



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

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PRESIDENT**

[18-0202](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AMENDED EMPLOYEE TRAVEL POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) recognized the occasional need for employees to travel to various conferences, seminars, meetings, and other work related events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves created the Employee Travel Policy to provide guidelines on the following: (1) the types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowed; and (2) maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal, and lodging expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Travel Policy was approved by Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves now would like to amend such Employee Travel Policy to (1) establish pre-approval process for overnight travel; (2) to specify when travel to and from alternate work locations would be reimbursed; and (3) to otherwise clarify rules and bring consistency to the reimbursement process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Travel Policy, as amended, continues to be in compliance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, 50 ILCS 150/1 *et seq.* (the “Act”).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County that the Employee Travel Policy, as amended, is hereby adopted by resolution effective immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves is authorized to further modify such Amended Employee Travel Policy for the efficient operation of the Forest Preserves without further board approval as long as such modification does not increase the reimbursement rates referenced in the policy.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[18-0223](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Niles, Illinois

**Request:** Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Niles, Illinois.

**Goods or Services:** The Village of Niles is requesting an IGA to construct and maintain paved trail connections to the North Branch Bicycle Trail along the north and south sides of Howard Street on Forest Preserves property.

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

**Agreement Period:** Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**License Fee:** \$11,400.00 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$3,000.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,300.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** TBD (none anticipated at this time)

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. The Village of Niles proposes to construct two trail segments, each approximately 300 linear feet in length, to connect residents and businesses to the trail as part of a larger bike and pedestrian improvement program.

The Village of Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. Minimal impact to trees on Forest Preserves land is anticipated, however, the Village of Niles will be responsible for submission of a tree survey and payment of tree mitigation fees for any impacted trees. 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.

Niles has funding for the design and construction of the trail segments. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years.

Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[18-0266](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Kayak Dock, Centreville, Maryland

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase and delivery of two (2) floating canoe and kayak launch systems for Tampier Lake and Busse Lake

**Contract Value:** \$33,125.46

**Contract period:** 6/5/2018 - 12/4/2018

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$33,125.46

**Accounts:** Recreation Landscape 51009.560009, 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51054.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055, 51057.560055, 51058.560055

**Contract Number(s):** 18-80-41

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15, 17

**Summary:** Boat rental concessionaires at both Tampier Lake and Busse Lake are requesting a better system for launching canoes and kayaks. Current facilities are designed for launching row boats. After research of several options, the Kayak Dock system is recommended based on cost, ease of installation, and maintenance. The same system is in use at Maple Lake and Bullfrog Lake. Staff is seeking approval of Kayak Dock as a sole source supplier, because the patented design of the system is only distributed by Kayak Dock.

[18-0269](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Sheriff's Office, Cook County, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend

**Goods or Services:** Extension of an on-going partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for a fifth year to continue deconstruction and demolition of additional vacant Forest Preserve buildings at various locations.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Original contract period, 4/11/2014 - 3/10/2015; 1st amendment period, 3/11/2015 - 6/30/2016; 2nd amendment period, 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017; 3rd amendment period, 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018; and current extension period, 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Buildings 51009.560106, 51025.560106, 51026.560106, 51054.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, 51057.560106, 51058.560106 and Land Acquisition and Professional Services 51006.560012

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Cook County Sheriff's Office has a program to train inmates and participants from the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center to provide deconstruction and building material salvage services. Upon completion of the program, each participant will receive basic carpentry and building material reuse training and an OSHA 10-hour safety certificate. The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") seeks authorization to continue use of this program to remove unneeded buildings from recently acquired properties and on sites intended for redevelopment as needed.

Forest Preserve staff are seeking to extend an on-going partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for a fifth year to continue deconstruction and demolition of additional vacant Forest Preserve buildings at various locations. Work in the first two (2) years focused primarily on removal of old campground cabins with an original amount of \$84,839.00. On June 7, 2016, the agreement was extended again to allow removal of buildings at other sites with an increase of \$100,000.00 (Agenda Item 16-0234) and was extended again on June 6, 2017 for time only (Agenda Item 17-0229). Three (3) non-camp buildings were removed in 2017 after asbestos removal and utility disconnections were completed by others. Remaining funds are expected to be sufficient to cover the costs for the removal of 4-5 additional buildings in 2019. This fourth renewal is to extend time for an additional year.

[18-0273](#)

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

## REPORT

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements

**Report Period:** 4/1/2018 - 4/30/2018

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of April 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

[18-0265](#)

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

## PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Department:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events - 6/5/2018 - 7/25/2018

**Monday - Sunday, 5/26 - 9/3; All Day**

**Amazing Arachnids, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Join us for an aMAZEing time weaving your way through a new summer exhibit-Amazing Arachnids! The interactive and engaging experience has two components: *The Art and Science of Arachnids*, which features 100 live arachnids found around the world, and *Mission Safari*, an immersive experience that introduces different themes of species' survival and protection through play-and-learn interactives.

