



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of
Commissioners**

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

10:00 AM

**Sagawau Environmental Learning Center,
12545 West 111th Street, Lemont, IL**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

[23-0345](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHELLEY SPENCER, TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Shelley Spencer “Shelley” is a four-time Emmy award-winning producer specializing in documentary and public affairs programming; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Supervising Producer at WYCC TV in 2015, she produced *Chicago’s True Nature*, the Emmy award-winning documentary film on the Forest Preserves of Cook County “Forest Preserves” which demonstrates the benefits of nature, the impact of open land on our quality of life, and the vast biodiversity within one of the oldest and largest forest preserve systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Shelley was appointed by the President and Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County where she served from January 1, 2019 to May 2, 2023, sharing her expertise in communications, media messaging, and brand strategy to help

guide the Forest Preserves’ efforts to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2021 to May 2, 2023, Shelley served as Secretary to the Conservation and Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, as co-chair of the Council’s Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion “REDI” committee, Shelley championed efforts to develop the Forest Preserves’ first Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion position paper, “Moving Toward Racial Equity in the Forest Preserves of Cook County,” which focuses on strategies to promote racial equity throughout the Forest Preserves, and a second position paper, “Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion,” which recommends actions to build on and broaden the Forest Preserves’ equity lens to include additional dimensions of diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Shelley has been a steadfast advocate for the Forest Preserves, immersing herself in nature through the programs and services, amenities offered, and visiting sites throughout the preserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President, Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Shelley Spencer for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Shelley Spencer in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0345. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0330](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDS OF NORTHBROOK FOREST PRESERVE

WHEREAS, Somme Woods, Somme Prairie Nature Preserve, and Somme Prairie Grove Nature Preserve are located in the Village of Northbrook in northeast Cook County and include natural ecosystems from shaded woodland to sun-dappled savanna and finally to wide open prairie; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County acknowledges that the forest preserves in Cook County are located on the ancestral homelands of the Council of Three Fires, a long-standing Anishinaabe alliance of the Ojibwe (or Chippewa), Ottawa (or Odawa), and Potawatomi North American

Native tribes. These lands have also been home and a place of trade for many other tribes, including the Fox, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Meskwaki, Miami, and Sauk people; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves pioneering habitat restoration efforts were originally focused mostly on sites where volunteer groups had offered to do large parts of the work given that in 1989 the Forest Preserve had only a handful of staff for the ecological management of 55,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Northbrook Forest Preserves was organized in 1998 under the guidance of concerned community members Jay Risk, Linda Masters, Shari Leyshan, Stephen Packard, Mike Beefink and others to provide additional stewardship and educational resources for the Forest Preserves that border the Village of Northbrook on the west, north, and east; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve and the Village of Northbrook have long worked together to promote public benefit of these preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Forest Preserve Board through its Next Century Plan has ratified plans for expanded resources for ecological restoration and simultaneously approved the Somme preserves as high priorities on the basis of their quality and importance; and

WHEREAS, for decades the Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves have contributed thousands of hours of work every year to restore the health and biodiversity of Northbrook’s Forest Preserves through two or more sponsored events per week, 52 weeks a year; and

WHEREAS, most of the Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves work is “on the ground” ecological restoration, which has made Northbrook a model for other communities; and

WHEREAS, for brush control, prescribed burns, chainsaw safety, invasive species control and other techniques, volunteers are trained by Forest Preserve staff and by experienced mentor volunteer leaders; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers are also trained by the Chicago Botanic Garden, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Bird Conservation Network, Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network and the Calling Frog Survey of the Chicago Academy of Sciences and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, and the Chicago Wilderness Alliance to perform all the restoration and protection duties; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves also organize public events to promote community wide education and appreciation of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Friends Group is best known for their New Year’s Bonfire Celebration that has drawn hundreds of neighbors annually every year since 1998 (with two years skipped due to Covid); and

WHEREAS, Somme Prairie Grove was dedicated in 2021 by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission as an Illinois Nature Preserve representing one of the oldest and most comprehensive savanna and woodland restorations in the Midwest. This is credited in part to the longstanding participation of the dedicated and talented citizen volunteers of the Friends of the Northbrook Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Northbrook's forest preserves restoration to the residents of Northbrook and nearby towns include flood-water retention, erosion control, air-quality benefits, carbon sequestration (mostly in the soil, where two-thirds of terrestrial carbon is stored), and the opportunity to enjoy beautiful and inspiring nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Arnold Randall do hereby acknowledge and recognize the dedicated stewardship of Somme Woods, the Somme Prairie Nature Preserve and the Somme Prairie Grove Nature Preserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the talented stewards and all participants of the Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves be hereby memorialized by name and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves in gratitude for their current and future service to the sustainability and beauty of our community:

Nehru Arunasalam- Herbicide license; **Alberto Ayerza**- Certified chain sawyers; **John Bachta**- Workday regulars; **Mike Beefink**- Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Tom Bragiel**- Certified chain sawyers; **Dave Bradley**- Workday regulars; **Lew Brashares**- Certified chain sawyers, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Josh Breer**- Youth Committee/Instagram task force; **Amy Broussard**- Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Herbicide license; **Dan Buntley**- Certified chain sawyers; **Jen Chen**- Workday regulars; **John Cherry**- Steward of Chipilly Woods, Plant Monitor; **Ryan Chew**- Butterfly Monitors; **Kim Ciba**- Treat bakers at volunteer events; **Andrew Condrell**- Youth committee/Instagram task force; **Sonia Cohen**- Workday regular; **Kaitlin Cywinski** - Youth committee/Instagram task force; **Tom Dallinger**- Trails maintenance; **Dan Delaney**- Workday regulars; **Rett Donnelly**- Certified chain sawyers; **Carl Dietrich**- Calling Frog Monitors; **Mark Dietrich**- Calling Frog Monitors; **Jeanne Dunning**- Arts & Graphics; **Christos Economou**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Recruitment leads, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Diana Economou**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Philip Elcock**- Herbicide license; **Matt Evans**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Safety task force, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Shrub and young oak stewardship, Tool maintenance task force, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Erin Faulkner**- Certified chain sawyers; **Ben Fisher**- Certified chain sawyers; **Beata Fiszer**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast; **Melissa Foster**- Bird Monitors; **Allen Giedraitis**- Certified chain sawyers; **Bruce Gonzalez** - Workday regulars, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Ezra Goodman-Lucker**- Recruitment leads; **Rae Goodman-Lucker**- Herbicide license, Recruitment leads; **Kerrick Goodman-Lucker**- Herbicide license; **Danielle Green**- Butterfly Monitors; **Mahesh Gurung**- High School & College faculty partners; **Joe Handwerker**- Trails maintenance, Certified chain sawyers; **Stone Hansard**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Brush Pile Burn Leader; **Rebecca Hartz**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Calling Frog Monitors, New Year's Bonfire Celebration Team, Arts & Graphics, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Jim Hensel**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Trails maintenance, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Tool maintenance task force, New Year's Bonfire Celebration team, Friends of Chicago River Day Somme Woods site captain, Treat

bakers at volunteer events, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Media & communications group, Arts & Graphics, Recruitment Leads, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Sheila Hollins**- Shrub and young oak stewardship; **Jeff Hoyer**-High School & College faculty partners; **Pat Johns**- Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Media & communications group; **Dan Kasberger**- Certified chain sawyers; **Paula Kessler**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Brush pile burn leader certification, Seed harvest, prep and broadcast, Herbicide license; **Peter Kim**- Certified chain sawyers, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Matt Knoop**- Workday regulars; **Eriko Kojima**- Steward of Somme Grove Prairie Nature Preserve, Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Workday leader certification, Representative to FPD Key Stewards meetings, Plant Monitors, Calling Frog Monitors, Shrub and young oak stewardship, New Year's Bonfire Celebration team, Media & communications group, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Katie Kucera**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Workday leader certification Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Cole Lanham**- High School & College faculty partners; **Emma Leavens**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Plant Monitors, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Evan Letourneau**- Certified Chain Sawyers; **Laurie Leibowitz**- Butterfly Monitors; **Danny Leggio**- Bird Monitors; **John Mahal**- Trails maintenance, Certified chain sawyers; **Marty Maneck**- New Year's Bonfire Celebration team; **Tim Martin**- High School & College faculty partners; **Linda Masters**- Steward of Somme Woods, Workday leader certification, Representative to FPD Key Stewards meetings, Tool maintenance task force, New Year's Bonfire Celebration team, Treat bakers at volunteer events, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Chris McMartin**- Workday regulars; **John McMartin**- Safety task force, Trails maintenance, Certified chain sawyers, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certification, Herbicide license, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Bob Miller**- Trails maintenance; **Chris Monaghan**- Bird Monitors; **Wangiu Mou**- Workday regulars; **Lisa Musgrave**- Steward of Somme Prairie Nature Preserve, Workday leader certification, Representative to FPD Key Stewards meetings, Plant Monitors, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Volodymyr Nevirkovets**- Butterfly Monitors; **Carole Ortiz**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Treat bakers at volunteer events, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Media & communications group; **Stephen Packard**- Steward of Somme Grove Prairie Nature Preserve, Workday leader certification, Plant Monitors, Bird Monitors, Tour leaders, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves Convenors; **John Paterson**- Seed harvest, prep and broadcast, Herbicide license, New Year's Bonfire Celebration team, Arts & Graphics, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Mike Piskel**- Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Stephanie Place**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Safety task force, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Shrub and young oak stewardship, Media and communications group, Arts & Graphics, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves Convenors; **Sai Ramakrishna**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Safety task force, Certified chain sawyers, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Workday leader certification, Representative to FPD Key Steward meetings, Plant Monitor, Shrub and young oak stewardship, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Tour leaders; **Sofie Richter**- Youth committee/Instagram task force; **Laurel Ross**- Steward of Somme Prairie Nature Preserve, Workday leader certification, Plant Monitors, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Ed Samson**- Safety task force, Tool maintenance task force, New Year's Bonfire Celebration Team, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Russ Sala**- Trails maintenance, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Herbicide license, Tool maintenance task force, New Year's Bonfire Celebration team, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Ken Schafer**- Shrub and young oak stewardship; **Ron Schrag**- Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Denise Shuty**- Workday

