

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

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

JERRY BUTLER
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JOHN P. DALEY
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EDWIN REYES
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER
PETER N. SILVESTRI
DEBORAH SIMS
ROBERT B. STEELE
LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON
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 Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Reyes (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks, ordained minister with the United Church of Christ, gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY**CONSENT CALENDAR****14-0222**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO'S MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION FALL 2013 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2014, Professor Pipal and several of his students submitted a completed Survey of selected historical resources located on property owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves"); and

WHEREAS, sites were determined, in collaboration with personnel from the Facilities & Fleet Department of the Preserves; and

WHEREAS, students were divided into four teams of three persons each; and

WHEREAS, teams were then assigned resources based on geographic proximity; and

WHEREAS, a customized survey data form was designed and utilized for information collection; and

WHEREAS, students visited each site, developed written descriptions of each resource and conducted additional research where readily available; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made as to each historic resource's level of integrity (how much it had been altered over time), its physical condition, its estimated age and available historic information; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Professor Pipal, and the survey team members Jackie DeThorne, Rebeca Fernandez, Jackie Kenyon, Natalia Kwiatkowska, Kelsey Lindquist, Megan Lydon, Erica Ruggiero, Natalia Sanchez Hernandez, Jeremy Spates, Brittany Walker, Erin Weevers and Lydia Woods (collectively, the "Survey Team") have provided valuable data to the Preserves; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent; Toni Preckwinkle, President; and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves hereby thank and congratulate Professor Pipal and the Survey Team members for their service in the Reconnaissance Level Survey of Historical Resources presented to the Preserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Professor Pipal and the Survey Team as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 17th day of June, 2014.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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14-0280

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARK R. THOMAS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. began his tenure as the Chief Financial Officer of the Forest Preserves of Cook County in September of 2011, and served under President Toni Preckwinkle and General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. brought a wealth of financial and operational expertise to the Preserves as an experienced professional, who served as Chief Administrative Officer, Chief of Staff, Budget Director, Deputy Budget Director, Acting Budget Director, Assistant Budget Director and Senior Budget & Policy Analyst for the Chicago Park District and also was a public servant for the City of Chicago and the City of Kalamazoo; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. was the Chief Financial Officer for the Preserves, and labored tirelessly in his work, always seeking ways to improve the financial processes; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. implemented a new financial reporting system and conducted Districtwide training; and

WHEREAS, under the tutelage of Mark R. Thomas, Jr., the Preserves received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for years 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. brought to fruition and closing a \$100 million bond deal; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. brought to his work a wealth of knowledge of both the budget and the Preserves' financial systems, including cross-departmental knowledge in areas including procurement policies and pension reform; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. always made himself available to address the Commissioners’ concerns while developing strong intergovernmental agreements with the County of Cook; and

WHEREAS, Mark R. Thomas, Jr. received degrees from the University of Chicago, Western Michigan University and University of Michigan, respectively; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mark R. Thomas received the loving support of his family which includes his wife, Kathi Sieden-Thomas, and his son, Jackson Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cook County benefitted greatly and will do so from his remaining legacy; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our profound gratitude to Mark R. Thomas, Jr. for his exemplary service to the people of Cook County, Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mark Thomas, as a token of our gratitude and acknowledgement of his service and his contributions to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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 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 trade in and/or sell supplies, materials and equipment 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Ordinance Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0297

Real Estate Committee Report

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

9:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Murphy asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

- 1. Rick Adler, Concerned Citizen**
- 2. Steve Knaus, Concerned Citizen**
- 3. Scott Vinson, Concerned Citizen**
- 4. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen**

14-0170

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Commissioner

A Resolution Opposing the United States Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Use of the Fullerton Woods and Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range for Stormwater Management

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“U.S. Army Corps”) issued an Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries of Illinois and Wisconsin (the “Report”);

WHEREAS, the Report sought to create a comprehensive plan for addressing flooding and stormwater along the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, the Report proposed a variety of remediation measures along the Des Plaines river, including the creation of a reservoir within the Aptakistic Creek watershed, in Lake County, Illinois, near the Village of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2013, the Village of Buffalo Grove passed a resolution opposing the siting of the reservoir at Aptakistic Creek; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps issued a “Documentation of Changes to the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment” (the “Documentation of Changes”) in response to the Village of Buffalo Grove’s resolution;

WHEREAS, the Documentation of Changes removed the proposal for a reservoir within the Aptakisic Creek watershed and proposed the creation of two reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County were never presented with and have not ruled upon the proposal within the Documentation of Changes;

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of the reservoirs is not supported as a land use under law and is against the mission and land use policies of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners convene a public hearing to discuss the proposed creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and/or his designee, report to the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners on the proposed reservoirs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will investigate the creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this Resolution be tendered to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Legislative History: 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners adopted as amended.
 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee
 4/8/14 FPD Real Estate Committee deferred

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this Resolution be recommended for deferral. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

14-0239

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 2-inch natural gas main to connect and extend an existing 2-inch gas main in the area. The installation will provide a loop in the system, which will assist in providing reliable and efficient gas service to the area, including the Preserves’ Police facility. The natural gas main extension will be located in the existing right of way of 31st Street in front of the Preserves’ Police Headquarters at 1 Aloha Lane.

Term: 10 years

License Fee: \$4,683.20

License Application Fee: \$1,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00 Total one-time upfront fee of \$9,083.20 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.069 Acre(s)

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

Forest Preserves’ staff have reviewed this license application and related documents, have found them to be acceptable, and recommends the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 16

Legislative History: 5/20/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this License Request be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

14-0240

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a backflow preventer on Preserves property. The device will be attached to an existing IDOT outfall located in the right of way along Dundee Road in the Deer Grove East Preserve. The installation is part of a project to reduce flooding in Palatine by redirecting overland flow to a proposed storm sewer on Palatine Park District property. The proposed project will reduce overland flow to the Preserves during larger rain events by redirecting the flow to the storm sewer on Palatine Park District property. The project will not increase flood heights on Preserves property and does not require compensatory storage. No trees will be impacted by the installation.

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 that otherwise would be paid, shall not be required by the Board of /commissioners for this License, considering the substantial benefit the proposed backflow preventer provides to the Forest Preserves as noted by Forest Preserve Staff. (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.005Acre(s)

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

Forest Preserves’ staff has reviewed this license application and related documents, have found them to be acceptable and recommends the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 14

Legislative History: 5/20/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin , seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this License Request be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

14-0241

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to the Village of Winnetka, Illinois, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 9-foot by 5-foot concrete box culvert under Tower Road to the Tower Road Lagoon (south of Tower Road, east of Forestway Drive). The new culvert will replace an existing 36-inch storm sewer at the same location, which severely restricts flow going into the pond. The installation will allow fuller utilization of the design capacity of the existing lagoon. As part of this project, the Village will stabilize the lagoon banks with 3:1 slopes, emergent plants and wet prairie plants, and restore the encroachment area with low profile grasses. A few low value trees impacted by this project will be replaced with new trees within the restoration area. The Village will manage the restoration area for 5 years to establish the new plantings. No increase in size or other changes to the lagoon are proposed.

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: 0.046 Acre(s)

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

Forest Preserves' staff has reviewed this license application and related documents, have found them to be acceptable and recommends the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 14

Legislative History: 5/20/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this License Request be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Goslin, Moore, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Reyes, (3)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File Id Number 14-0170	Recommended for Deferral
File Id Number 14-0239	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0240	Recommended for Approval As Amended
File Id Number 14-0241	Recommended for Approval

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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14-0298

Report of the Rules Committee

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

9:45 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri and Sims (6)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Steele (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Secretary announced that there were no public speakers.

14-0312

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 4/5/20/2104.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri and Sims (6)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Steele (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri and Sims (6)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Steele (3)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 14-0312Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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14-0318

Report of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

10:00 AM

Cook County Building, Board Room, Room 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Goslin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

- 1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0311

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Committee Date: May 20, 2014

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$197,202.44

Proposed Settlements to be Approved: \$24,367.41

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$289,658.98

Legal Fees for 5/20/2014 to be Approved: \$87,981.78

*For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 5/20/2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chairman Steele, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

14-0319

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Workers’ Compensation

Committee Date: June 17, 2014

Workers Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: (\$18,382.13)*

Workers’ Compensation Claims To Be Approved: \$11,718.70

*Lien Recovery

***For details on payment approvals by the Workers’ Compensation Subcommittee, refer to the Workers’ Compensation Subcommittee Report for 1/17/2014**

