

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

Board Meeting of

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 11:00 A.M.

Offsite - Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland, IL



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SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**Camp Shabbonna Woods, in the pavilion
15810 South Torrence Avenue
South Holland, IL 60473**

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 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, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Apostle William H. Fleshman, Pastor/Founder of Abundant Living Christian Center, 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.

1. Mark Armstrong
2. Tom Sheperd
3. Carrico Sanders

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

18-0222

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Elk Grove Village for the construction and maintenance of two trail connections from Arlington Heights Road to the Busse Woods Bicycle Trail in the Ned Brown Forest Preserve.

Goods or Services: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) operates and maintains the Busse Woods Bicycle Trail in Northwestern Cook County. The Village proposes to construct two (2) trail segments to connect residents and businesses east of Arlington Heights Road to the Busse Woods Bicycle Trail on the west side of Arlington Heights Road. The first connection is approximately 60 linear feet of paved trail from Arlington Heights Road at North West Point Boulevard and the second is approximately 650 linear feet from Arlington Heights Road at Oakton Avenue.

Elk Grove Village will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. There will be five (5) trees impacted as a result of the project, and Elk Grove will also be responsible for \$6,485.76 in tree mitigation fees. The IGA constitutes a license for Elk Grove Village to construct and maintain the trail. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be

waived, as is the typical practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after ten (10) years

License Fee: \$27,575.76 (waived)

License Application Fee: \$6,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,300.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$6,485.76

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 15

Summary: Elk Grove Village is requesting an Intergovernmental Agreement to construct two paved trail connections along the west side of Arlington Heights Road on Forest Preserve property. Elk Grove Village has funding for the design and construction of the trail segments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 18-0222. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0157

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: Ujamaa Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services at Skokie Resource Management garage in Glenview, Illinois

Original Contract Period: Two hundred ten (210) days (9/7/2017 - 4/6/2018); Administrative extension for sixty (60) days (4/7/2018 - 6/4/2018)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: One hundred twenty (120) days (6/5/2018 - 10/3/2018)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$187,073.00

Original Approval: 7/20/2017, \$187,073.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$30,852.21

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$30,852.21

Accounts: Building accounts: 51025.560106, 51026.560106, 51054.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, 51057.560106, 51058.560106 and 51009.560106

Contract Number(s): 16-80-38

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): 14

Summary: Additional time and funds are needed to comply with an unanticipated change in ComEd requirements for this project. All work has been completed, including the addition of heat and insulation to an existing maintenance garage; however, service lines have not yet been connected to a ComEd transformer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0157. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0201

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resource Conservation Service (“USDA NRCS”)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The Forest Preserves received grant funding from the USDA NRCS in support of habitat restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Eggers Woods in Chicago, and Powderhorn Prairie in Burnham. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Grant Amount: \$70,700.00

Grant Period: Date of execution - 5/31/2019

Fiscal Impact: \$70,050.00 match, plus \$650.00 in staff time

Accounts: EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456, 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, 51058.521455, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51058.521444, Mitigation Accounts: 51010.5131

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4 and 13

Summary: Building upon restoration efforts that have been previously invested in these sites, the Forest Preserves has been awarded a grant by the USDA NRCS via the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. These grant funds provide for the purchase and installation of native seed to cover 15 acres at Turnbull Woods, as well as 12.5 acres of invasive tree and brush removal in remnant wetlands at Powderhorn Prairie that will increase native species diversity and improve wildlife habitat. Additionally, 19.9 acres of tree thinning and invasive species removal will take place at Eggers Woods, preserving the native composition of remnant woodland and marsh units and improving light levels for ground-layer herbaceous species which are being shaded out by an overabundance of canopy cover.

Total project costs are \$141,400.00, with a 50/50 match contribution by each partner. This project leverages \$141,400.00 in combined grant and match funding previously contributed towards these project areas in partnership with the USDA NRCS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0201. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0234

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: dsi Associates, Inc., Burr Ridge, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase an existing professional services contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Project management/owner's representative services for various construction projects.

Original Contract Period: One (1) year (10/3/2016 - 10/2/2017); Board extension approved on 9/12/17 for one (1) year (10/3/2017 - 10/2/2018)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$60,000.00

Original Approval: 10/3/2016, \$60,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$18,288.98

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$18,288.98

Accounts: Professional Services accounts: 51054.520860, 51055.520860, 51056.520860, 51057.520860, 51058.520860 and 51009.520860

Contract Number(s): 16-80-30

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): 4 & 17

Summary: Additional funds are needed to perform project management/owner's representative services for construction projects that have been delayed. Delayed projects include new water filtration systems at Camp Bullfrog, Maple Lake Boat House, Swallow Cliff Pavilion and Camp Shabbona. An increase in consultant time is also needed due to supplement in-house project management due to some recent retirements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0234. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0235

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to utilize additional accounts for logoed apparel manufacturing services provided by Silk Screen Express as part of contract #17-31-110R. Additional accounts are being added to provide a more comprehensive funding pool, utilizing funds from multiple departments.

The contract was originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017. All other details of the contract remain unchanged.

Item Number: 17-0393

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact

Account(s): Apparel Accounts 51001.53010, 51001.560019, 51001.530130

District(s): Districtwide

Original Text of Item:
PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Vendor: Silk Screen Express, Inc., Tinley Park, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Apparel with logo

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, or \$125,000.00 over the five (5) year contract term

Contract period: Date of execution - 12/31/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 \$25,000.00, FY 2019 \$25,000.00, FY 2020 \$25,000.00, FY 2021 \$25,000.00, FY 2022 \$25,000.00

Accounts: 51001.53010, 51001.560019, 51001.530130

Contract Number(s): 17-31-110R

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Contract #17-31-110R consists of the manufacture and distribution of a variety of logoed, silkscreened and embroidered apparel for use by Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) staff. The specifications also include the development and maintenance of an online store to monitor stock, facilitate departmental ordering, and allow for current employees to purchase additional apparel. This contract will be managed by the General Office, and utilized by all Forest Preserve departments to consolidate and centralize districtwide apparel purchasing.

The Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the aforementioned services. The Preserves’ review panel determined the three (3) initial responses received to be economically disadvantageous and unresponsive to the contract specifications. As a result, the RFP was subsequently rebid in order to clarify the specifications and expand the list of qualified respondents. Silk Screen Express, Inc.’s proposal was determined to be responsible and responsive, with particular strengths in experience, proposed approach, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Silk Screen Express, Inc. was the sole respondent to the second bid posting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0235. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0236

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Trees “R” Us, Wauconda, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Tree removal at Somme Nature Preserve

Original Contract Period: 9/13/2016 - 10/31/2017, with an initial extension through 4/30/2018 which was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 6/6/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/1/2018, retroactive - 4/30/2019

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$21,285.00

Original Approval: 9/13/2016, \$21,285.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982, 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): 16-31-115

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 14

Summary: This is an amendment for an extension of time only. Contract #16-31-115 consists of approximately 7.6 acres of tree removal in accordance with the Forest Preserves' specifications at Somme Nature Preserve in Northbrook, Illinois. The project is being funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The contract was initially extended for six (6) months through 4/30/2018 to account for the work being postponed due to inadequate weather and ground conditions. The work is substantially complete, but ground conditions over the winter season continued to be suboptimal and a small portion of work remains. The Forest Preserves is requesting an additional twelve (12) month contract extension to perform the work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0236. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0238

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Robe, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction contract to make exterior repairs at McGinnis Field Station in Orland Park and Sagawau Farmhouse in Lemont.

Original Contract Period: Two hundred ten (210) days (8/31/2017 - 3/29/2018); Administrative extension for sixty (60) days (3/30/2018 - 5/28/2018)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Ninety (90) days (5/29/2018 - 8/27/2018)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$279,665.00

Original Approval: 7/20/2017, \$272,890.00

Previous Increase(s): Administrative increase, \$6,775.00

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 17-80-44

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: Additional time is needed to complete punch list items and project closeout activities. Work is now substantially complete and includes a new roof, windows, and siding removal and replacement at McGinnis Field Station and exterior wall removal and rebuilding at Sagawau Farmhouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0238. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0239

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Meru Corporation, Niles, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction contract to install new water service for Southwest Police Headquarters in Palos Park and for Schiller Woods Flush Toilet in Chicago, Illinois

Original Contract Period: Two hundred forty (240) days (7/21/2017 - 3/19/2018) Administrative extension for sixty (60) days (3/20/2018 - 5/19/2018)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Ninety (90) days (5/20/2018 - 8/18/2018)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$481,000.00

Original Approval: 3/9/2017, \$491,894.00

Previous Increase(s): 10,894.00

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 17-80-16

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): 9,17

Summary: Additional time is needed for final inspection of landscape restoration and closeout activities. Work is now complete and includes new water service for South Police Headquarters and Schiller Woods Flush Toilet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0239. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0243

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: Western Remac, Inc., Woodridge, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fabrication and installation of Gateway signs Districtwide

Original Contract Period: One hundred eighty (180) days (3/29/2017 - 9/29/2017); Board extension approved on 9/12/2017 for six (6) months (9/30/2017 - 3/30/2018); Administrative extension: sixty (60) days (3/31/2018 - 5/29/2018)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Six (6) month extension from (5/30/2018) - (11/29/2018)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$377,336.00

Original Approval: 3/9/2017, \$377,336.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Site Amenities: 51025.560060, 51026.560060, 51054.560060, 51055.560060, 51056.560060, 51057.560060, 51058.560060, 51009.560060 and Grant Account 51010.560060

Contract Number(s): 17-80-15

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): 4, 13, 14, 16 and 17

Summary: Additional time is needed to finalize content (text and artwork) for kiosk signs by other parties prior to fabrication of these signs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0243. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0245

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation & Experiential Programming

Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: \$75,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Community Trust Grant 51010.520830

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$75,000.00 through the remainder of 2018 to support educational and recreational program services with a variety of program

partners that could include, but are not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development, and cultural groups. These program partners would be engaged for periods of less than one (1) year and individual contract payments amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00.

The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves' Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based on community involvement, ability to provide the service, ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves, interest and ability to connect with the Forest Preserves' mission and vision, and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves.

The programming strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan of connecting more people with nature and making the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible.

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0245. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0242

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements

Report Period: 3/1/2018 - 3/31/2018

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of March 2018. The 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 Deer, to receive and filed 18-0242. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0244

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserve District of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2017

Report Period: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) began publishing annual diversity reports in 2014 making this information available to the public. This report is the Forest Preserves’ fourth annual report, and the first using the Contract Compliance Reporting System. This report details the Forest Preserves’ efforts ensuring minority and women-owned businesses have access to public contracting opportunities. The report includes contract dollars awarded and contract payments by the Forest Preserves as reported by vendors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 18-0244 to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0240

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 5/18/2018 - 6/5/2018

Summary: Friday, 5/18; 6pm - 8pm

Campfire Cooking Workshop; Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn how to make great tasting and easy meals over a fire using cast-iron and basic campfire cooking techniques. *Ages 14 & up. Registration required, email experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov.*

Friday, 5/18 - Sunday, 5/20; 10am - 4pm

Get Growing Weekend, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Get Growing weekend includes a plant sale featuring one-of-a-kind plants and unique containers, spring marketplace, demonstration, and talks.

Saturday, 5/19; 6am - noon

“The Big Sit” Birdwatching; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for a relaxed bird-watching experience. Stop by anytime to see how many birds we can spot or hear. *All ages.*

Saturday, 5/19; 6am - noon

Big Sit; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us and help record all of the birds seen or heard from a 17-foot circle. *No registration required.*

Saturday, 5/19; 1:30pm

Frog Frenzy!; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Come prepared to wade in the pond and dip one of our nets. Will you find a tadpole, adult bullfrog, or something that will surprise you? Forest Preserves staff to watch as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle.

Saturday, 5/19; 11am - 3pm

Nature Block Party: Biodiversity Celebration; Eggers Grove, Chicago

Discover the flora and fauna of the Calumet region and our urban forest preserves. Join us for restoration, nature walks, games, biking and more. *All ages. Limited number of bikes. Registration required for groups over 20.*

Sunday, 5/20; Race starts at 8am

Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon; Dam #2 Woods, Mount Prospect

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in

Libertyville and ends at Dam #2 in Mount Prospect. Free for spectators. Race starts at 8am, activities at Dam #2 start at 11am. To register, visit canoemarathon.com.

Sunday, 5/20; 1 pm

Botanical Beverages; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Did you know some common medications and popular teas come from native wildflowers? Explore the medicinal purposes of these plants and make your own unique tea.

Sunday, 5/20; 1:30pm

Birds of Prey Series: Owls; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about the unique characteristics that help our native birds of prey survive. Live raptors will be on display.

Tuesday, 5/22; 5:30 - 7pm

Camping 101: For Outdoor Youth Organizations; Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Master the basics of camping during these free, hands-on workshops for camping skills and teamwork. Learn the basics of tent set-up, campfire building, proper dress, camping etiquette, and more. Registration and adult supervision required; space limited. *Register at experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov.*

Wednesday, 5/23; 10am - 2pm

Nature is Accessible!; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Visitors of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities. *No registration required.*

Thursday, 5/24; 6pm

Kayak 101; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Enjoy learning the basics of kayaking and practice paddling on our pond at Trailside. All equipment provided. *Ages 8 & up.*

Saturday, 5/26; 10am

The Sun, Our Nearest Star; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

View the sun through a filtered telescope with our staff astronomer and learn amazing facts about our nearest star. A slide program will be presented in case of poor weather. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 5/26; season opening

Butterflies & Blooms, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Immerse yourself in a garden habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies. The popular, family-friendly destination returns to the Regenstein Learning Campus. Fee applies.