regulars; **Jonathan Sladek**- Certified chain sawyers; **Rob Sulski**- Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Tour leaders; **Paul Swanson**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Workday leader certification, Representative to FPD Key Stewards meeting, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Steve Tattleman**- New Year’s Bonfire Celebration team, Media & communications group, Arts & Graphics, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors; **Amanda Tichacek**- Bird Monitors; **Estelle Ure**-Safety task force, Trails maintenance, Certified chain sawyers, Workday leader certification, Tool maintenance task force, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Kathy Wassman**- Brush Pile Burn Leader Certification, Treat bakers at volunteer events; **Joe Walsh**- High School & College faculty partners; **Joel Weiner**-High School & College faculty partners; **George Westlund**- Herbicide license; **Donna Wittert**- Zone Steward of Somme Woods, Seed harvest, prep & broadcast, Treat bakers at volunteer events, Friends of Northbrook Forest Preserves convenors, Tour leaders, Media & communications group, Brush Pile Burn Leader Certificate; **Mike Zarski**- Shrub and young oak stewardship.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0330. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- 1. Jenny Chen, Chinese Neighborhood Parents Association**
- 2. Bill Derrah, Boy Scouts Leader**
- 3. Karen Aleman, Lemont High School**
- 4. David Dolak, Columbia College Chicago**
- 5. Lee Witkowski, Lewis University**
- 6. Mary Bernat, Sagawau Volunteer**
- 7. Jodie Wiederkehr, Chicago Alliance for Animals (CAA)**
- 8. Carol Milan, Northbrook, Illinois**
- 9. Christopher Appelt, Saint Xavier University**
- 10. Olivia DelGuidice, Kaleidoscope, Inc.**
- 11. William Hook, Chicago High School for Agriculture**
- 12. QI**
- 13. Dr. Valerie Chalcraft, Applied Animal Behavior Institute**
- 14. Michele Miedlar, Concerned Citizen**

PRESIDENT

[23-0352](#)

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

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Commissioner Dennis Deer

Position: Member of the Board

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective Date: 7/1/2023

Expiration Date: 6/30/2025

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests approval of the reappointment of Commissioner Dennis Deer to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves.

In 1997, the Forest Preserves entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to form NeighborSpace, a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening, and their community-building vision. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give community members an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

A Forest Preserve Commissioner, the General Superintendent, and an additional Forest Preserves staff member sit on the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace along with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District.

Commissioner Deer has served on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors as the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners representative since January 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of 23-0352. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0352. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

COMMISSIONERS

[23-0331](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, BRIDGET DEGNEN, MONICA GORDON, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 2 - FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROPERTY, CHAPTER 3 - TRESPASS AND USE OF PROPERTY, SECTION 2-3-5 - DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING and SECTION 2-3-9 -PENALTY of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as Follows:

2-3-5. DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING.