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

DISBURSEMENT

14-0301

Department(s): Resource Management

Action: Disbursement approval

Payee: Pizzo and Associates, Leland, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Habitat enhancement services

Fiscal Impact: \$164,034.95

Accounts: Capital Improvement Fund and Grant Accounts, 09-6750, 096755 and 10-6750

Contract Number(s): 13-31-116S and 13-31-116N

Summary: This contract provides for comprehensive habitat enhancement services throughout the Preserves.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

BID RECOMMENDATIONS

14-0245

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Facilities and Fleet

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with American Alternative Fuel LLC, West Coxsackie, New York

Reason: Contract 14-53-515-Rebid consists of propane conversions to Preserve vehicles and on-site training. The Facilities and Fleet department is installing concrete pads and bollards for propane fuel dispensers within the next sixty (60) days (Contract 14-53-107, 14-53-108, 14-53-109) across 11 Preserve sites to fuel twenty-six (25) new Ford Taurus Interceptors in addition to one (1) Ford F-150, all of which are being converted for use of propane fuel. The Preserves also currently have sixteen (16) propane mowers within its fleet and wants to include more vehicles/equipment to reduce the Preserves carbon footprint.

Bid Opening Date: Sealed bids were received, opened, and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 4/23/2014

Bid Results:

- 1. American Alternative Fuel, \$165,100.00
- 2. Wright Bros Auto Service Corporation and Bunge’s Tire & Auto, \$184,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$165,100.00

Contract Period: (Ninety) 90 days from Notice to Proceed

Account(s): Maintenance Outlays, 09-6300

District(s): Districtwide

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

Legislative History: 5/20/14 Finance Committee Deferred

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

14-0279

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Planning & Development

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter

into a contract with Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-02-15C1-R; involves repairs to 24 picnic shelters throughout the Preserves. The work includes, but is not limited to, replacement or patching of concrete ceiling panels and concrete floor slabs, roof repairs and replacements, removal and replacement of galvanized steel gravel stops along the roof edge, cleaning, priming, and painting of picnic shelter ceilings and metal/wood beams, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 5/9/2014

Bid Results:

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| 1. Old Veteran Construction Inc. | \$721,606.34 |
| 2. Tori Construction | \$956,366.58 |

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$721,606.34

Contract Period: 8/4/2014 to 12/30/2014

Account Name/Number: Recreation Landscape Accounts, 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, and 54-6760

District: Districtwide

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

14-0284

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Planning & Development

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Cornerstone Contracting Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-03-006-C is for the Camp Bullfrog/Maple Lake Development. The proposed project is the development of a new campground including, but not limited to, construction of camp sites, year-around cabins, small cabins, toilet/shower buildings, picnic shelters, office/camp store, and a new boat house at Maple Lake. The project also includes landscaping, development of roads and paths, site furnishings, utilities, site development, parking, signage and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 6/6/2014

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Recommended Deduct Alternate Bid</u>
1. Cornerstone Contracting, Inc.	\$7,984,000.00	\$7,957,000.00
2. All-Bry Construction	\$8,888,000.00	\$8,837,000.00
3. Wight Construction	\$8,990,000.00*	\$8,840,000.00
4. Old Veterans Construction	\$9,391,617.60	\$9,286,732.60
5. The Lombard Company	\$9,575,000.00	\$9,390,000.00

* Wight Construction’s bid was read into the record as \$8,995,000.00, but after further examination, Wight Construction made a mathematical error in their calculations. Their actual bid is \$8,990,000.00.

Base bid amounts included line item costs for standing seam metal roofing for all structures. The bid recommendation is to award the contract with deduct alternate #1-Furnish and install Asphalt Shingles in lieu of Standing Seam Metal Roof Panels at 2 toilet/shower Buildings, 2 bedroom cabins, small cabins, 3 shelters, store building and boathouse building.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$7,957,000.00

Contract Period: 350 days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Camp Accounts, 25-6730, 51-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730

District: 17

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Comptroller have approved this item.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

REVENUE REPORT

14-0283

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense

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

Summary: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense Report

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski, (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Moore and Reyes (3)

SECTION 2

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN

File Id Number 14-0311	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0319	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-301	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0245	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0279	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0284	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0283	Recommended for Receiving and Filing

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Easement Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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



A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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)

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: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri , Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Morphy, that this Miscellaneous Item of Business be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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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: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri , Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

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