

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

County Board Room, County Building

Board Meeting of

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 10:00 A.M.



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SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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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, Steele, and Tobolski (17)

Absent: None (0)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Rev. Allan Ragland of Third Baptist Church of Chicago gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. George Blakemore, concerned citizen
2. Lynn Richardson, Horse Promoters Inc.
3. Robert Wojick, Palos Hills Horsemen's Association
4. Pat Provenzano, concerned citizen
5. Sue Belpedio, Horse Promoters
6. Susan Collins, Palos Hills Horsemen's Association
7. Victor Guarino, Savanna Restoration Project
8. Victor Shotr, Greencorps Chicago
9. Curtis McKinney, City of Chicago Dept. Transportation
10. Willene Buffett, University of Illinois Extension

CONSENT CALENDAR**15-0631****Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVE FOUNDATION'S 2015 MAJOR SPONSORS AND HOST COMMITTEE OF THE ANNUAL CONSERVATION CUP GOLF BENEFIT**

WHEREAS, the 2015 Conservation Cup Host Committee was comprised of Mary Jo Herseth and Jackie Loewe, Chairs, and Marilyn Bush, Sean Patrick Durkin, Brian Dober, Tom Livingston, Josh Proctor, Mark Lester, Jered Weiland, and Claire Williams, members; and

WHEREAS, co-chairs Jackie Loewe and Mary Jo Herseth, co-chaired the Conservation Cup Host Committee, and have done so for three consecutive years, each time ensuring that the event would raise significant resources to support Forest Preserves of Cook County programs. Jackie Lowie, who also serves as a member of the Forest Preserve Foundation, and Mary Jo Herseth worked tirelessly to secure extensive event sponsorships and donations and have dedicated numerous volunteer hours in support of the Foundation's mission; and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the 2015 Conservation Cup Host Committee contributed significantly to efforts which raised \$168,000, which is the highest amount raised by this golf benefit since its inception in 2012. They accomplished this by building and strengthening relationships with private organizations throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the Conservation Cup support programs in the Forest Preserves of Cook County that engage and connect our citizens through nature education, exploration, restoration and recreation in a way that improves our communities' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, BMO Harris Bank, with the leadership of Mary Jo Herseth, has been a Title Sponsor of the event for three years; and

WHEREAS, CSX Transportation, with the leadership of Tom Livingston, has been a Title Sponsor of the event for three years, in addition to being a major donor for youth programming since 2013;

WHEREAS, The Pizzo Group, with the leadership of Jack Pizzo, has grown its high-level sponsorship of the event over four years; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the Conservation Cup tournament enhance the spirit and success of the event in addition to their financial support. In 2012, the winners were Cook County Commissioner Timothy Schneider and his guests, Casey Schneider, Josh Kopa and Dan Langland. The Pizzo Group won the tournament in 2013 and 2014, with golfers Jack Pizzo and Jake Hagelow both years, Tim Moritz and Nick Zaluzec in 2013, and Joe Pizzo and Seth Crackel in 2014. In 2015, MB Financial won the tournament with a foursome comprised of Sean Patrick Durkin, Robert K. Thompson, John Larson, and Bernie Carroll;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Toni Preckwinkle, President, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners and Arnold Randall, General Superintendent, do hereby thank and congratulate the 2015 Conservation Cup Host Committee, The Pizzo Group, BMO Harris Bank, CSX Transportation, MB Financial, for their combined contributions to the tremendous success of the Annual Conservation Cup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that twenty-seven copies of this resolution be sent to the Forest Preserve Foundation office for distribution to the individuals being honored.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0661

Sponsored by: TIOMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF FOUR COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE EMPLOYEES, ANDRES BADILLO, FRANK RAYMOND, JEFF SCHERER AND ALVIN JOSEPH FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE LIFE OF PAUL SCHNEIDER

WHEREAS, in the midst of dire emergency, a 911 emergency dispatch was called by Cook County Forest Preserve District employee Alvin Joseph, urging responders to immediately act; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Joseph waited for and directed the paramedics to the house of Helen Schneider, where Paul Schneider was visiting his mother when he lost consciousness; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of compassion, the other three Cook County Forest Preserve employees, Andres Badillo, Frank Raymond, Jeff Scherer immediately began performing CPR, forcing air into Paul’s lungs and performing chest compressions until the ambulance arrived; and

WHEREAS, these four gentlemen who were willing to get involved when an emergency arose during their work day, should be honored for going above and beyond their job requirements; and

WHEREAS, Andres Badillo, Frank Raymond, Jeff Scherer and Alvin Joseph deserve recognition for their compassion and prompt response, serving as a shining example and raising the bar of dedicated commitment to volunteer during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately their efforts were unsuccessful and they were unable to revive Paul, Commissioner Tim Schneider and his family will be forever grateful for their efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioners recognizes and commends the exemplary effort of Andres Badillo, Frank Raymond, Jeff Scherer and Alvin Joseph, and extends its sincerest appreciation for their gallant efforts and their immediate action on that day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be prepared and tendered over to Andres Badillo, Frank Raymond, Jeff Scherer and Alvin Joseph.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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PRESIDENT