**Saturdays and Sundays, 5/26 - 10/7; 1:30pm and 2:30pm**

**Garden Chef Series, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Learn to cook with garden-fresh ingredients all summer long at the Garden Chef Series. Noted chefs prepare recipes in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden's open-air amphitheater. The Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden is the Midwest's headquarters for fruit and vegetable gardening information. It exhibits the best edible plants to grow in the Chicago area.

**Tuesday, 6/5; 5:30pm - 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. See website for registration information.

**Tuesday, 6/5 and Thursday, 7/19; 6pm - 8pm**

**Kayak the Pond, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Try kayaking on Trailside's pond as the sun sets and a campfire crackles. All materials provided. *All ages. Registration required.*

**Thursday, 6/7; 10am - 1:30pm**

**Kayak Des Plaines, Maywood Grove, Ohio & Des Plaines Ave, Maywood**

Kayak nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road Meadow. Kayaks, equipment and instruction provided. Prior experience a plus. *Registration required; call 312-533-5751.*

**Friday, 6/8; 7:30pm****Twilight Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about animals and more on a guided night walk. *Registration required. \$3/person.*

**Saturday, 6/9; 11am - 3pm****Beaubien Woods Celebration, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy this annual event suitable for the whole family! Featuring various community partners offering fishing, canoeing, archery, and more. *Canoe slots limited; all ages.*

**Sundays, 6/10 and 7/15; 1:30pm****The Buzz on Bees, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Visit our beehives and pollination garden as we learn about the important role honeybees play in nature.

**Tuesday, 6/12; 10am - 2pm****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.

**Thursday, 6/14; 5pm - 7pm****Sagawau Science: Oriole Express, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

These Orioles fly a long way to nest here. Last year, over 30 were banded. Discuss these colorful Icterids.

**Saturday, 6/16; 10am****Sagawau Science: Stream Study, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Evaluate the health of the stream by chemical analysis and invertebrate survey sampling.

**Saturday, 6/16; 10am - 3pm****Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we celebrate freedom, family and country with Underground Railroad interactive interpretive hikes, traditional music, a wild edibles display, period recipe samples, crafts and more.

**Saturday and Sunday, 6/16 - 6/17; 9am, 11am, or 1pm****Father's Day Weekend Canoe Adventure, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

How's this for a unique way to spend part of Father's Day? In partnership with Friends of the Chicago River, the Garden invites you to participate in a rare opportunity to canoe the lakes of the Chicago Botanic Garden. Herons, ducks, small fish, and maybe even a few turtles and frogs will greet you as we explore their watery habitat. No experience with canoeing is necessary; instruction, canoes, life jackets, and



paddles are all provided. Please choose one of the start times that are scheduled. You'll enjoy a full hour canoeing the lakes of Chicago Botanic Garden. Be sure to register early, as this event always sells out. *Location: Meet at Boat Launch, East Road. Children must be at least 5 years old to participate. Maximum three participants per boat.*

**Sunday, 6/17; 10am - 12pm****Hiking 101: Father's Day Hike, Orland Grassland and Water Reserve**

Take Father's Day out on the trails with a guided hike through rolling prairie and wetland. *Recommended for ages 10 & up.*

**Sunday, 6/17; 1pm****Dads at Work, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

The roles that fathers play in the animal kingdom vary greatly by species. Enjoy a short hike to look for "dads at work."

**Thursday, 6/21; 9am - 6pm****Summer Solstice Event, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Celebrate the longest day of the year and the 20th anniversary of the Chicago Garden's Wellness Programs. The event includes a free yoga class, plant giveaway, and free drop-in classes and demonstrations.

**Friday, 6/22; 6:30pm****Twilight Canoe Trip, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Explore a local lake in a canoe at twilight. *Ages 18 & up.*

**Friday, 6/22; 8:30pm****The Astronomer's Night Sky, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

View celestial wonders through telescopes, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, there will be an astronomy slide show.

**Saturday, 6/23; 11am - 1pm****Paddle the North, Big Bend Lake, Des Plaines**

Join us as we paddle Big Bend Lake and explore the Des Plaines River Watershed. Instruction and gear provided. *Registration required. Space is limited. Ages 5 & up.*

**Monday, 6/25; 6:30pm (pre-movie activities start) (movie begins at dusk)****Movies in the Park: Films from the Forest, Carver Park, 939 E. 132nd St., Chicago**

Join us for a movie night in partnership with the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks. "Black Panther" will be shown, complimented with family-friendly activities from the Forest Preserves and free popcorn courtesy of the Chicago Park District.