- (a) No person shall deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse or debris in or upon the property of the Forest Preserve District, nor in any watercourse, lake, pond or slough within the Forest Preserve District. See also Section 2-2-2 of this Code.
- (b) *Penalty.* Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. In addition to the above-referenced fine, any person or entity deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Section shall be liable for the cost to legally dispose of any deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid, or placed ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse or debris, as well as the cost to repair, replace or restore property damaged as a result of such person's or entity's breach.

2-3-9. PENALTY

- (b) *Penalty clause.* Unless another penalty is expressly stated in this chapter of the

Forest Preserve District Code, ~~Any~~ any person, firm, or corporation or agents, employees or contractors of such who violate, disobey, omit, neglect or refuse to comply with or who resist enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to fines of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) but not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each day on which such person continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply, after notification thereof. In addition to the above, any person deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Code shall be liable for the cost or expense incurred by the District, ~~as determined by the General Superintendent or his designee~~, to repair, replace or restore the item or property damaged as a result of such person's breach. ~~The first paragraph of this Section 2-3-9(b) shall not apply for violations of Section 2-3-5 (Dumping Garbage; Littering).~~

In determining the amount of the fine, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:

- 1) The gravity of the offense,
- 2) The respondent's past history with respect to compliance with the provisions of this chapter,
- 3) The respondent's financial situation,
- 4) The extent of respondent's cooperation,
- 5) The likelihood that the respondent will violate the provisions of this chapter in the future, unless deterred from doing so by the imposition of the maximum fine, and
- 6) Any other factors relevant to the circumstances relating to the violation.

This ordinance, as amended, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 23-0331 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0332](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

POLLUTING AND LITTERING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, SECTION 3-3-19 - POLLUTING AND LITTERING of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

3-3-19. POLLUTING AND LITTERING.

- A. *Littering:* No unauthorized person shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind, whether waste or otherwise, in the Forest Preserve, except refuse, ashes, garbage and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic or other permitted activity provided such material is deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.

- B. *Polluting:* No material of any kind shall be left or deposited in the Forest Preserve so as to pollute the land, waters or air coursing through or over the Forest Preserve or otherwise to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of the Forest Preserve. No person shall throw, cast, deposit, damage, lay, place or scatter in the waters adjacent to the Forest Preserve, or on any waterway, harbor or lagoon of the Forest Preserve or upon any bathing beaches of the Forest Preserve any glass, bottles, nails, cans or other sharp or cutting substances of any kind. No person shall throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in the bathing beaches or waters in any Forest Preserve or in any storm sewer, or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

- C. *Penalty:* Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. In addition to the above-referenced fine, any person or entity deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Section shall be liable for the cost to legally dispose of any prohibited litter or pollutants, as well as the cost to repair, replace, or restore property damaged as a result of such person's or entity's breach.

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Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

shall be tolled during pendency of the appeal. The Director of Department of Revenue or the Director's designate may in his or her discretion waive the late fee where the respondent has entered into a payment plan and is in compliance with that plan. The amount of the late fee shall be based on the total amount of the fines and costs assessed against the respondent, using the following formula:

1. Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or less: The late fee shall be equal to the total amount of the fine, where the fine is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or less.
2. More than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00): The late fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), plus twenty (20) percent of the total amount of the fine in excess of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), where the amount of the fine is more than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

D. In addition to the above, any person deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Code shall be liable for the cost ~~or expense incurred by the District, as determined by the General Superintendent or his designee,~~ to repair, replace or restore the item or property damaged as a result of such person's breach.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 23-0362 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[23-0354](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE OFFICE RELOCATION RELATED AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) General Headquarters (“GHQ”) is located at 536 N. Harlem, River Forest, IL and is approximately 22,500 square feet; and

WHEREAS, GHQ is open to the general public to obtain permits for activities at the Forest Preserves and to provide meeting space for staff to discuss Forest Preserves business; and

WHEREAS, eight departments including approximately 70 full-time employees utilize GHQ; and

WHEREAS, beginning in June 2023, GHQ is slated for renovation, specifically replacement of existing gas-fired boilers and inefficient mechanical systems with all-electric heating, ventilating, and cooling system and modifications to address building envelope deficiencies to reduce the amount of energy needed (see Board Item Nos. 21-0479, 23-0018, 23-0019, 23-0212, and 23-0213); and