15-0584

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Employee Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare revisions, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 covering various employees in the Maintenance and Resource Management Departments of the Forest Preserve Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) have been negotiated between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; and

WHEREAS, the general increases, wage adjustments and nominal signing bonuses that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the current health care plan that have been negotiated are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; and

WHEREAS, the proposed health plan revisions impact both plan designs and employee contributions and are recommended to be implemented effective December 1, 2015 with additional contributions taking effect in fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Preserves would like to provide similar retroactive and future salary increases, without adopting any of the other provisions referenced in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700, to its full time employees who earn comparable wages and are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement (“Comparable Non-Union Employees”), as well as similar future salary increases to employees who are Grade 23 or lower and are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement (“Mid-Tier Non-Union Employees”); and

WHEREAS, the Preserves would like to provide all full time employees who are Grade 24 and are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement (“Grade 24 Employees”) an increase in salary, based on the length of time they have served in their current position, effective the first pay period in January 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Preserves would like to provide all part-time employees who are classified as Resource Management Aids and Nature Center Attendants and are not entitled to receive health care benefits an increase in their hourly rate of compensation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing cost of living adjustments for the Comparable Non-Union Employees, Mid-Tier Non-Union Employees, and Grade 24 Employees (collectively, the “Total Non-Union Workforce”), it is further recommended that the health plan revisions implemented for the unionized workforce include the Total Non-Union Workforce; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised health plans continue to provide excellent benefits coverage at reasonable rates to participating employees; and

WHEREAS, these healthcare plan revisions are a necessary improvement with both positive financial and administrative impacts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves do hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and nominal signing bonuses negotiated between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700, as well as retroactive wage payments and salary increases for Comparable Non-Union Employees, who were duly appointed and are in active payroll status with the Preserves on the date of passage and approval of this Resolution as follows:

- (a) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2013 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.00%
- (b) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2014 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.50%
- (c) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2015 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (d) effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2016 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (e) effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2017 the pay rates for all classifications

shall be increased 2.25%

- (f) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2017 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%

Collectively, subparts “a”-“f” identified above shall be deemed the “Negotiated Salary Adjustment Schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Teamsters Local 700 members only, and not any members of the Total Non-Union Workforce, who retired from the Preserves after July 1, 2013 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2013 for hours worked in a union position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Preserves and Teamsters Local 700; but shall not be eligible to receive the nominal signing bonuses that this Board authorizes to be paid to active collective bargaining unit employees based on years of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Salary Schedule and Wage adjustments referenced in the Negotiated Salary Adjustment Schedule be provided to Mid-Tier Employees who are in active payroll status with the Preserves on the date this Resolution is approved with the exception that the Mid-Tier Non-Union Employees shall not be entitled to receive any retroactive wage payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the following cost of living adjustments be provided to Grade 24 Employees who are in active payroll status with the Preserves on the date this Resolution is approved as follows:

Section 1. All Grade 24 employees in their current position as of June 1, 2013 shall receive a non-compounded 6.5% cost of living increase, effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 2. All Grade 24 Employees in their current position on or after June 2, 2013 through June 1, 2014 shall receive a non-compounded 5.5% cost of living increase, effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 3. All Grade 24 Employees in their current position on or after June 2, 2014 through November 1, 2015 shall receive a non-compounded 4.0% cost of living increase, effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves do hereby resolve that all part-time employees who are classified as Resource Management Aid and Nature Center Attendant shall have their hourly rate of compensation increased to \$15.12/hour and \$14.00/hour, respectively, effective the first full pay period on or after December 1, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves do hereby approve the Preserves’ and Cook County’s healthcare plan to be revised along with any duly procured alternative health plans as follows for all employees who are members of Teamsters Local Union 700 and the Total Non-Union Workforce eligible to receive health benefits:

Cook County Benefit Overview

HMO(s)	Benefits Effective until 11/30/2015	Benefits Effective 12/1/2015
Classic Blue Option	In Effect	Eliminated

<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	Drug Copays do not accumulate to OOP	All Copays accumulate to OOP Max
<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	\$1,500 single / \$3,000 family	\$1,600 single / \$3,200 family
<i>Inpatient Facility</i>	\$100 copay per admit	\$100 copay per admit
<i>Preventive</i>	\$10 copay	\$0 copay (100% Covered)
<i>Other PCP / Urgent Care</i>	\$10 copay	\$15 copay
<i>Specialists</i>	\$10 copay	\$20 copay
<i>X-Ray / Diagnostic tests (performed in lab or hospital)</i>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
<i>Accident / illness</i>	\$10 copay	\$15 copay
<i>Emergency Room</i>	\$40 copay	\$75 copay

