



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00 AM**

**Issued On: 5/9/2024**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary of the Board.

**24-0238**

**Sponsored by:** ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING The Return of Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Dolphins and Animal Care Specialists**

**WHEREAS,** Brookfield Zoo Chicago is home to seven bottlenose dolphins who, for the past 15 months, have lived at fellow Association of Zoos and Aquariums' accredited Minnesota Zoo as an extensive \$10 million renovation took place on their Seven Seas habitat; and

**WHEREAS,** During those 15 months, the dolphins continued to be cared for by Brookfield Zoo Chicago's marine mammal care team; all nine members of the team, as well as veterinary staff, rotated up to Minnesota for varying lengths of time during the project; two staff members, Bethany and Heather, remained in Minnesota for the entire 15 months; and

**WHEREAS,** While there, staff provided daily care to the dolphins and engaged with them in the same manner they do in Cook County, feeding and training the dolphins five times per day, and engaging in two daily presentations for Minnesota Zoo guests; and

**WHEREAS,** The renovation of the 37-year-old Seven Seas habitat was aimed at enhancing both animal wellbeing and guest experience, and added a variety of dynamic elements to the dolphins' habitat to enrich their daily lives, including rockwork structures with anchors where animal care staff can attach enrichment items such as kelp strips and floating objects; a shallow sand pit, where staff can hide enrichment items or food; and built-in bubbler systems where the dolphins can play with the bubbles, roll over them, or maneuver objects over the stream; and

**WHEREAS,** The new exhibit theming reflects Sarasota Bay, Florida, where Brookfield Zoo Chicago's Sarasota Dolphin Research Program is based; the longest-running study of dolphins in the wild, this program has provided information on the species' biology, behavior, health, ecology, social structure, and communication, benefiting marine mammal conservation programs around the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** New hydrophones (underwater microphones) will enable researchers, staff and guests to listen to the dolphin's vocalizations, and new digital monitors provide a look at the behind-the-scenes dolphin science and research conducted both at the Zoo and in Sarasota Bay, enabling guests to learn the

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important role science plays in maintaining healthy ecosystems, as well as personal actions they can take to make a difference for animals everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, The Seven Sea's renovations were made possible in part by funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act through Cook County and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, the Public Museum Capital Grant funding through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois State Museum, as well as many generous donors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Brookfield Zoo Chicago's marine mammal care and veterinary teams for their enormous dedication and commitment to providing the best possible care for the Zoo's dolphins; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Brookfield Zoo Chicago in recognition of their service.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Conference Room F, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

#### **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[24-0188](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD for Land Acquisition, Concept Planning and Preliminary Engineering for a Multi-Benefit Project in Southeast Cook County

**Goods or Services:** Collaboration and cost sharing on the land acquisition, concept planning and preliminary engineering for a joint project to provide ecological restoration and nature-compatible outdoor recreation and flood control improvements along Deer Creek and Third Creek (the “Project”)

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

**Agreement Period:** Two (2) years from the Effective Date of the Agreement (“Initial Term”) with one (1) one-year optional extension upon approval of the Parties’ respective Boards of Commissioners

**Fiscal Impact:** Costs for this preliminary stage of the Project would be shared by the Parties but would be submitted separately to the Parties’ respective boards for approval. The Forest Preserves would be responsible for land acquisition costs with support from MWRD if needed. Authority for land acquisition costs for each acquisition parcel would be submitted separately to the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners and, if necessary, to MWRD’s Board of Commissioners. MWRD would be responsible for all consultant costs associated with concept planning and preliminary engineering for the Project.

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 5, 6

**Summary:** Authorization is requested to document an understanding and commitment between the Parties to collaborate and share costs on the preliminary stages of a large-scale multi-benefit project that would advance the mission and goals of both agencies. The Forest Preserves is in the process of acquiring land along Deer Creek and Third Creek, located between the villages of Glenwood and Ford Heights, as part of its Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan and other plans to make Cook County more resilient to the effects of climate change. MWRD has also identified this area as a prime location to create stormwater storage to provide flood relief along Deer Creek, Thorn Creek and the Little

Calumet River. There is an opportunity to collaborate on a joint project to accomplish the goals of both agencies more expeditiously, economically and comprehensively and leverage state and federal funding through partnership.

The Parties intend to collaborate at this preliminary stage to acquire land and design nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities and achieve ecological restoration of 350-750 acres of newly-acquired land on an accelerated schedule. The Project would also direct stormwater from Deer Creek and Third Creek into a series of hydraulically connected stormwater storage areas to provide a minimum of 1,650 acre-feet of volume on the land. The flood control improvements will benefit the villages of Ford Heights, Glenwood, Thornton, South Holland, Lansing and Calumet City.

An Intergovernmental Agreement is needed at this stage to coordinate the preliminary stages of the Project, including land acquisition, concept planning and preliminary engineering, which is necessary for the Parties to plan subsequent agreements addressing final design, construction, operation and maintenance to be presented to their respective Boards of Commissioners. Final Intergovernmental Agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[24-0215](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant permanent and temporary easements to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the intersection of Golf Road and Barrington Road for safety improvements to the intersection and construction access.

**Reason:** The easements are needed for IDOT to construct new turning lanes at the intersection for safety purposes. The road will be widened, and the intersection’s trail connections will be re-built to Americans with Disability Act (“ADA”) standards. The term of the temporary easement is five (5) years, or completion of construction, whichever comes first.

The area for the permanent easements is 0.089 acres, or approximately 3,876 square feet, and the area for the temporary easements is 0.854 acres, or approximately 37,200 square feet. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$3,950.00 for permanent easements and \$6,100.00 for temporary easements

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 15

[24-0218](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

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

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** To design and construct a new administrative and garage building at Salt Creek Division Headquarters, located in North Riverside, Illinois in the central part of Cook County, Illinois

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** N/A

**Grant Period:** 7/15/2022 - 7/14/2024

**Extension Period:** 7/14/2024 - 7/14/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** Original: Not to exceed \$3,100,000.00 in direct match (FY 2022 \$100,000.00; FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00; FY 2024 \$2,000,000.00). There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51027.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830, and Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.510105, 51010.510105, 51027.510105, 51030.510105, 51031.510105, and future Construction and Development accounts

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 5/10/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0250)

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$4,400,000.00

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 16

**Summary:** Supply chain issues relating to electrical equipment have delayed the construction of the new Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Headquarters Building which is currently 70% complete. The equipment will not be delivered until the fall, resulting in the need to extend the current July 2024 grant end date. Forest Preserves staff anticipate project completion by the end of 2024, but IDNR has approved a 12-month extension in the event there are additional unanticipated delays.

[24-0221](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Department of Real Estate Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with Cook County for warehouse storage space

**Goods or Services:** Lease of approximately 7,685 square feet of storage space at the Cook County-owned warehouse located at 4545 W. Cermak Rd, Chicago, Illinois 60623

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Original period: 6/15/2023 - 6/14/2024; Extension period: 6/15/2024 - 6/14/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** \$1.00 per year

**Accounts:** Professional Services Account 51034.520840

**District(s):** N/A

**Summary:** Pursuant to the Board’s approval of Board Item No. 23-0354 on May 23, 2023, the Forest Preserves is currently leasing space from Cook County for temporary storage of furniture, fixtures, equipment and records during renovation of its General Headquarters (“GHQ”) in River Forest, Illinois, involving replacement of all heating, ventilation and other mechanical systems. Mechanical system work and more minor post-construction renovation at GHQ is expected to be completed by August 2024, but additional time may be needed to dispose of surplus property that is no longer needed and to move items back into GHQ after renovations are complete.