WHEREAS, the new HVAC system proposed for GHQ is anticipated to advance the Forest Preserves' Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan by reducing the Forest Preserves impact on the effects of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the GHQ renovation, staff, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and records will need to be relocated on an accelerated time frame; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the proposed relocation of staff, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and records, the Forest Preserves intends to make judicious use of remote work, online permitting, and the Forest Preserves available space at alternate locations; and

WHEREAS, despite the above proposed accommodations, the Forest Preserves has determined that from a logistics standpoint it will need to enter into leases for office or other work space, as well as agreements for warehouse storage and movers, before authorization may be obtained from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners due to timing constraints.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize the Forest Preserves General Superintendent or designee, to approve and execute lease, warehouse/storage, and moving agreements for the relocation of staff, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and records due to GHQ closure, provided, however, that (1) any such agreements do not exceed a duration of twelve (12) months, (2) any leases are for space within Cook County, and (3) payments should be at or below market rates and the aggregate spend on such leases and agreements will not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves is authorized to enter into agreements with Cook County and/or other governmental agencies pursuant to this Resolution, subject to the terms above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than the first Committee on Finance meeting after October 1st, the General Superintendent shall submit to the Committee a report covering agreements entered into pursuant to this Resolution and the value of each such agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0354. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement and pay City of Park Ridge (“Park Ridge”) local match funds above the State Match Assistance if needed

Goods or Services: Des Plaines River Trail improvements between Touhy Avenue and Devon Avenue, in Park Ridge

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 5/23/2023 - 5/22/2028

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$400,000.00 (FY 2023 \$100,000.00 and FY 2024 \$300,000.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 510028.520830, 51029.520830, 510030.520830, 51031.520830, 51033.520830; Land Improvement 51009.560019, 510028.560019, 51029.560019, 510030.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District(s): 9

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is cooperating with several municipalities to improve ten (10) miles of the Des Plaines River Trail from North Avenue to Touhy Avenue. Park Ridge agreed to serve as the local sponsor for the improvements of the segment of trail from Touhy Avenue to Devon Avenue known as “Segment 1.” Park Ridge is seeking agreement with the Forest Preserves to cover any unanticipated costs that may be incurred for improvements of a portion of the Des Plaines River Trail above transportation grant amounts. Park Ridge applied for and accepted a grant award of up to \$2,000,000.00 in Illinois Transportation Enhancement “ITEP” grant funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) for construction and Phase III construction engineering. The award included 20% State Match Assistance up to a maximum of \$400,000.00. In January 2023, IDOT awarded a construction contract for less than the \$2,000,000.00 grant amount subject to local sponsor agreement to pay any costs including permitting costs exceeding the 20% State Match Assistance. Park Ridge wishes to confirm the Forest Preserves’ agreement to pay any unanticipated costs above the 20% State Match Assistance, including permit costs, up to a not-to-exceed contingency amount of \$400,000.00 or 20%. A similar agreement was approved for the Village of Rosemont for

Segment 2 on March 14, 2023 (Board Item No. 23-0218). Agreements with other municipalities will be submitted when future segments are ready for construction bidding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0297](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement

Goods or Services: The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability (“CCDES”) will provide American Rescue Plan Act Brownfield Program services to support structure demolition, environmental assessment, and environmental remediation within the Forest Preserves to increase access to healthy outdoor recreation and nature and enhance energy savings.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution through - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is cooperating with the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability to remediate sites and demolish structures to create additional greenspace. The Department of Environment and Sustainability will provide up to \$1.5 million in Brownfield Program demolition, environmental assessment, and environmental remediation services to the Forest Preserves for an estimated sixty-five (65) structures. The Brownfield Program is

funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Brownfields are underutilized and/or vacant sites that have real or perceived environmental issues that deter their redevelopment. The CCDES Brownfield Program assesses and remediates sites in suburban Cook County to promote economic growth and investment through redevelopment. Brownfield sites can also be remediated and returned to other productive uses such as open green space, parks, and flood/stormwater retention.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0297. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0340](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with The Nature Conservancy, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: The Forest Preserves is requesting to partner with The Nature Conservancy to restore and enhance seventeen (17) acres at Midlothian Meadows located in the Village of Midlothian, and sixteen (16) acres at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserves located in the City of Chicago and the Village of Burnham. The project consists of shrub removal and thinning in conjunction with herbaceous invasive species control, all of which will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. This project builds upon grant-funded work previously completed by The Nature Conservancy in the southeast region via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program (Board Item Nos. 21-0533 and 22-0373).