PPO	Benefits Effective until 11/30/2015	Benefits Effective 12/1/2015
<i>Deductible and Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	Copay and Deductibles do not accumulate to OOP Max	Copay and Deductibles do accumulate to OOP
<i>Annual Deductible</i>	\$125 / \$250 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network	\$350 / \$700 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network
<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	\$1,500/\$3,000 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network	\$1,600/\$3,200 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network
<i>Inpatient Facility</i>	90% In network / 60% Out of network	90% In network / 60% Out of network
<i>Preventive</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	\$0 copay (100% Covered)
<i>PCP</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>Specialists</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$35 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>X-Ray / Diagnostic tests (performed in lab or hospital)</i>	90% In network/60% Out of network	90% in network 60% Out of network

<i>Accident / Illness</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>Emergency Room – In / Out of Network</i>	\$40 copay	\$75 copay

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preserves’ Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preserves’ Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2015.



A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, that this Resolution be referred to the Labor 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0618

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ORGAN DONOR LEAVE POLICY

WHEREAS, in order to offset the incidental costs associated with donation and to protect employees from retaliation for taking a leave of absence to donate an organ, the Preserves should afford paid leave to employees who donate organs or bone marrow; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Office and Cook County have researched various organ donor leave policies and as a result, Cook County has developed, and the Preserves would like to adopt, an Organ Donor Leave Policy that will provide job-protected, paid leave for the purpose of organ or bone marrow donation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy would be available to all eligible employees (employed with the Preserves for at least twelve (12) months) who donate organs or donate bone marrow via surgical aspiration or non-surgical apheresis; and

WHEREAS, the risk of complications and death, as well as the burden to the donor in terms of recovery time, pain, and suffering is lowest for apheresis donation and greatest for organ donation; and

WHEREAS, an eligible employee who donates bone marrow via non-surgical apheresis would receive five (5) days of paid leave within a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, an eligible employee who donates bone marrow via surgical aspiration would receive fifteen (15) days of paid leave within a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, an eligible employee who donates an organ would receive thirty (30) days of paid donor leave within a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, the Preserves shall adopt and circulate the Organ Donor Leave Policy to all of the Preserves' departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County do hereby direct the Preserves' Director of Human Resources to implement an Organ Donor Leave Policy with an effective date of January 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the Preserves' departments receive a copy of the Organ Donor Leave Policy issued by the Director of Human Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the Preserves' departments shall work with the Director of Human Resources in order to implement the Organ Donor Leave Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0628

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Arnold L. Randall

Position: Annual Business Meeting Delegate (with Eileen Figel and Cathy Geraghty as Back-Up Delegates)

Department/Board/Commission: Illinois Association of Park Districts

Effective date: 1/30/2016

Expiration date: Until reappointed or successor is appointed

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Appointment be referred to the Rules 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

15-0596

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: Procurement Card Usage Audit of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Report Period: For the period February 2014 - February 2015

Summary: The purpose of the audit was to evaluate the effectiveness of internal controls over procurement card usage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be referred to the Audit 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0602

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Patson Inc., DBA TransChicago Truck Group, Elmhurst, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): 2016 4 X 2 Diesel Powered Cab/Chassis Truck with Platform Bodies and Log Grapples

Contract Value: \$200,032.00

Contract period: 1/14/2011 - 1/13/2016

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$200,032.00

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks, 26-6625

Contract Number(s): City of Chicago Contract #23824

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: This request is for the purchase of one (1) 4 x 2 Diesel-Powered Cab/Chassis Truck with Platform Bodies and Log Grapples for the Resource Management Department. This truck will be used for operational purposes relating to Forestry. The Forest Preserve District plans to use the City of Chicago contract number 23824.

The Vehicle Steering Committee approved this purchase request on 11/5/2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0603

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

Vendor: Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Rock salt and de-icing materials

Original Contract Period: 10/1/2011 - 9/30/2013 Board Authorized

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/17/2015 - 9/30/2016

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$284,000.00

Original Approval: 9/8/11, \$131,000.00

Previous Administrative Increase(s): 11/01/2013, \$13,000.00

Previous Board Extension(s) and Increase(s): 12/3/2013 Board Authorized, \$65,000.00; Extension from 10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014. 11/18/2014 Board Authorized, \$75,000.00 - Extension from 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015

Previous Administrative Extension(s): 10/1/2015 - 11/16/2015

This Increase Requested: \$100,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$50,000.00, FY 2016 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Chemical Supplies, 01-6330

Contract Number(s): 11-53-106CC

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: In a cooperative effort with Cook County and the City of Chicago, a contract was awarded through a joint cooperative competitive bidding process that was extended through 9/30/2016. We request to amend the District’s portion of the contract which was recently amended by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on 9/9/2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0605

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Program Management/Owner’s Representative Service for Capital Improvement Landscape/Civil Engineering Program

Original Contract Period: Three (3) years from effective date of signed Agreement. 12/5/2012 - 12/4/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: One (1) year extension from 12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$892,560.00

Original Approval: 12/5/2012, \$892,560.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: General Consulting Services Accounts, 52-6740, 54-6740 and 55-6740

Contract Number(s): 12-80-61

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: A one (1) year time extension is needed to continue oversight of construction projects that will not be fully completed until 2016. This is a time extension only and does not require any increase in the original contract authority.