[24-0216](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Legal Department

**Request:** Approval of lease for private office space

**Landlord:** Regus Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois



**Tenant:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Location:** 1010 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois (#202 & #209)

**Term/Extension Period:** 8/1/2024 - 8/31/2024; with the option to extend until 12/31/2024 at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Space Occupied:** 216 sq ft

**Monthly Rent:** Total Monthly Cost: Not to exceed \$3,000.00 (Base Rent \$2,129.00 plus applicable taxes, fees, and any required deposits)

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$15,000.00

**Accounts:** Office Rental 51001.700823

**Option to Renew:** N/A

**Termination:** N/A

**Utilities Included:** Yes

**District(s):** N/A

**Summary/Notes:** In order to accommodate workspace for staff displaced by the temporary closure of the Forest Preserves’ general headquarters in River Forest, Illinois (“GHQ”) for renovations, the Forest Preserves is seeking to enter into a lease for up to five (5) months for private office space in Oak Park, Illinois with Regus Oak Park. Previously, the Forest Preserves entered into a lease for the same space pursuant to Board Item No. 23-0354, however, the current lease is set to expire on 7/31/2024. Final lease agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[24-0168](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Vendor:** GGA Partners, Ontario, Canada

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Golf Consulting Services

**Original Contract Period:** 1/2/2022 - 1/2/2023; 1st Administrative Extension 1/3/2023 - 8/2/2023; 2nd Administrative Extension 8/3/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2024 (retroactive) - 12/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$29,075.00

**Original Approval:** \$24,100.00 (1/2/2022)

**Previous Increase(s):** \$4,975.00 (8/3/2023)

**This Increase Requested:** \$7,563.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$7,563.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520830

**Contract Number(s):** #74000010496

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

Minority- and Women-Owned Business goals are not applicable to the contract as the original contract value per year was equal to or less than \$25k.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The purpose of this extension is to continue utilizing the services of GGA Partners during the contract negotiation process to provide golf consulting advisory services to the Permits, Rentals and Concessions Department (PRC). The PRC Department requires market expertise in order to negotiate the best deal for the Forest Preserves. Additional contingency funds are being requested as well in the event further analysis is required. GGA Partners was selected via a competitive RFP process.

[24-0065](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 3/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of March 2024. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[24-0214](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - March 2024

**Report Period:** 3/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of March 2024. Payments total \$78,910.55 for March 2024.

[24-0211](#)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 5/14/2024 - 6/10/2024

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

**Wednesday, 5/15; 11am - 2pm**

**Nature Play Day; Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs**

Help connect your little one with nature during open nature play time. *This event will be held at Grove 7. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

**Thursday, 5/16; 6pm - 8pm**

**A Symphony of Nature: A Forest Therapy Walk; Caldwell Wellness Center, Chicago**

Explore the sounds of nature all around us as we gather with the healing sounds of singing bowls. We will conclude the event with a tea ceremony and a final singing bowl session. *Registration required. Please call (312)533-5751.*

**Friday, 5/17; 6pm - 8pm**

**Nature Noises, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Relax and enjoy the sounds and sights of nature. You can sit around a campfire, tell stories, enjoy s'mores, and take a walk to see what the trails have to offer your eyes and ears. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Friday, 5/17; 7:30pm**

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

Enjoy an evening walk and learn about nocturnal animals at River Trail. *Registration and payment are required by 5/15. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call (847)824-8360.*

**Saturday, 5/18; 10am - 12pm**

**Kite Fest; Barrington Road Pond, Hoffman Estates**

Participate in all things kites for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. There will be a timed flying demonstration, crafts, and more. *For more information, please call (630)837-0301.*

**Saturday, 5/18; 10am - 12pm**

**Let's Go Fly a Kite, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Bring a kite over to Barrington Road Pond to celebrate Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

**Saturday, 5/18; 11am - 3pm**

**Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join us for a day of celebration and exploration as we honor the incredible diversity of life at Eggers Grove.

**Saturday, 5/18; 1pm - 3pm**

**Welcome Back, Cicadas, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Welcome the brood of cicadas from the 13-year cycle. We will search for their emergence holes and learn how to identify good cicada trees.

**Saturday, 5/18; 1:30pm**

**Teens and Turtles: Teen Exploration Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Teens will explore the world of turtles. *Registration required. Ages 13-17. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Saturday, 5/18; 4pm - 7pm**

**The Sounds Natural Creative Retreat Series, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Please join us for the kickoff event. The Sounds Natural Creative Retreat invites families to enjoy art, activities, food, music, and workshops with the option to stay overnight in your own tent. *Registration required. There is a limited number of camping sites available. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Sunday, 5/19; 8am**

**Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon, Dam No. 2 Woods, Mount Prospect**

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! The race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam No. 2. Live music and refreshments for sale. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 5/19; 1:30pm**

**Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A walk to highlight the signs of spring.

**Tuesday, 5/21; 9:30am**

**Wellness Walk for Toddlers, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a short and calming nature discovery walk. *Registration required. Ages 2-4 with an adult. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Wednesday, 5/22; 10am - 12pm**

**Nature IS Accessible, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Visitors of all abilities are invited to celebrate nature through accessible activities.

**Thursday, 5/23; 3pm - 6pm**

**I Spy with my Five Senses, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Enjoy a scavenger hunt that uses your five senses. *Ages 5-13. For more information, please call (312) 415-2970.*

**Thursday, 5/23; 5:30pm - 7pm**

**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *For more information, please visit the website.*

**Thursday, 5/23; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Foster Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest**

Foster families can connect with other foster families while kayaking on the pond. *Registration required. Instructions will be given, and equipment will be provided. Please call (312) 533-5751.*

**Saturday, 5/25; 10:30am - 12pm**

**Cicada-Palooza, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us and learn about the broods of cicadas and their 17-year cycle. This family program will include insect discovery walks, live cicada viewing, and more. *For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 5/25 through Sunday, 5/26; 4pm - 11pm**

**Family Campout, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

This event is an introductory course to camping for families. The cost for the event will include meals, camping gear rental and outdoor activities. *Registration required. The cost is \$75 per group of 6 or less people. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Sunday, 5/26; 1pm**

**April Showers Bring May Flowers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Delight in the sights, scents, and stories of spring flowers on a guided walk.

**Wednesday, 5/29; 4pm - 6pm**

**Archery, Cherry Hills Woods, Palos Park**

This session will teach the basics of archery. *Equipment will be provided. Ages 10 and up. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 5/30; 4pm - 6pm**

**Book Swap, Twenty-Sixth Street Woods-West, LaGrange Park**

Bring in your gently used books and leave with some new-to-you books! The books can be of any genre and reading levels. *Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Saturday, 6/1; 9am - 11:30am**

**IKES Fish for Fun, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

You are invited to this annual fishing extravaganza, which is held in partnership with the City of Elgin Izaak Walton League-Elgin. This event will include give-a-aways to participants, prizes for category winners and refreshments for all attendees. *Registration required. This event will take place outdoors and is subjected to weather conditions. Ages 15 and under. Please call (773)758-8899.*

**Saturday, 6/1; 1pm****Creek Survey, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn about how clean water supports a biodiverse ecosystem. You can help us survey Sagawau's creek and see what life it supports. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

**Sunday, 6/2; 11am - 12pm****Summertime Stories, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for an educational day which includes stories told by the Naperville Chinese Storytime Group, nature-based art, and a fun activity. *Registration required. Supplies will be provided. Ages 3 and up with an adult. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

**Sunday, 6/2; 11am - 3pm****Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate everything the Forest Preserves has to offer through animal encounters, arts and crafts, recreation, and much more at this special event!