Saturday, 5/26; season opening

Garden Chef Series, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Learn from top area chefs how to use seasonal, garden-fresh produce in creative ways. Seating is first

come, first served for the free demonstrations on Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden's open-air amphitheater.

Saturday, 5/26-Monday 09/03

Zoo Express PACE Bus

Four routes provide summer weekend express bus service to Brookfield Zoo-Route 770 CTA Green Line Harlem Station via CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center - Brookfield Zoo; Route 771 CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station - Brookfield Zoo; Route 772 CTA Red Line 95th/Dan Ryan Station - Brookfield Zoo; Route 778 Northwest Chicago - Brookfield Zoo (one Saturday each month June - August) - Fare is \$2.00 with a Ventra Card or \$2.25 without.

Sunday, 5/27; 1pm Bird Walks

Pollinator Super Powers; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

If you enjoy things like coffee, tea or even chocolate covered strawberries, then you owe it to pollinators. Join us in learning all about super pollinators.

Sunday, 5/27; 1pm

Tallgrass Prairie Hike; Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a hike around the Blenz Prairie. See what is blooming and how the prairie is responding to restoration efforts.

Sunday & Monday, 5/27 - 5/28; 1:30pm

Creature Feature; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Stop in and say hello to one of the animals found in our forest preserves.

Thursday, 5/31; Noon - 2pm

Adult Archery and Nature Hike; Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Adults are invited to stay active and try their hand at a new or old pastime. Enjoy a brief nature hike on the trails while you wait for your next turn. *Ages 18 & up. Groups of 10 or more, registration required.*
708-386-4042

Saturday, 6/2; 9:30am - 2:30pm

Little Calumet River Day; Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

Sharpen your canoe and kayak skills while helping clean one of Chicagoland's main waterways. *All ages. Register by emailing lbarghusen@openlands.org*

Saturday, 6/2; 10am

Shinrin-Yoku; Forest Bath; Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Explore the many benefits of forest bathing before immersing ourselves among the trees and awakening our senses to the sights, smells and sounds of nature. *Ages 18 & up. Registration required.*

Sunday, 6/3; 1pm

Sagawau Science: Spotting Bees in the Field; Sagawau ELC, Lemont

Help conserve bumblebees and honey bees by taking pictures of them. Sagawau staff will help you

submit them to Bee Spotter.

Sunday, 6/3; 9:00am - noon

Commissioner Schneider's Fishing Derby; Busse Woods/Lake, Grove 25, Elk Grove

Bring your friends, family and fishing gear and try to catch the largest, smallest or squirmiest fish. To register, call 847-640-1632 or email tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov and provide a name, address, email, phone number and number attending. *All Ages.*

Sunday, 6/3; Noon - 4pm

Explore the Forest, 100 Years and Growing; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Climb a tree, touch a truck, try archery, meet a critter, get a bike check-over and more. See the many ways to enjoy your Forest Preserves.

Monday, 6/4; 9:30 - 11:30am

Family Nature Play Day; Skokie Lagoons, Erickson Woods, Winnetka

Kick-off the summer with nature activities, pop-up nature play area, story time, and loose parts play for all ages! This event is in partnership with The Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood, Back Yard Nature Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Lincoln Park Zoo, North Suburban Special Education District, and Winnetka Public Library. Nature play activities 9:30-11am; Story time 11-11:30am. *Group registration required.*

Tuesday, 6/5; 5:30 - 7pm

Camping 101 for Outdoor Youth Organizations; Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Master the basics of camping during these free, hands-on workshops for camping skills and teamwork. Learn the basics of tent set-up, campfire building, proper dress, camping etiquette, and more. Registration and adult supervision required; space limited. *Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov.*

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, 6/12, 10 am to 2 pm

Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago

The Forest Preserves comes downtown and takes over Daley Plaza with birds of prey, reptiles and information and prizes from many of our partners. This year a Forest Jam Band will perform along with young poets who have created poetry about nature and the preserves for a special 1 pm performance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to receive and filed 18-0240. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5/17/2018

18-0252

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 4/24/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 18-0252. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5/17/2018

18-0246

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 4/24/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0246. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0247

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 5/15/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0247. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0250

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 5/15/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0250. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

18-0241

REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2018 – 3/31/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 18-0241. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner GREGG GOSLIN, seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that this was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Garcia (2)