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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0606

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: The pool of pre-qualified consultants is listed in the back-up

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to extend contract and to use pool for new design and construction management services totaling \$25,000.00 or less.

Good(s) or Service(s): Architectural and engineering services

Original Contract Period: 12/5/2012 - 12/4/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/5/2015 - 12/4/2016

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: 12/5/2012

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 12-80-59

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): Various

Summary: A pre-qualified pool of architectural and engineering design firms executed term agreements for an original term of three years that provided for design and construction management services for capital improvement projects. Because some capital projects will extend beyond December 2015, the contract date for architects and engineers needs to be extended to allow the same firms to continue with construction management through final project completion. In addition, the Preserves would like to use pool for new design and construction management services totaling \$25,000.00 or less, provided, however, any new services awarded shall not exceed \$150,000.00 for any one vendor in the pool.

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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0607**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT****Department(s):** Resource Management**Vendor:** Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute**Good(s) or Service(s):** Restoration at Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve**Contract Value:** \$1,120,838.00**Contract period:** Sixty (60) months from date of execution**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$1,120,838.00**Accounts:** Habitat Mitigation, 10-6750 and Habitat Restoration, 09-6750**Contract Number(s):** 15-31-112**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:** Contract #15-31-112 consists of the large-scale restoration of approximately 366 acres at Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve, providing targeted brush removal and control of invasive species in prioritized zones within the Nature Preserve and adjoining sites.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Preserves") assembled a review panel comprised of various Forest Preserve staff, which determined Homer Environmental, LLC, Inc.'s proposal to be the most responsible and responsive, with particular strengths in experience, proposed approach, cost, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Five (5) proposals were received.

The restoration work performed by this contract achieves progress towards the Preserves goal of restoring 30,000 acres by 2040, as mandated by the Next Century Conservation Plan in 2014. The Palos block, which includes Cranberry Slough, was identified by the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan as the number one priority for restoration in the Preserves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

15-0612

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Fox & Fox Architects, 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

Original Contract Period: 8/16/2013-8/15/2015, Board approved extension on 6/9/2015 from 8/16/2015 - 12/5/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/6/2015 - 12/4/2016

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$280,151.00

Original Approval: 7/16/2013, \$149,851.00

Previous Increase(s): (11/4/2013, \$8,000.00) (4/8/2014, \$55,300.00) (6/9/2015, \$67,000.00)

This Increase Requested: \$35,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$35,000.00

Accounts: General Consulting Services, 25-6740, 51-6740, 54-6740 and 55-6740

Contract Number(s): Task Order 13-80-01-7R1D

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): 9

Summary: The original contract (Task Order #13-80-01-7R1D) is for architectural and engineering design services and construction administration for an elevation addition to the District's General Headquarters and renovation of the Corner Pavilion in River Forest.

Additional services were previously approved to address internal space planning design work that has been identified as a result of staff relocations necessitated by the elevator addition, new hires and staff reorganization and to provide construction documents.

Additional services are now needed to perform construction administration and closeout activities for the internal renovation work.

Original Task Order (approved 7/16/2013)	\$149,851.00
Administrative Task Order Increase (executed 11/4/2013)	\$8,000.00
Task Order Increase (BA 4/8/2014)	\$55,300.00
Task Order Increase (BA 6/9/2015)	\$67,000.00
<u>Task Order Increase (requested)</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
Total Adjusted Amount (requested)	\$315,151.00

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

Present: Commissioner Daley (1)

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15-0613

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. (“WMI”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain one additional groundwater monitoring well along Doty Avenue at the Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve. The groundwater monitoring wells are required by the Illinois EPA to ensure that the groundwater quality is not affected by the nearby landfills. This additional well is part of a network to surround the existing landfill and will monitor a groundwater zone that is disconnected from the previously approved two wells along Doty Avenue.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$3,500.00

License Application Fee: \$1,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,500.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$8,000.00 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 80 Square Feet or 0.002 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met 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 Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this License Request 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0615

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

Vendor: Constellation Energy Services, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Delivery of Districtwide Electricity

Contract Value: \$675,000.00

Contract period: 11/20/2015 - 12/31/2018 with two (2) one (1) year renewal options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$225,000.00 FY 2017 \$225,000.00, FY 2018 \$225,000.00

Accounts: Electricity and Natural Gas, 01-6400

Contract Number(s): 1428-13749

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: Participating in Cook County’s contract with Constellation Energy Services, Inc. approved by the County Board on 4/29/2015 to supply and deliver electricity at designated locations. Request for Proposals procedures were followed in accordance with the Procurement code. Constellation Energy Services, Inc. was selected based on established criteria.

