

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

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 10:00 A.M.**



**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT**

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ROBERT B. STEELE  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
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**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**PRESIDENT**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Albert D Tyson III, most recently of Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church 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. June Webb, Centennial Volunteer
2. Doug Chin, Centennial Volunteer
3. George Blakemore, concerned citizens
4. Jeff Skrentny, volunteer

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar items for the February 9, 2015 Board Meeting.

**PRESIDENT**

**16-0090**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

**Section 1.** That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2016.”

**Section 2.** That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2016 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

**Section 3.** That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2016 at its meeting held December 15, 2015, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

**Section 4.** That the sum of Ninety- Million, Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$90,020,500), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2016 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held December 15, 2015 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2016 being

composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois**

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE  
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF  
ALL FUNDS**

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

	Amount of	Payable from	Payable from
	Appropriation	the Tax Levy	Sources Other
			Than Tax Levy
Corporate	65,651,980	49,081,783	16,570,197
Self-Insurance	3,000,000	0	3,000,000
Const. & Development	3,910,000	4,000,000	(90,000)
Bond & interest	16,108,472	12,111,222	3,997,250
Bond & interest Abatement	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	0
Empl. Annuity & Benefit	3,438,713	3,094,498	344,215
Zoological	65,948,358	14,884,927	51,063,431
Botanic Garden	34,361,429	9,348,070	25,013,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,918,952</b>	<b>90,020,500</b>	<b>99,898,452</b>

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect upon passage.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be referred to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**16-0071**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**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 Cicero Avenue (IL Rte 50) at Midlothian Creek in the Midlothian Meadows Preserve for 0.05 Acres or 2,059 square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT proposes to replace the existing 60-80 year old culverts that convey Midlothian Creek under Cicero Avenue with a new concrete structure. The temporary easement is needed for grading to

align the existing stream bank with the new structure. The proposed stream bank grading will reduce the existing stream bank erosion along the south bank of the creek, on the Preserves' land.

No permanent structures are proposed to be built on District land.

The area for the temporary easement is 0.05 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$8,200.00

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 5

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0073**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into Interagency Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension and make quarterly payments on contract.

**Goods or Services:** Environmental education and outreach services

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2016, retroactively, - 12/31/2016

**Fiscal Impact:** \$280,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate Fund Districtwide Services, 01-6919

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The University of Illinois Extension ("Extension") will provide educational and public outreach programs, thus significantly expanding educational opportunities for youth and adult populations within Cook County. Extension will also provide professional training workshops for Forest Preserve staff

and assist in growing the number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners that volunteer with the Preserves. The Forest Preserve Conservation & Experiential Programming staff will work with Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities. The University of Illinois Extension will also work with Preserve staff to create on specific projects related to the Next Century Conservation Plan as outlined in their Scope of Work. Payments will be made quarterly based on UIE invoice and work completed.

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0079**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for Life safety and ADA improvements at the Preserves Deer Grove Maintenance Division Sub-Headquarters, Crabtree Nature Center, North Police Headquarters, Northwest Resource Management Headquarters and replacement of the roof at Highland Woods Golf Course

**Original Contract Period:** 6/20/2014 - 3/20/2015, Administrative extension (3/21/2015 - 5/21/2015) and Board approved extension on 7/21/2015 (5/22/2015 - 2/22/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty (180) days (2/23/2016 - 8/20/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$999,839.00

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, \$999,839.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01 G3R3

**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 and 15

**Summary:** This extension is for time only. The contractor has substantially completed all the work and all locations are fully operational. Items remaining for contract completion include approval of fire alarm systems from local fire prevention bureaus, final acceptance from permitting agency and submission of close-out documents.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0083**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves (“FOTFP”), Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** FOTFP, in partnership with Friends of the Chicago River, the Chicago Ornithological Society, the Field Museum and the North Branch Restoration Project, has received a grant from the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund in the amount of \$270,000.00 to support the recruitment and coordination of the Centennial Network. The result of this initiative will be the engagement of a network of more than 6,000 volunteers dedicated to restoring 267 acres of habitat in the Chicago and the Calumet river basins at Beaubien Woods, River Oaks Woods, Clayton Smith Woods, and Forest Glen Woods, as well as at the following sites which were part of Phase I of the Centennial Volunteers project: Somme Woods East, Blue Star Memorial Woods, LaBagh Woods East, Whistler Woods, and Kickapoo Woods.