Contract Period: Date of execution - 12/31/2028

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

Account(s): N/A

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

District(s): 4, 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0340. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0276](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Illinois

Request: Authorize the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a License Fee Proceeds Sharing Agreement with the Chicago Zoological Society

Good(s) or Service(s): Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”) to receive fifty percent (50%) of license fee proceeds received by the Forest Preserves under a license awarded for a communications tower on land currently managed by CZS to National Wireless Ventures, LLC, which subsequently assigned, with approval of the Forest Preserves, to Vogue Tower Partners I, LLC (Board Item No. 16-0042 and Board Item No. 20-0289) (the “License Agreement”).

Agreement Period: 5/23/2023 - 5/22/2026, with three (3) additional five-year extension terms and one (1) additional two-year extension term, all such extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent, subject to the extension of the License Agreement.

Fiscal Impact: \$356,000.00 (includes contingency)

Accounts: Interfund Receivable 51005.111192

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Summary: The Forest Preserves previously granted a communications tower license to National Wireless Ventures, LLC to operate and maintain a communications tower near the intersection of 31st Street and Prairie Avenue on the Forest Preserves’ land currently managed by agreement with CZS (See Board Item No. 16-0042). This license was later amended to revise the license fee payment schedule with the new licensee via assignment, Vogue Tower Partners I, LLC (See Board Item No. 20-0289). At the time of the license amendment, the Forest Preserves agreed in principle to evenly split the proceeds from the license fees with CZS, subject to approval of the Board of Commissioners. This proposed agreement with CZS was inadvertently left out of the prior Board Authorization. Now that the fee abatement period is over, the Forest Preserves desires to remit to CZS fifty percent (50%) of the license

fee proceeds already received under the License Agreement and fifty percent (50%) of future license fee proceeds for the term of the License Agreement, including any extension.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0276. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0357](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: MRI Software, LLC, Solon, Ohio (formerly Asset Management Technologies LLC)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Annual License for NETfacilities Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)

Contract Value: \$28,625.52

Contract Period: 6/1/2023 - 5/31/2024 with two (2) one-year optional renewals at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$5,550.32, FY 2024 \$9,541.84, FY 2025 \$9,541.84, FY 2026 \$3,991.52

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000012333

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been using NETfacilities since 2013 for facilities maintenance, fleet maintenance, and inventory control. Facilities and Fleet currently relies on this Computerized Maintenance Management System (“CMMS”) for its daily operations of work order management. The Forest Preserves intends to search for an alternative CMMS system sometime in 2023. However, because it takes time to vet vendors, sign contracts, and migrate data to a new system, this transition to a new CMMS will take at least one (1) year to complete. The Forest Preserves seeks authority to continue using NETfacilities on a sole source basis while it vets, acquires, and implements a new CMMS. This minimum one (1) additional year of using NETfacilities will avoid negatively impacting the normal and daily operations of the Department of Facilities and Fleet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0357. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0356](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Refer to Real Estate Committee

Item Number: 22-0276

Fiscal Impact: \$51,428.74 in additional tree mitigation revenue

Account(s): N/A

District(s): 14

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED LICENSE

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to ComEd, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 2,585 feet of underground electric cable and 875 feet of pole-mounted electric cable along Dundee and Lee roads in Northbrook, Illinois. The cable will replace some existing line and add new line to improve access and

response time to outages. The work would require removal of twenty-two ~~three smaller~~ trees including six trees with no value. No trail closures are anticipated.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$109,614.33

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00

Additional Fee: \$20,000.00. This fee is to support ecological restoration work in Chipilly Woods.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$141,014.33 for the term of the License

Tree Mitigation Fee: ~~\$1,655.77~~ \$53,084.51

The area of the License is: 1.1915 Acres

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 14

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 23-0356 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0344](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 3/1/2023 - 3/31/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of March 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 23-0344. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0353](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - March 2023

Report Period: 3/1/2023 - 3/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of March 2023. Payments total \$132,712.80 for March 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 23-0353. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0358](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 5/23/2023 - 6/26/2023

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

Wednesday, 5/24; 10am - 12pm

Nature is Accessible Drop-In Event, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

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

Thursday, 5/25; 4pm - 6pm

Archery, National Grove-South, North Riverside

Learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Thursday, 5/25; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Dan Beard, Northbrook

Free workshop covering basic camping skills.