Constellation Energy shall also work with the Forest Preserve District and Cook County to lock in favorable rates for the supply and delivery of electricity and will provide monthly, consolidated reconciled bills to the both agencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0617

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: BCR Automotive Group LLC DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): One (1) 2016 Ford T350 Transit Fifteen Passenger Van and Four (4) 2016 Ford T350 Transit Cargo Vans

Contract Value: \$184,108.30

Contract period: 5/29/2015 - 05/29/2018

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$184,108.30

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks, 01-6625

Contract Number(s): C15FT101622748

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: Facilities and Fleet is requesting to purchase One (1) Fifteen Passenger 2016 Ford T350 Transit Van and Four (4) 2016 Ford T350 Transit Cargo Vans for the needs of the Facilities and Fleet Department.

The Facilities and Fleet Department will be a participant in the CTA contract C15FT101622748 to procure the five (5) vehicles. The Vehicle Steering Committee approved this purchase request on 11/5/2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0620

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Openlands, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Large-scale restoration services at Deer Grove West, to be funded through the O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account

Contract Value: No financial impact

Contract period: Sixty (60) months from notice to proceed

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 14

Summary: On 2/11/2015, the Board of Commissioners approved the development of a large-scale management and monitoring plan to facilitate restoration of valuable remnant wetland communities and the surrounding watershed at Deer Grove West.

The Project will be funded via the O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account (OMMA), which provides mitigation of off-site wetland impacts associated with the airport expansion under the O'Hare Modernization Program. Openlands, in conjunction with the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will act as the contracting agent and financial administrator for the project. The Project will be implemented at no cost to the Preserves.

The work plan will involve improving the ecological function of existing wetland and upland plant communities through removal of invasive species, canopy thinning to increase ambient light levels,

natural revegetation of the site with diverse native species, and hydrological restoration initiatives. Management practices proposed for implementation on the Project site are consistent with objectives for restoring and improving wetland function through wetland and surrounding watershed restoration. Restoration strategies on the Project site will work toward accomplishing goals for the conservation of existing vegetative and wildlife resources, including at least thirteen state-listed threatened or endangered plant and animal species which are documented at the site.

Situated in northwestern Cook County, Deer Grove was the first preserve acquired by the Forest Preserve District, beginning with 500 acres in 1916. The Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan determined Deer Grove West to be among the top five priorities for restoration in the District.

The project referenced in this board item advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0621

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”).

Reason: Prescribed burning is a key natural resource management tool utilized across the Preserves’ 69,000 acres to restore and maintain healthy regional ecosystems and combat threats to biodiversity posed by invasive species. The Forest Preserves of Cook County and The Nature Conservancy seek to enter into a Partnership Agreement to collaborate on wildland fire management activities on District holdings. The Preserves and TNC stand to mutually benefit from the experiences and interagency training opportunities provided by this partnership.

The Nature Conservancy is a leading non-profit environmental conservation agency which has been involved in regional and global conservation efforts since 1951.

This partnership advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

Contract period: Sixty (60) months from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Nature Conservancy is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Partnership Agreement 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0622

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: West Publishing Corporation, Eagan, Minnesota

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Legal research data, online continuing legal education, and updates to West Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated

Contract Value: \$71,964.34

Contract period: 10/1/2014, retroactively - 9/30/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY2014 -\$5,964.34, FY2015 - \$24,000, FY2016 - \$24,000, and FY2017-\$18,000

Accounts: Dues & Subscriptions, 01-6258; Legal & Court Fees, 11-6540

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): N/A

Summary: Attorneys and paralegals in the Preserves' Legal Department use West Publishing Corporation's Westlaw site for legal research and online legal education. Attorneys and paralegals have access to over 7,000 legal education courses with varied content. The Preserves' Legal Department receives a 50% discount on the West Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated, which are approximately 145 volumes. Westlaw was selected after receipt of quotes and product offerings by Westlaw and a competitor. Westlaw offered the most comprehensive and competitive package.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0629

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Permits, Concessions and Volunteer Resources

Vendor: Clarity Partners LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase this contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Consultant services to facilitate the enhancement of the electronic permitting system Activenet.