**Sunday, 6/2; 2:30pm - 4pm****Cicada Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

This year's cicada emergence is a once-in-a-lifetime event! You will learn about what makes this summer so special. Join us for crafts, games, and refreshments. *Registration required. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Monday, 6/3; 9:30am - 11:30am****Let's Play! Forest Exploration Day, Erickson Woods, Winnetka**

This event is presented with The Alliance for Early Childhood and Back Yard Nature Center. Join us for this family program and engage in creative, imaginative, and child-directed outdoor activities. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

**Tuesday, 6/4; 10am****Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago**

The Forest Preserves takes over Daley Plaza! Please join us and our partners as we provide information about the events, activities, and resources within the Forest Preserves. The noon performance includes two Chicago Public School student bands that participated in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Connect program. They will perform original compositions about water and nature.

**Wednesday, 6/5; 10am****Storytime and Picnic, Twenty-Sixth Street Woods-West, LaGrange Park**

Join us for a fun and relaxing day. The day will start with a librarian from the North Riverside Public Library reading a nature-themed book followed by a fun activity. You can conclude the day by having a picnic with your family. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

**Wednesday, 6/5; 6pm - 8pm****Camping and Cooking 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

This 2-hour workshop will cover basic information on camping and outdoor cooking. *Registration required. Camping and cooking gear will be provided. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Thursday, 6/6; 7:30pm - 9:30pm****Night of the Frogs, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join our bilingual night walk to hear seasonal frog calls and other nocturnal creatures. Native Spanish speakers are encouraged to attend! *Registration required. Ages 16 and up. Please call (708)868-0606 or visit the website.*

**Thursday, 6/6; 7:30pm - 9:30pm****Without Limits: Adventure for All, Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch, Willow Springs**

Enjoy climbing and kayaking in this program specially designed for individuals with a primary physical disability or visual impairment. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Friday, 6/7; 10am****Senior Nature Collaging, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join local artist, Phyllis Frick, in making collages of plants, animals and landscapes. *Registration required. Ages 55 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

**Saturday, 6/8; 9am - 11am****Bilingual Community Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join Friends of the Forest Preserves and Chicago BIPOC Birders for an early morning birding adventure.

**Saturday, 6/8; 10am****Pedal the Preserves, Miami Woods, Morton Grove**

This event is presented with Ride Illinois and Niles-Maine Library. This is a family friendly program that will teach bicycle basics, simple maintenance, and safe riding skills. We will test our skills by exploring the North Branch Trail. *This event will begin at Grove 1. There are a limited amount of loaner bikes and will be available upon request. Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899.*

**Saturday, 6/8; 11am - 3pm****Beaubien Woods Celebration, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Join us for archery, canoeing, and more. *Registration is encouraged. For more information, please visit the website.*

**Sunday, 6/9; 1pm**



**Rocks on the Beach: Great Lakes Geology 101, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a presentation that highlights how beachcombing for rocks on the shore of Lake Michigan provides a window into the geologic story of the Great Lakes. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024**

**24-0235 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Regular meeting held on 04/16/2024

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024**

**24-0212 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 5/14/2024

**24-0213 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers Compensation – 5/14/2024

**24-0079 REPORT** Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024**

**24-0182 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Create a Forest Preserve Near Sweet Woods

**24-0183 PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE** 1400 E Joe Orr, LLC (Owner of Record), 1413 E Joe Orr Rd (aka 1400 E Joe Orr Rd), Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, PINs: 32-14-406-001-0000 & 32-14-405-003-0000

**24-0184 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Create a Forest Preserve Near Sweet Woods

**24-0185 PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE** Calvary Christian Development Corporation (Owner of Record), 19101 Cottage Grove, Unincorporated, Cook County, Illinois, PIN: 32-11-300-003-0000

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024**

**24-0181 REPORT** Report Title: OCA - FY24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Open Recommendations, Report Period: March 2024

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**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024**

**24-0187 REPORT** Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2023, Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

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