This project will significantly expand volunteer opportunities, broaden support for habitat restoration, and increase the number of conservation stewards in the region. The Preserves desires to assist in the completion of this project by providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 in cash, which represents a 10% match in the cost of the project, and additional in-kind services.

**Contract period:** 1/15/2016, retroactively, - 12/15/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** \$100,000.00

**Account(s):** Other Professional Services, 01-6127

**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 Steele, that this Partnership Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0086**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** AGAE Contractors, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services for Life safety, ADA and locker room improvements at the Preserves' Thorn Creek Maintenance Headquarters, Calumet Maintenance Headquarters, Tinley Creek Maintenance Headquarters, Tinley Creek Canine Headquarters, Tinley Creek Resource Management Headquarters and roof replacement at River Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse.

**Original Contract Period:** 6/20/2014 - 3/17/2015, Administrative extension (3/18/2015 - 5/17/2015), Board approved extensions on 5/19/2015 for (5/18/2015 - 8/1/2015) and on 10/6/2015 for (8/2/2015 - 1/29/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty (180) days (1/30/2016 - 7/27/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$ 738,907.05

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, \$669,915.50

**Previous Increase(s):** 5/19/2015, \$68,991.55

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01 G4R1

**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, 6 and 11

**Summary:** An extension is required due to the amount of time it has taken to obtain final approval of the fire alarm system from the local fire prevention district. This extension is for time only. The contractor has substantially completed all construction work. Final approval from the local building authority and contract close out activities are outstanding.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0087**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** All-Bry Construction Company, Burr Ridge, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for a new warming shelter building and site improvements at the Swallow Cliff Woods Stairs. The project includes a multi-use space, a concession area, a small office, flush toilets, patio area, utilities and improvements to the overlook area located at the top of the hill.

**Original Contract Period:** 9/23/2014 - 7/20/2015, Administrative extension (7/21/2015 - 9/18/2015)  
Board approved extension on 10/6/2015 for (9/19/2015 - 3/16/2016)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** One hundred eighty (180) days (3/16/2016 - 9/13/2016)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,782,836.96

**Original Approval:** 7/22/2014, \$1,564,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 1/12/2016, \$218,836.96

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01 G7R2

**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:** An extension is required for the contractor to complete paperwork required for LEED certification and a solar panel grant reimbursement. This extension is for time only. The contractor has substantially completed all construction aspects of the building. Addressing punch list items and closing out the project are all that remain.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0088**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves (“FOTFP”), Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** FOTFP has received a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Coastal Management Program in the amount of \$28,413.78 to support the restoration of sand prairie and sand savanna communities at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve. This project will restore 5-acres at Powderhorn Prairie by removing invasive trees that have impacted the natural structure of the site, and managing invasive plants. The Preserves desires to partner with the FOTFP to assist in completing this project by providing up to \$20,000 in in-kind serves or a direct cash contribution.

**Contract period:** 2/9/2016 - 4/30/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** Up to \$20,000.00 of in-kind services or via direct cash contribution

**Account(s):** 09-6757 Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

16-0091

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Vendor:** Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc., Morton Grove, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

**Reason:** The selected vendor, Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc., was deemed the most responsive and responsible of two (2) respondents to operate the Preserves’ equestrian facility in Morton Grove, which includes offering horse boarding, riding lessons, and other equestrian services to the public. Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc. has operated the stable since 1995 and presented the strongest financial package and management plan for the coming term. An independent third-party evaluation conducted in December provided a positive assessment of the horseback riding instruction program, working staff, record keeping system, horse management, stable maintenance, and other aspects of the business operations.

Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc. has agreed to pay the Preserves the following annual fee per year in addition to 5% of gross lesson and gift shop sales:

Year 1: \$168,000.00

Year 2: \$168,000.00

Year 3: \$168,000.00

Year 4: \$180,000.00

**Contract period:** 48 months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue Generating, \$684,000.00 + 5% of gross lesson and gift shop sales

**Account(s):** N/A (No Fiscal Impact)

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 13

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0082**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 12/1/2015 -12/31/2015

**Summary:** Submitting the procurements and disbursements report for the period of December 2015. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the Districts Code of Ordinances.

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0101**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

**Summary:** Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report. FPDC Actual Expenditure Report (Rpt B. FDCC Commitments Report (Rpt A))

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0102**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Bond Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 12/31/2012 - 12/31/2015

**Summary:** Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Bond Expenditure Report. Zoo Actual Payment Report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0093**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:**

**FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY CALENDAR - 2/12/2016 - 3/20/2016**

**Through Monday, 3/7; Open daily, 9 am - 4 pm**

**Cross-Country Ski Trails, Sagawau Nordic, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit. All skiers must obtain a free trail pass.

Rentals available until 2 pm. Rental equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental Rates:

Individual-\$15; Senior-\$10; Family-\$40. Must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by parent or guardian to rent skis. Equipment is for use at Sagawau only.

**Saturdays and Sundays, through 3/6; 9:30 am**

**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn to ski with a professional instructor. Lessons cover the basic skills of flatland skiing and getting up and down easy hills. Ages 12 & up. First come, first served. Limit 12. Reservations not accepted. Please arrive by 9 am for registration and equipment fitting. \$20/person.

**Friday, 2/12; 7 pm**

**Love is in the Air, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Romance is in the air for all kinds of animals. Learn more, then go for a night hike on snowshoes (conditions permitting) and enjoy cocoa by the fire. Adults only. Registration required.

**Saturday, 2/13; 9 am - 3 pm**

**Birch Leggings and the Birkie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring out your wooden skis and wool knickers. Learn the history of the Birkebeiner Ski Race and how it became the greatest ski race.

**Saturday, 2/13; 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Sweetheart Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Sweethearts are invited to enjoy the nature center at their leisure. Hike a short trail, roast marshmallows, then warm up inside with refreshments. Ages 21 & up. Register by 2/11. Limit 40. \$10 per couple.

**Saturday - Sunday, 2/13 and 2/14; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Darwin Celebration Days, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Celebrate Charles Darwin's birthday! Join us as we explore adaptation, fitness, selection and survival through activities and displays. Drop-in program for adults and families.

**Saturday, 2/13 and 2/27; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Snowshoe Trekking, Camp Bullfrog Lake, 9600 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs**

There's no better way to experience the preserves in the winter than by snowshoe. Come on out and try our snowshoes (conditions permitting) for free. Open to the public. No registration required. Check [facebook.com/campincook](https://www.facebook.com/campincook) for snow conditions & updates. Snow conditions at each campground will be updated by 9 am on these Saturdays.

**Saturday, 2/13 through Sunday, 3/13; 10 am - 4 pm**

**The Orchid Show; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

More than 10,000 blooming orchids from around the world will be found climbing up columns, hanging from virtually every surface, and blooming in the surrounding space in the Greenhouses and Greenhouse Gallery of the Regenstein Center. This year, the orchid displays explore contracts. Ticket price applies.

**Sunday, 2/15; 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Warm Hearts Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us for a winter nature walk, as we discuss love in the animal world! Adult program. Register by 2/12.

**Thursday, 2/18; 10 am - Noon**

**Animal Tracking: Print, Pattern and Place, 536 N Harlem Ave., River Forest**

Join us as we investigate who's been visiting our local preserve. Learn about the habits and adaptations of animals in winter, and make your own animal track to take home! All ages.