**Wednesday, 6/27; 8:30pm - 10:30pm****Full Moon Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Use your sense of hearing to identify which frogs are calling tonight. Data will be used in a Calling Frog

survey for the Chicago Wilderness Region. *Ages 10 & up.*

**Wednesday, 6/27; 6:30pm (pre-movie activities start) (movie begins at dusk)**

**Movies in the Park: Films from the Forest, Willye White Park, 1610 Howard St, Chicago**

Join us for a movie night in partnership with the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks. "Hidden Figures" will be shown, complimented with family-friendly activities from the Forest Preserves and free popcorn courtesy of the Chicago Park District.

**Saturday and Sunday, 6/30 - 7/1; 10am - 5pm**

**Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Stroll and shop among 100 juried artists on the Esplanade. This one-of-a-kind art festival brings botanic-themed and botanic-made photography, paintings, ceramics, cement, metal, fiber, wood, jewelry, and other pieces to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Find remarkable items to purchase or just admire them during your visit to this annual event.

**Sunday, 7/1; 1:30pm**

**River Round-Up, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Bring a change of shoes. We will jump in the river to examine what lives below the surface of the water.

**Sunday, 7/1; 10am**

**Prairie Wildflowers, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Go on an identification hike to see what's blooming. During this Sagawau Science event you'll learn the natural history and ethnobotany of the plants. *Registration required.*

**Fridays and Saturdays, 7/6 - 8/18; 4pm - 9pm**

**Summer Nights, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

This summertime event is back for a fifth season! Enjoy Brookfield Zoo in a new light with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining and drinks, live music, roaming performers, kids entertainment, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature. Also join us for family-friendly programming on select Sundays throughout the summer.

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

**Nature Obstacle Course, Twenty-Sixth Street Woods, La Grange Park**

Attempt this obstacle course created from natural materials. Other nature play, exploration, and art activities too! *All ages.*

**Saturday, 7/7; 1pm**

**Warrior Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Enjoy a guided hike based on the Warriors book series. Featuring oak forests of the Thunder Clan & the Des Plaines River of the River Clan.

**Saturday, 7/7; 12pm - 4pm**

**Outdoor Block Party, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us for nature play, pop-up adventure play, creative reuse, primitive skills, games, a hike and more!

We'll also have a good truck on site. Co-hosted by the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors and Alumni.

**Saturday, 7/7; 1:30pm**

**Butterfly Bonanza, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

July is for butterflies! Enjoy a naturalist-led scavenger hunt for butterflies. *All ages.*

**Sunday, 7/8; 1pm**

**Skeeters, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

They buzz in your ears, drink your blood, and are known to make grown-ups cry! Learn about these bothersome insects.

**Friday, 7/13; 5:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Painting by the Pond: Summer Edition, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

In this instructor-led course, create a beautiful summer landscape using a large tree slice as your canvas. Materials provided. Payment due upon registration. *Limited space. Ages 21+. BYOB (no glass). \$20/person. Refunds not available for any reason.*

**Friday, 7/13; 8:30pm - 10pm**

**Lucky Thirteen Teen Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us on Friday the 13th to check out some of the local night life. Learn how the number 13 relates to nature.

**Saturday, 7/14; 11am - 4pm**

**Kids' Fest, Wampum Lake, Thornton-Lansing**

Discover a new appreciation for nature while you hike, climb and paddle through this annual outdoor extravaganza for the whole family. *Canoe slots limited; all ages. See website for registration information.*

**Saturday, 7/14; 8pm - 9:30pm**

**Bats-Night Stalkers, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Explore the world of bats by seeing and hearing them with special bat-detecting equipment. *Adults and children ages 10 & up.*

**Thursday, 7/19; 11am - 2pm**

**Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Come celebrate and learn about insects. Explore how pollinators help us build a bug playground and follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies. *All ages.*

**Friday, 7/20; 8pm - 9:30pm**

**What Glows in the Dark? Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Discover why fireflies glow before hiking our 1.75-mile trail. Search for these insects on a flashlight free adventure. *All ages. Limit 30.*

**Saturday, 7/21; 9am - 11am**

**Paddle the Northwest, Bode Lake, Streamwood**

Join us as we paddle Bode Lake and explore the Poplar Creek Watershed. Instruction and gear provided. Registration required. Space is limited. *Ages 5 & up.*

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6/5/2018**

**18-0282 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 5/17/2018

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6/5/2018**

**18-0262 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 6/5/2018

**18-0270 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2018 – 4/30/2018

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