



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

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, November 13, 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

[18-0395](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**2019 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-1(a) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Illinois (the "Board"):

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during 2019, the time for holding the specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

2. That the place is the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, except for the following three meeting dates: Tuesday, May 21, 2019; Tuesday, July 23, 2019 and Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Forest Preserves' River Trail Nature Center located at 3120 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, Illinois.
4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, Illinois in the Wild Encounters White Oak Room near the South Gate entrance.
5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Forest Preserves Swallow Cliff Pavilion, Route 83/Calumet Sag Road, west of Route 45 / La Grange Road, Palos Park, Illinois.

That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 9:30 a.m., local time: the Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation; the Committee on Rules; the Committee on Finance.

[18-0430](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR BLUFF SPRINGS FEN

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 19, Township 41 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Bluff Springs Fen Nature Preserve in District 15.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna,

and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

770 HAMMOND AVENUE, ELGIN, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT 7.90 CHAINS (521.40") EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 19; THENCE EAST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10.44 CHAINS (689.04'); THENCE NORTH 12.75 DEGREES WEST 4 CHAINS AND 9 ½ LINKS (270.27') TO A POINT 4 CHAINS (264.00') DUE NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 9 CHAINS AND 56 LINKS (630.96') TO A POINT 4 CHAINS (264.00') DUE NORTH OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 4 CHAINS (264.00') TO

THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 06-19-321-006-0000

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[18-0431](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Owners of Record

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

Description of Real Estate: 770 Hammond Avenue, Elgin, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PIN: 06-19-321-006-0000

Legal Description:

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Fiscal Impact: \$220,000.00 plus up to \$10,000.00 in closing costs for a total of up to \$230,000.00

Accounts: Real Estate Acquisition Fund, Land Acquisition Account 51006.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves' current holdings near Bluff Springs Fen Nature Preserve (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as 770 Hammond Avenue, Elgin, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 4.2 ± acres. The Property would bolster, and provide a buffer to, the Forest Preserves' holdings in the area.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the Property to the Preserves for the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$220,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000 (up to \$230,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves' satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves legal department, to remit a check in the amount of the Purchase Price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

[18-0439](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: PayNet, Inc., Skokie, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Parking

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2018

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: 6/7/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$11,916.00 (Revenue Generating) over three (3) years (based on five (5) vehicles per year).

Accounts: Harms Woods PayNet, LLC 51001.411316

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9

Summary: The Forest Preserves owns real property with improvements known as Harms Woods parking lot (“Parking Lot”) in Skokie, Illinois. The Parking Lot currently has approximately seventy-five (75) marked spaces available for parking and open to the public. PayNet, Inc. (“PayNet”) is located at 5750 Old Orchard Road, Suite 300, within an office building across from the Parking Lot, and has requested use of said Parking Lot to provide overflow parking for its employees. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with PayNet to provide these parking spaces on June 7, 2016. That agreement expires on December 31, 2018. The Forest Preserves requests authorization to extend the agreement with PayNet for an additional three years. The fee for this

agreement shall be a Parking Fee of \$63 per vehicle per month for a minimum of five (5) and maximum of twenty (20) vehicles. This reflects a 5% increase to the Parking Fee over the previous year. The fee shall increase by 5% in each subsequent year of the agreement. PayNet agrees to indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain an insurance policy naming the Forest Preserves as an additional insured. PayNet's access to the Parking Lot is limited to Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. PayNet will not be granted exclusive use of the Parking Lot and it shall continue to be available for use and benefit of the public.

[18-0442](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the General Superintendent

Vendor: Equal Opportunity and Access, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase a contract

Good(s) or Service(s): ADA compliance

Original Contract Period: 6/17/2016 - 6/16/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 8/16/2018, retroactive - 8/15/2019

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): Administrative Extension 6/15/2017 (6/16/2017 - 8/15/2017); Board Approved 7/20/2017 (8/16/2017 - 8/15/2018)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$93,700.00

Original Approval: 6/17/2016, \$49,700.00

Previous Increase(s): 7/20/2017, \$44,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$40,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018-2019, \$40,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520835

Contract Number(s): PO 74000003721 issued under RFP specifications 15-10-103

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The extension of this agreement will assist the Forest Preserves with maintaining and improving the accessibility to the Forest Preserves. During the term of the extension, the vendor will continue to assist with (1) a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan; (2) an updated barrier removal plan for making properties within the Forest Preserves more accessible; (3) the on-going development and implementation of the staff training plan; (4) the management of the ADA Advisory committee; (5) identifying outreach strategies and improvements in communication and marketing to the disability community; and (6) programmatic improvements. The Forest Preserves will issue a Request for Proposal of similar services, prior to the conclusion of this extension.