**Friday, 2/19; 7 pm**

**Winter Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Meet us for a night hike to learn about the nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Then warm up inside with snacks and hot cocoa. Register by 2/17.

**Sunday, 2/21 and Tuesday, 3/1; 2 pm**

**Library Talk: "Orchidology: Orchidaceous Investigations"; Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Come and learn more about orchids and see a special exhibit of books from the rare book collection of the Chicago Botanic Garden. Free.

**Saturday, 2/27; Noon - 4 pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Rolling Knolls, 11M260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoe nature hikes, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). We'll also have winter

crafts, a campfire and more. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 2/28; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Black History Month: Underground Railroad Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us to learn about Black History with an educational display and interactive history hike. An imaginary journey follows an Underground Railroad route used in Illinois in the mid-1800s.

**Sunday, 2/28; 1 pm**

**This Old Birdhouse, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Prepare for the upcoming nesting season by constructing a birdhouse. Plans and placement suggestions included. One birdhouse per family. Ages 10 & up. Registration required. Space is limited. \$5 fee.

**Sunday, 2/28; 1:30 pm**

**Animal Encounters, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Many animals call our nature center home. Meet one of these animals during a casual afternoon encounter.

**Sunday, 2/28; 3 pm - 5 pm**

**Seed Swap; Burnstein Hall, Regenstein Center**

**Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Come with or without seeds to share and enjoy demonstrations, a lecture and information sessions. Free.

**Saturday, 3/5; 10 am - 3 pm**

**Snowshoe Trekking, Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin, Palatine**

There's no better way to experience the preserves in the winter than by snowshoe. Come on out and try our snowshoes (conditions permitting) for free. Open to the public. No registration required. Check facebook.com/campincook for snow conditions & updates.

**Saturday, 3/5; 3 pm**

**One Earth Film Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave. for a free showing of the film Nature Play. A discussion and fun activities will follow the film. For festival details, visit [oneearthfilmfest.org](http://oneearthfilmfest.org).

**Sunday, 3/6; 1:30 pm**

**Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what Illinois' pioneers experienced.

**Saturday, 3/12; Noon - 4 pm**

**Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods, 8030 W Chicago Ave., River Forest**

Get outside and enjoy winter in the preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoe nature hikes, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). We'll also have winter crafts, a campfire and more. *All ages.*

**Monday, 3/14; 7:30 pm**

**Birds and the Cook County Preserves**

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N Cannon Dr., Chicago**

Judy Pollock of Living Habitats shares some unique birds found in the Cook County Forest Preserves and places to see them along with a mini-program on bird songs and calls. She will also share more info about local bird conservation projects, tips on bird finding, and the 2016 Cook County Big Year project.



**Thursday, 3/17; 11 am - 2 pm**

**A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem, River Forest**

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made and enjoy lunch from food trucks with maple syrup-focused menus. All Ages. No registration required.

**Sunday, 3/20; 11 am - 3 pm**

**44th Annual Maple Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/12/2016**

**15-0619 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Qualified Violations for Impoundment

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**15-0687 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Obscenity, Indecency

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**15-0693 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Events Requiring Permits

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

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**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/9/2016**

**15-0677 REPORT** 2016 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

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**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/9/2016**

**16-0061 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 12/15/2015

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0062 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 12/15/2015

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0103 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 1/12/2016.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/9/2016**

**16-0095 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Litigation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0096 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Workers' Compensation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0074 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Path Construction Company**

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0094 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Cornerstone Contracting, Inc.**

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0077 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Lakeshore Recycling Systems

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0078 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Lakeshore Recycling Systems

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0084 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Groot Industries, Inc.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0085 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Allied Waste Transportation

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**15-0570 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Signatures Required on Contracts and Section 2 H  
Contracts for Supplies

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**16-0081 REPORT** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 12/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey (1)