Original Contract Period: 8/13/2013 - 12/31/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2016-12/31/2016

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$150,000.00

Original Approval: Board Approval Date 8/13/2013, \$50,000.00

Previous Increase(s): Board Approval Date 2/18/2014, \$100,000.00

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$54,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$54,000.00

Accounts: Permit Contractual Services, 01-6250

Contract Number(s): 13-53-404A

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: This proposed contract extension and monetary increase is to provide website engineering for Construction Permits, Access Permits (Education, Research and Restoration), reporting functions and

any other build out the District deems as imperative to streamlining and improving operations within various District departments. These implemented build outs and reporting enhancements will allow the District to better monitor and audit online reservations along with providing additional permitting enhancements to District permit customers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0634

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: Harris Computer Systems, Libertyville, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Municipal and financial software upgrades

Original Contract Period: 7/11/2012 - 6/30/2013

Previous Contract Period Extension(s): 8/30/2013 - 9/30/2015 approved on 2/18/2014 and a sixty (60) day extension granted by the Purchasing Agent on 9/30/2015 from 10/1/2015 - 11/30/2015.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/1/2015 - 11/30/2017

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$170,000.00

Original Approval: 7/11/2012, \$100,000.00

Previous Increase(s): Purchasing Agent Administrative Increase on 4/29/2013, \$10,000.00. Board Approved Increase on 2/18/2014 for \$60,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$70,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$35,000.00 2017 \$35,000.00

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217

Contract Number(s): 13-20-2001

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: This contract provides for the software maintenance upgrade and implementation of the remaining necessary modules, training and licenses fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0636

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: Ask Reply, Inc. d/b/a B2GNow, Phoenix, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Diversity Management Monitoring System

Contract Value: \$71,575.00

Contract period: 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018 with two (2) one (1) year option renewals

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$23,858.33, FY 2017 \$23,858.33 and FY 2018 \$23,858.34

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217

Contract Number(s): 15-20-002

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: This contract is in participation with Cook County’s contract that was approved on 7/29/2015. This is a web-based solution that facilitates effective Minority Business Enterprise/Women’s Business Enterprise compliance monitoring on construction, goods and services and professional services contracts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0640

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Auditing and reporting services

Original Contract Period: 11/15/2012 - 11/14/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/17/2015 - 11/16/2017

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$177,900.00

Original Approval: 11/15/2012, \$177,900.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$132,760.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 \$65,400.00 FY 2017 \$67,360.00

Accounts: Annual Reports/Audit, 01-6215

Contract Number(s): 12-20-130

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: The Forest Preserve District is exercising the renewal option provided for in the original contract. This contract provides for auditing and reporting of government financial statement services for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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 Steele (16)

Present: Commissioner Tobolski (1)

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15-0646

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 9/1/2015 - 9/30/2015

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of September 2015. This 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 Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0651

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 - 6/30/2015

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0652

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

Report Period: 1/1/2015 - 6/30/2015

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0623

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 11/17/2015 - 12/15/2015

Tomorrow! Wednesday, 11/18; 4 - 6 pm

Archery 101, Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 5, 87th and Western, Chicago

Relax and refocus after school or work. Instruction provided for ages 10 and up. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. Call 312-533-5751 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Thursday, 11/19; 4 - 7 pm**Green Holiday DIY, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**

Learn to green up your holiday gifting, wrapping and decor. We'll have supplies on hand, but bring any items you'd like to transform into something new. This monthly series explores nature, art and more. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov.

Saturdays, 11/21 & 28 and Sundays, 11/22 & 29; 9 am - Noon**Ecological Restoration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Invasive shrubs threaten our native plant populations. Help protect the woodlands by helping us remove these invaders. Gloves and tools available for loan. Registration required. Call 708-868-0606.

Saturday, 11/21; 1:30 pm**Fall Constellation Mythology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Ever wonder what constellations are in the fall sky? Their names and mythology will be revealed through an informative discussion. Ages 10 & up. Limit 30.

Sunday, 11/22: 10 am - 3 pm**43rd Annual Settler's Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Check out costumed living-history demonstrators, hikes, crafts and an imaginary wagon train adventure! *Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.*

Sunday, 11/22; 1 pm**Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Sow the seeds of history in this hands-on program. Hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt recommended. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592.

Tuesday, 11/24; 5 - 7 pm**All About Fire, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Discover the benefits of fire and what it can do for our land. Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, and make your own fire. Marshmallows included!

Friday, 11/27 - Sunday, 1/3/16; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through 12/17 and 10:00 am - 7:00 pm from 12/18 - 1/3/16**Wonderland Express; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

More than 750,000 LED lights will illuminate the Garden in this family-friendly holiday tradition. Inside the Regenstein Center, enjoy a celebration of artistry, horticulture, engineering and imagination. Miniature trains pass by mini-replicas of beloved Chicago landmarks and sites, all hand-crafted from natural materials such as leaves, bark, and moss. Fee applies.

Friday, 11/27; 1 pm**Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike of our nearby trails. Register by 11/25. Call 708-366-6530.

Sunday, 11/29; 1:30 pm**Fall Changes, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Find out how plants and animals of our area adjust to the changing seasons and prepare for winter.

Thursday, 12/3; 5 - 8 pm**Stars, Stories and S'mores, Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening in the woods with a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

Saturday, 12/5; 1:30 pm

What's not to Like About Lichens? Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

We'll take a closer look at lichens as we take a late fall hike on our trails. Ages 13 & up.

Saturday, 12/5; 1 - 1:30 pm and 2:30 - 3:00 pm and Tuesday, 12/15; 11 am - Noon

Wonderland Express Landmark Lecture, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

New to Wonderland Express this year are lectures from Bonnie McDonald, the President and CEO of Landmarks Illinois, who will be providing historical insight on the replicas of Chicago landmarks found throughout Wonderland Express, and doing a visual comparison. The December 5 events will feature a shortened family lecture; a more thorough lecture for adult visitors will be presented on Tuesday, December 15.

Saturday, 12/5 & Sunday, 12/13; 1 pm

Cross-Country Ski Seminars, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn how cross-country ski equipment should fit. We'll cover skis, boots, poles and clothing - including classic, ski skating and telemark equipment - plus winter safety and what to expect from your first cross-country skiing experience.

Saturday, 12/5; 1 pm

Winter Birds at Your Feeder, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about the winter birds and discuss the foods, feeders and landscape elements to attract them. Adults only. Register by 12/4. Call 708-366-6530.

Sunday, 12/6; 11 am - 3 pm

Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate this joyous time of year in a simpler way with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting and popcorn popping in the open fire. Everyone is invited to make a craft to take home.

Sundays, 12/6 & 27; 1:30 pm

Holiday Hangers, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Stop by and make a bird feeder to take home and decorate your yard.

Sunday, 12/6; 2 pm

Lecture on the Lenhardt Library's Beatrix Potter exhibition, Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Marta McDowell, author of "Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life" presents this free talk on beloved children's author and naturalist Beatrix Potter.

Wednesday, 12/9; 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Winter GPS Hunt, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th & Western, Chicago

It can be difficult to find your way around a bare winter forest. Learn the benefits of a field GPS unit and how to use one. Then, test your new skills on a coordinate-based scavenger hunt.

Calling all outdoor adventurers: meet up for outdoor skill building, exploring, hiking, nature-based art making and more. Call 312-533-5751 to reserve your spot. All ages.

Friday, 12/11; 7 pm

Beginner’s Star and Galaxy Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

The moon’s location in the December sky makes this the best time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592.

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

Solstice Sunrise, 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 17, 2015

15-0656 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS regular meeting held on 10/6/2015

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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0657 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS special meeting held on 10/28/2015

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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

FINANCE COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 17, 2015

15-0650 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Litigation) 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0653 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Workers' Compensation) 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0635 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Chicago Commercial Construction

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0637 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Chicago Commercial Construction

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0638 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT AGAE Contractors Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0639 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (16)

Present: Daley (1)

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15-0641 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Plata Corporation

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0642 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Old Veteran Construction Inc.

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

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

Present: Arroyo (1)

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15-0643 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Cornerstone Contracting, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0654 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Path Construction Company

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0647 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT All Bry Construction Company

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0645 REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT Forest Preserve District of Cook County Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenses as of 9/30/2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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NEW ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this was 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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15-0664

Presented by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

REPORT

Department: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: 2015 Forest Preserve Permit Users Survey Summary Report

Report Period: 6/1/2015 - 10/4/2015

Summary:

2015 Forest Preserve Permit Users Survey Summary Report

I. Overall Information

Purpose

To conduct an informal survey of constituents using the Forest Preserves in the 13th District for picnics in order to measure user satisfaction and identify needed Forest Preserve improvements.

Survey Goal

The goal was to collect and summarize a wide range of data spanning the 2015 picnic season. Surveys were conducted with people holding permits from June 1, 2015 to October 4, 2015.

Target Audience

Oral surveys were administered to people with valid picnic permits for groves located in preserves in the 13th District.

Methods for Conducting Surveys

Surveys were conducted over the phone. More than 400 calls were initiated for surveys with most people declining or unavailable to participate, but most of those surveyed expressed a positive experience.

Surveys Completed

A total of 151 surveys were completed.

Surveys Completed	Location
5	Blue Star
43	Bunker Hill
12	Caldwell
4	Edgebrook
5	Erickson
7	Forest Glen
1	Forest Way
17	Harms
6	Irene Hernandez Woods
18	La Bagh Woods
7	Linne Grove
4	Matthew Bieszczat Community Room
3	Miami
1	Somme Woods
9	St. Paul Woods
1	Thaddeus Lechowicz
5	Turnbull
3	Wayside Grove

II. General Observations

Typical Users

The typical users are families hosting summer picnics, family reunions or birthday parties for children, as well as other family events such as baby showers throughout the summer. Next, most common users are churches, schools, day camps, sport groups, and other civic groups. There were some special events that were corporate events such as corporate challenge days that were held at forest preserves in the 13th district this summer.

Overall Conditions

The majority of the people who used the 13th District Forest Preserve reported that they had a positive experience and that they would return again next year. Some complimented the staff and the improvement of the facilities, while some said the cleanliness of the restrooms still needs to be improved.