[18-0438](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement

Report Period: 9/1/2018 - 9/30/2018

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of September 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 Ordinance.

18-0452

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

REPORT

Department: 13th District Commissioner, Larry Suffredin

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: 2018 Forest Preserve District of Cook County Picnic Permit Users Report

Report Period: April 2018 - October 2018

Summary: The purpose of this report is to review some of the activities of the Forest Preserves in the 13th District of Cook County, and to conduct a satisfaction review for patrons of the Forest Preserve's picnic shelters in the 13th District. Commissioner Suffredin has done this review every year since 2003. This review measures user satisfaction and identifies areas for the Forest Preserve to improve services.

[18-0434](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 11/14/2018 to 12/11/2018

Every Day, 11/3 - 1/31 (All Day)

Chicago Wolves Skating Rink, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Glide through the holidays at the new Chicago Wolves Skating Rink at Brookfield Zoo! Skaters are welcome to bring their own skates, or rent skates on site.

Friday, 11/16; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Join us for a family-friendly evening in the Forest Preserves. There will be a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, and natural material building.

Saturday, 11/17; 12pm - 2:30pm

Archery 101, Swallow Cliff Woods North, Chicago

Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts, and proper technique. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Saturday, 11/17; 1pm**National Take a Hike Day, Rubio Woods, Chicago**

Clear your mind and get some exercise by taking a hike to enjoy the natural beauty around you. .

Saturday, 11/17; 7pm - 8:30pm**Starry, Starry Night, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an evening stroll under the fall stars followed by a tasty treat at the campfire. *Ages 18 and up. Registration require at least two days prior.*

Sunday, 11/18; 1pm**Ornithology 101: Bird Nests, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Where do birds build their nests? With leaves off the trees, we can find out.

Sunday, 11/18; 1pm**Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Sow the seeds of history in this hands-on program. Hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirt recommended. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 11/18; 10am - 3pm**46th Annual Settlers' Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Experience costumed living-history demonstrators, history hikes, crafts, an imaginary wagon train adventure and more. Admission free; nonperishable food or money donations benefitting a local food depository gratefully accepted.

Friday, 11/23; 1pm**Turkey Trot Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike on our trails. *Registration required.*

Friday, 11/23 - 12/21; 10am - 5pm**Wonderland Express, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Wonderland Express, Chicago's favorite seasonal event, is back for the holidays. The exhibition transforms the Regenstein Center into a magical holiday haven, full of trains, lights, and botanical decorations - mini-replicas of beloved Chicago landmarks and sites, all handcrafted from natural materials such as leaves, bark, and moss. This family-friendly tradition includes special events such as caroling and ice sculpting. *Fees apply.*

Saturday, 11/24; 1pm**Green Fire Viewing and Discussion, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

The one-hour documentary traces legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold's personal journey to develop an ethical relationship between people and nature and his lasting impact today. *Registration required.*

Friday, 11/30; 5pm - 8pm**Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us for s'mores by the fire, storytelling, and astronomy.

Sunday, 12/2; 1pm - 2:45pm**Winter Walks, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A winter hike through the woods with or without snow shoes.

1-2:45 pm if there is a base of 4" snow on snowshoes with a short lesson. *Limited number of snowshoes available; registration required at least 3 days prior to reserve snowshoes.*

Friday, 12/7; 5pm - 8pm**Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Swallow Cliff North Pavilion, Chicago**

Come join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and more.

Saturday, 12/8; 1pm**Wax Clinic, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn how simple it is to care for your skis. We will discuss ski maintenance for waxable and waxless skis.

Saturday, 12/8; 4pm - 8pm**Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Join us for a celebration of winter and the outdoors with a huge bonfire! Outdoor activities and s'mores provided. Parking at Potawatomi Woods.

Sunday, 12/9; 1pm - 3pm**Buckthorn Bonfire, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Help us open the woodlands by removing this woody threat, then warm up by the fire. Bring work gloves.

Sunday, 12/9; 1:30pm**Sit Down With a Skunk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about skunks' unique adaptations and meet River Trail's resident striped skunk.

Sunday, 12/9; 11am - 3pm

Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Visit our pioneer cabins and celebrate this joyous time of year in a simpler way with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting and popcorn popping in the open fire.

Sunday, 12/9; 1pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Make a simple musical instrument with us, or bring your own. Play or just listen - all are welcome!

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11/13/2018

18-0457 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 10/16/2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11/13/2018

18-0443 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation– 10/16/2018

18-0435 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2018 – 9/30/2018

FOREST PRESERVE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11/13/2018

18-0408 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Authorizing The Transfer Of Real Estate From The Forest Preserve District Of Cook County To The County Of Cook

18-0411 PROPOSED ORDINANCE To Create A Forest Preserve Near Oak Forest Heritage Preserve

18-0426 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission