



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building**

BOARD AGENDA

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 *Public Testimony*, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-7 *Consent Calendar*, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Resolutions for your consideration. Any Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

PRESIDENT**14-0308**

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**ADMINISTRATIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1-Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section I – Powers and Duties of Purchasing Agent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 1-8-2. Contracts and Purchases.

I. Powers and duties of Purchasing Agent: The District Purchasing Agent shall, pursuant to the terms, exceptions, or restrictions established by this Code and ~~subject to the control and supervision of the President and Board of Commissioners:~~

1. Purchase or contract for all supplies, materials and equipment, and contractual services required by any Office, department, institution or agency of the District subject to the provisions, restrictions and limitations of this Subsection;
2. Establish and enforce standard and non-standard specifications established in accordance with this Subsection which shall apply to all supplies, materials and equipment purchased for the use of any Office, department, institution or agency of the District;
3. Transfer to or between, and/or assign to the various Offices, departments, institutions or agencies of the District and the Forest Preserves Foundation (as an approved Donee), or otherwise ~~and~~ trade in and/or sell supplies, materials and equipment ~~which that~~ are surplus, obsolete, abandoned, or unusable;
4. Have charge of such other purchasing activities as the Board of Commissioners may assign from time to time;
5. Distribute or cause to be distributed to the various Offices, departments, institutions or agencies of the District all supplies, materials and equipment purchased by the Office of the Purchasing Agent;

- 6. Require all vendors to submit a notarized certification or affidavit of their compliance with all requirements imposed by this Subsection on forms promulgated by the Purchasing Agent, which shall include, but shall not be limited to: an affirmation that the vendor is a registered business in good standing with the State of Illinois and, in the case of a contractor operating under an assumed name, with the County Clerk, and an affirmation with respect to Section 1-8-2(U) of this Ordinance (Child Support), Section 1-8-2(D) of this Ordinance (Taxes and Fees) and that said vendor is in compliance with the District's Ethics Act including the provisions regarding receiving and soliciting gifts and favors as well as the limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials and an economic disclosure statement disclosing all persons or entities who have made lobbying contacts on behalf of the vendor with respect to the contract.

Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, no supplies, materials or equipment or contractual services shall be purchased or contracted for by any Elected Official, department, institution or agency of the District, or by any officer or employee thereof, but all such supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services shall be purchased or contracted for by such Purchasing Agent in accordance with this Subsection.

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

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0297

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Real Estate

Committee Date: 6/17/2014

14-0298

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Rules

Committee Date: 6/17/2014

14-0318

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Finance

Committee Date: 6/17/2014

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**14-0277****Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST****Department:** Planning and Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to People’s Gas, Light, and Coke Company (PGL), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 36-inch natural gas pipeline to replace two existing 24-inch diameter natural gas pipelines in a disturbed portion of Burnham Prairie. The new pipeline segment will enable PGL to run internal electronic inspection equipment through PGL’s line for regular inspection as mandated by Department of Transportation regulations. This pipeline will be the main source of natural gas serving Chicago. The pipeline will be installed by direction bore at a depth of 25 to 30 feet below the surface. No additional excavation or construction activity will take place on FPCC property. No trees will be impacted by this project. PGL has agreed to make an additional contribution of \$20,000.00 toward the FPCC’s land restoration activities.

Term: Ten (10) Years**License Fee:** \$3,400.00**License Application Fee:** \$1,000.00**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,800.00 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None**The area of the License is:** 0.030 Acre**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and 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

14-0278

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Department: Planning and Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Harts Road and the North Branch of the Chicago River for 0.02 acre or 741 square feet.

Reason: IDOT requests a temporary construction easement to access the North Branch of the Chicago River along the north side of Harts Road for a slope stabilization project. The slope stabilization is necessary to ensure the continued operation and safety of the Harts Road Bridge over the river. This remediation will stabilize the river bank and prevent further loss of soil, trees, and vegetation. The slope stabilization will decrease the sediment load in the river, thus reducing surface water degradation and stream siltation.

Slope stabilization utilizing a 12-inch tall stone slope mattress over 36-inch tall gabions is to be placed along the banks of the North Branch Chicago River. A synthetic geofilter fabric will be placed on the ground below the slope mattress and gabions.

The area for the temporary easement is 0.02 acres. IDOT indicates that 4 (four) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$1,500.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$1,814.12

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

District(s): 13

14-0285

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Department: Planning and Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor, to grant a License to The Village of Wheeling, Licensee (the “Village”), to locate, operate and maintain a storm sewer connection to an existing storm sewer outfall on Preserves property. The Village intends to extend the existing storm sewer outfall to the river, and re-grade and repair the existing eroded ditch area. The Village also plans to install rip-rap at the outfall to prevent future erosion of the bank at this location. In addition, the Village will provide an access easement to the Preserves to allow access to the narrow strip of Preserves property along the west bank of the river.

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$3,400.00

License Application Fee: \$500.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,300.00 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.028 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

The Village has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and related documents and has found them to be acceptable. Approval of the license request by the Board of Commissioners approval is recommended.

District(s): 14

14-0287

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Legal Department

Other Part(ies): County of Cook on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the County of Cook on behalf of Sheriff's Office for 911 services-solely for the purpose of extending the term of the IGA and clarifying the reimbursement amount due each year

Goods or Services: The parties desire to share 911 services

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2014, retroactively through 12/31/2014 with automatic renewal provisions.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$250,000.00

Accounts: Various Districtwide Corporate Accounts

Summary: This IGA is to memorialize the terms under which the Cook County Sheriff's office has agreed to provide and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has agreed to reimburse for costs (or portion thereof), of providing 911 services.

14-0295

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 4/1/2014 - 4/30/2014

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

14-0300

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into an agreement with Wisconsin Central Limited ("WC"), a subsidiary of Canadian National Railway, to construct and maintain a bicycle-pedestrian pass under WC tracks in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Reason: The Forest Preserve plans to connect three separate portions of the existing Thorn Creek Trail System and link the Thorn Creek Trail with the Old Plank Road Trail and the Burnham Greenway Trail. The project will add 4.75 miles of new trail to the existing system of 12.7 miles. This trail project was initially approved at the 1/10/2007 meeting of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners. Authorization to pay 20% of the cost of construction was approved on 11/12/2013.

To provide safe crossings and create a contiguous trail system, construction of trail improvements is required under an existing span beneath the railroad's existing bridge where the railroad crosses the Thorn Creek tributary at railroad milepost 24.25. The underpass has been designed to IDOT standards and has been approved for construction.

The Forest Preserve has filed a petition before the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") requesting permission to build the proposed underpass and it is anticipated that the Commission will grant approval subject to the terms of the proposed agreement between the Forest Preserves and the WC.

The proposed agreement includes a license fee of \$2,500.00 to be paid by the Preserves. In addition to the license fee, the proposed agreement includes provisions that could result in additional future costs to the Preserves that are unknown at this time. The Preserves will at its sole cost and expense be responsible for the maintenance of the proposed trail. The proposed agreement also requires the Preserves to indemnify the railroad for any liability resulting from the use of the trail on railroad property.

Contract period: Agreement effective until terminated.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,500.00

Account(s): Trail Accounts 25-6780, 51-6780, 52-6780, 54-6780 & 60-6780

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

District(s): 5 and 6

14-0307

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Department: Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to apply for grant

Purpose: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) proposes to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (the “IDNR”) to support the implementation of the Dan Ryan Woods Master Plan. The project proposes to develop a variety of outdoor recreation and environmental education features including a nature play area with accessible treehouse, new exercise stairs, an outdoor classroom, and walking paths. As part of the grant application process the IDNR requires execution of various documents by its controlling body demonstrating the Preserves commitment to completion of the project.

Grant Amount: \$1,062,500.00

Grant Period: 6/2015 - 6/2017

Fiscal Impact: The Preserves Match Amount -\$1,062,500.00 over a two (2) year period is contingent upon the future Forest Preserve District Board approval.

Accounts: Recreation Landscape, 25-6760, 60-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and future Construction and Development Account, 55-6760

Concurrences:

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

Summary: This project advances the goals of the Preserves’ Centennial Campaign Plan to expand the Preserves commitment to create welcoming experiences that invite users in and educate visitors about the incredible nature and many healthy outdoor recreation opportunities that the Preserves offer.

14-0290

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Forest Preserves of Cook County Events and Activities for 6/17 - 7/22/2014

Thursday, 6/19; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Cummings Square, 536 N. Harlem, River Forest

“Over the Hedge” Rated PG

A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food, by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating...and learns a lesson about family himself.

Friday, 6/20; check in at 7:15pm, program begins at 7:30 pm

Nightlife: Raptors, River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook

Join us on a summer’s night for a unique, nature-themed event, led by one of our naturalists. Visit with our resident birds of prey and learn about the unique characteristics that help them survive. Limited entries; registration required; please call 847-824-8360; \$2 per person.

Saturdays and Sundays, 6/21 - 10/12, 1:30 and 2:30 pm

Garden Chef Series, Chicago Botanic Garden

Accomplished chefs from Chicago and the suburbs visit the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden’s demonstration kitchen to offer their take on cooking with fresh, local produce.

Saturday, 6/21; 10 am - 3 pm

“Juneteenth” Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate freedom, family, and Country with our historical Underground Railroad program. Enjoy history displays, an interactive interpretive hike, traditional music, wild edibles, crafts and much more.

Every Sunday in June & July; 10 am

Yoga in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington

Experience an open approach to yoga by practicing outdoors with a Master Yoga Instructor. Classes pare yoga down to its original link with nature. Registration and release form required.

Mondays, 6/23, 7/28; 10 am - 2 pm

Monarch Mondays, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 West 111th Street, Lemont

Take an in-depth look at the Monarch butterfly. Learn about its life cycle, migration and how to conserve its habitat. Registration required.

Tuesdays, 6/24 – 8/26, 10 - 11 am

Tuesday Morning Music, Chicago Botanic Garden

Start your day on the right note with a performance of relaxing instrumental music.

Tuesday, 6/24; Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm. Concert runs from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Forest Jams, Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians.

Thursday, 6/26; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk**Films in the Forest, Caldwell Woods, 6350 W. Devon Ave, Chicago**

“The Princess Bride” Rated PG

A classic fairy tale with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess and yes, some kissing (as read by a kindly grandfather).

Forest Fun Van and University of Illinois Mobile Lab Series

Saturday, 6/28; 1 - 4 pm

Bunker Hill, Grove 4, 6639 W. Harts Rd, Niles

Saturday, 7/5; 1 - 4 pm

Schiller Woods West, Grove 6, 9228 Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park

Discover the wonders of the Forest Preserves! Take a hike, discover fun facts, explore, build and create! The Forest Fun Van and University of Illinois Mobile Lab bring outdoor fun and nature learning to picnic groves all over the county. Look for us on Saturdays at these locations:

Saturday, 7/5; 8 - 11 pm

Night Sky Programs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 S. 104th Avenue, Willow Springs

Peak at the universe through telescopes, guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

Tuesday, 7/8; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Eggers Woods, 11201 S. Avenue B, Chicago

“WALL-E” Rated G

In the distant future, a small waste collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

Saturday, 7/12; 10 am - 4 pm

Kids’ Fest, Wampum Lake, I-90/94 & Thornton-Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing

Enjoy fishing, hiking, canoeing, archery and other fun activities at this free outdoor extravaganza for kids of all ages. Presented in partnership with Fishin’ Buddies and the Youth Conservation Conference. Register online at fbkidsfest2014.eventbrite.com.

Saturday, 7/12; 1 pm

Walk with Dragons and Damsels, Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest

Dragonflies and damselflies are dipping and dashing in Trailside’s pond. Learn to identify them by color and behaviors. Bring binoculars; a limited amount of binoculars are available to lend.

Tuesday, 7/15; 6:30 pm pre activities; movie at dusk

Films in the Forest, Whealan Pool, 6200 W. Devon Ave, Chicago

“Epic” Rated PG

A teenager finds herself transported to a deep forest setting where a battle between the forces of good and evil is taking place. She bands together with a rag-tag group of characters in order to save their world-and ours.

Sunday, 7/20; 9 am - 5 pm

CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, 9800 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

The CAMBr Meltdown is Chicagoland’s premiere mountain biking event, with racing for all ages and abilities. Free for spectators.

Saturday and Sunday, 7/26 - 7/27; 11am - 4 pm**Herb Garden Weekend, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Season your weekend with displays, demonstrations, tours, and kids' activities about growing and using a variety of kitchen garden herbs. Vendors will be on-site selling herbal products.

New this summer!**Saturdays and Sundays, June, July & August**

It's even easier to visit Brookfield Zoo this summer! In partnership with Pace and Cook County, special bus service will be available between the zoo and various CTA "El" stations on Saturdays and Sundays this summer. The new Brookfield Zoo Express, routes 770, 771 and 772, will run Memorial Day through Labor Day. Visit pacebus.com for schedule information.

Summer hours at five of our six nature centers this summer, 6/1 through 8/31! Nature center buildings will be open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9 am - 4:30 pm. (closed Mondays) Nature center grounds will be open 8 am - 5 pm, daily. We've also added special EVENING hours on Thursdays! Buildings and grounds will be open until 8 pm. Sagawau Environmental Learning Center hours will remain the same: building 9 am - 4 pm, grounds 8 am - 4 pm.