Some users reported that they would like to see recycling bins and electricity in shelters in the future.

Grove Conditions

The overall grove conditions were rated as good. There were some complaints however about dirty and leaky shelters.

Picnic Tables

The visitors that used the Forest Preserve were pleased with the pavilions and the picnic tables. There were a couple complaints that they were not cleaned after the previous occupants.

Trash Cans

A number of visitors complained that there were not enough garbage cans available close to the picnic areas and that they had to use the dumpsters in the parking lot or drag them from other picnic areas.

Restrooms

A large number of users had an issue with the cleanliness and smell of the restrooms. There were also requests for more toilet paper and soap in the restrooms.

Parking

There were few problems with the amount of parking available, except for large groups. Very few reported that guests arrived by bicycle.

Water

There were no real issues about the lack of water because most brought their own water, but some reported that they would like to see water pumps working in the future.

Permit Application Process

The vast majority of users used the online process, while only a few went in person. Those who went in person did so because they had to apply for a special permit or they had trouble with the new system.

There were some issues with the online process. Some had trouble navigating around the website.

Additional Amenities

Guests were asked if they would like to see any additional amenities such as bicycle rentals, list of local convenient stores, charcoal for sale, bug spray, liquid hand sanitizer, electricity at shelters and recycling bins. Most commented favorably about having recycling bins and electricity at their shelter.

III. Specific Forest Preserves

Blue Star (5)

Two respondents noted that there were not enough garbage cans available. All respondents replied that they would return to this Forest Preserve again next year.

Bunker Hill (43)

Every respondent rated this Forest Preserve very highly, reported that the staff and workers were very friendly and helpful. However one guest complained that it was very difficult to get anyone on the phone. He suggested they staff be available via text or online chat. Several stated that the garbage cans were located too far from the picnic shelter.

Caldwell (12)

The respondents who visited Caldwell rated their experience as positive. One guest complained that women's restroom stalls didn't have doors. More garbage cans were needed.

Edgebrook (4)

The overall response from those that used this Forest Preserve was positive. One guest complained that the women's restroom stalls didn't have doors. All reported that they would all return again next year.

Erickson (5)

Overall the respondents had a positive experience with this Forest Preserve.

Forest Glen (7)

Guests had a positive experience with this Forest Preserve, would like to see more garbage cans.

Forest Way (1)

This Forest Preserve had only 5 applications for permit. The only survey obtained rated the preserve as good overall.

Harms (17)

This Forest Preserve was rated as good but several respondents requested more garbage cans.

Irene Hernandez Woods (6)

Concerns were expressed about the distance to garbage cans and the poor condition of the women's restroom.

La Bagh Woods (18)

The overall rating for this Forest Preserve was positive. As in last year's report there were problems with the restrooms with complaints that they were locked and/or out of order. One respondent reported that FPD staff came in and cleaned off the picnic tables that had been left a mess by previous guests.

Linne Grove (7)

Some responders reported that the restrooms were in terrible condition, one complained that there wasn't

any tp. There were also requests for garbage cans closer to the picnic area.

Matthew Bieszczat Community Room (4)

The response about this community room was very positive; there were no complaints about the facility. An American Legion group requested that the fees be lowered since they rent on a monthly basis and their resources are limited.

Miami Woods (3)

The overall response for this Forest Preserve was positive, there were no specific complaints and the users were satisfied with the facilities.

Somme Woods (1)

There was only one respondent that used Somme. The shelter was clean and in good condition, no specific issues.

St. Paul Woods (9)

In spite of repeated complaints that the site was dirty and filled with litter from previous parties, guests were satisfied with their overall experience. Several requests for more garbage cans closer to the site. One respondent that hosts for 2,000 people said that every year there is an issue with the water pump.

Thaddeus Lechowicz (1)

There were no major concerns about this Forest Preserve and the facilities were in good condition.

Turnbull (5)

This Forest Preserve was in good condition and the guest had a very positive experience.

Wayside Grove (3)

Respondents requested more garbage cans and also requested the water pump be repaired.

IV. Updates and Improvements

Many of the requests for updates and improvements are repeats from last year.

More garbage cans closer to the picnic areas were requested by several guests.

Restroom cleanliness continues to be an issue.

When asked about potential additional amenities many guests asked for recycle bins next to the garbage cans and electric power at the shelters.

There seemed to be more difficulty with the online permit application this year. One first time guest suggested pictures on the FPD website would make it easier to select a picnic grove. Another guest had difficulty finding a grove that was available on the date he was requesting, he suggested that the website show only the available sites for any given day.

Perhaps signage should explain why water pumps are out of commission. It appears to many guests that it is a maintenance issue.

This annual survey is conducted by telephone and it has been suggested that an online survey be offered automatically to all guests that make their reservations online thereby the FPD would receive a larger sampling of guest's experiences.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, 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, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this board meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Schneider, Sims, Silvestri, Suffredin, Steele and Tobolski (17)

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