for a bus at the corner of 79th St and Jeffery Blvd in the South Shore neighborhood heading to work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cammon heard tires screeching, then witnessed a motorist crash into the light pole at the same intersection where he was standing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cammon quickly responded, in the midst of a dire emergency, as the vehicle burst into flames trapping the motorist inside; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cammon ran across the street and yelled for the help of others, as he proceeded to pull the injured driver out of the burning vehicle, and then drag the 24-year-old man across the street to safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cammon successfully assisted, the individual survived and was taken to a nearby hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cammon who was willing to risk his life to assist a stranger should be honored for stepping out of his comfort zone and going above, to save a life of another; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cammon deserves commendation for his courage, compassion, and heroism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, Board President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize and commend the exemplary efforts of Christopher Cammon and extend their sincerest appreciation for his gallant efforts and his immediate action on that day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and tendered to Christopher Cammon in recognition of his courage and his dedication to helping others in need.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING *FLORA OF THE CHICAGO REGION* FOR RECEIVING THE LITERATURE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN BOTANY AND FLORA FROM THE COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2019, *Flora of the Chicago Region*, authored by Gerould Wilhelm and Laura Rericha, with illustrations by Mary Marguerite Lowther and published by the Indiana Academy of Science, received the Award of Excellence in the category of Botany and Flora from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries' Annual Literature Awards; and

WHEREAS, this award program recognizes work that makes a significant contribution to the literature of botany or horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Gerould Wilhelm, Director of Research at the Conservation Research Institute and Laura Rericha, Wildlife Biologist at the Forest Preserves of Cook County, have dedicated over 100,000 hours over the last 15 years in research to produce the most complete record of vascular plants of the Chicago region; and

WHEREAS, the book breaks new ground by documenting the relationship between flora and fauna, describing the habitats in which plants and their ecological counterparts occur, and noting the impacts of climate change and consequent habitat degradation; and

WHEREAS, the book significantly adds to the current body of scientific knowledge in the areas of plant biogeography, phytosociology, morphology, taxonomy, physiology and reproduction as well as describes typical insect associates with each plant that either pollinate or otherwise interact with each plant's biology; and

WHEREAS, within the rapidly changing landscapes of the Chicago region, this book may be the last detailed look at native plant communities in their natural state with information critical not only for conserving these remnant landscapes, but also acting as the reference for rebuilding communities in altered landscapes; and

WHEREAS, *Flora of the Chicago Region* is one of the most comprehensive and important publications for vascular plants in the region, significantly adding to the current body of scientific knowledge and is being used by biologists, conservation agencies and organizations, and regulatory agencies throughout the region to better understand our region's plants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves thank and congratulate the authors, illustrator and publisher of *Flora of the Chicago Region* for receiving an Annual Literature Award from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to them as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.