Thursday, 5/25; 9am - 11am

Nature Play Date, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Bring your little one for open nature play time! Enjoy Rolling Knolls while helping your children connect with nature.

Saturday, 5/27 through Sunday, 5/28

Family Campout, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Intro to camping for families. Includes meals, all camping gear and outdoor fun. *\$75 per family (group up to 6). Email experience.camping@cookcountyl.gov to register.*

Saturday, 5/27; 10:30am

Spring Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join a Naturalist for a casual walk as we take in the sights, sounds, and scent of spring on our trails surrounding Trailside. *Dress for rough, muddy trails. Ages: 18 and up. Registration required. Call*

708-366-6530.

Saturday, 5/27; 1:30pm - 3pm

Nature Phobias: Snakes, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about the ecological importance of misunderstood reptiles. A close-up encounter will delight visitors.

Sunday, 5/28; 1pm - 3pm

Nature Table, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

A naturalist will have a selection of artifacts from our behind-the-scenes collections for visitors to explore and learn about!

Sunday and Monday, 5/28 and 5/29; 1:30pm

Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join our staff for an up-close look at one of our animals. *All ages.*

Wednesday, 5/31; 4pm - 6pm

Archery, Cherry Hill Woods, Palos Park

Learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Saturday, 6/3; 11:30am - 1pm

Self-Love Series: Creating our Future-Attracting our Goals, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City

In partnership with Light of Loving Kindness, join us for a series of Self-Love in Nature workshops. Goal setting, affirmations, and manifestation workshop through vision boarding.

Saturday, 6/3; 9am - 11am

IKES Fish for Fun, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Youth 15 and under can cast a line at this fishing extravaganza. In partnership with The Izaak Walton League-Elgin Chapter and City of Elgin Parks and Recreation. *Registration required. Call 847-931-6770.*

Sunday, 6/4; 1:30pm

Serpent Safari, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A program all about snakes.

Sunday, 6/4; 11am - 3pm

Explore the Forest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Learn about and celebrate the different facets of the Forest Preserves through animal encounters, arts and crafts, and much more!

Monday, 6/5; 9:30am - 11:30am

Let us Play! Forest Exploration Day, Erickson Woods, Winnetka

Engage in creative, imaginative, and child-directed outdoor free-play as a family. In partnership with The Alliance for Early Childhood and Backyard Nature Center. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, 6/6; 10 am - 2 pm**Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago**

Celebrate all things Forest Preserves at Daley Plaza. We'll be there with partners and information about all the exciting things happening in the preserves. The Noontime performance will celebrate Beaubien Woods Gathering Space installation and Sand Ridge Nature Center's Juneteenth event.

Wednesday, 6/8; 10am - 1pm**Without Limits: Adventure for All, Miller Meadow-South; Forest Park**

Individuals with physical disabilities and their friends and families can explore nature through adaptive cycling, rock wall climbing and archery. *In partnership with Adaptive Adventures.*

Saturday, 6/10; 11 am - 3 pm**Beaubien Woods Celebration**

Explore Beaubien Woods and the Little Calumet River on foot, bike and canoe. Lots of outdoor fun at Flatfoot Lake and the Boat Launch with many partner groups

Saturday, 6/10; 8am**Nesting Bird Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about nesting behavior of birds on a guided walk. Led by Chicago Audubon's John Elliott. *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 6/11; 10am - 12pm**Bird Banding - Drop in, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Bird banding is a scientific method used to study birds. Drop in and visit the banders to learn more! *Weather dependent. Family program.*

Saturday, 6/17; 10am - 2pm**Juneteenth Celebration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate freedom, family and country with activities, presentations, performances, and exhibits highlighting Black history, arts, and culture.

Saturday, 6/17; 9pm**Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month and view the stars and planets.

Saturday, 6/17; 11:30am - 1pm**Self-Love Series: Finding our Inner Light, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City**

In partnership with Light of Loving Kindness, join us for a series of Self-Love in Nature workshops. Yoga, meditation, and canvas painting.

Sunday, 6/18; 10:30am**Father's Day Family Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us to explore the scenic trails around the Museum, learning about wildlife fathers. *Family walk. Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 6/18; 7am - 9am

Intro to Birding, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn about the basics of birding basics and go into the field to see our feathered friends. Birders of all levels welcome. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 6/18; 7am - 9am

Bee-spotter Pollinator Count, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Take a guided walk looking for pollinators and contribute to community science. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, 6/20; 7:30pm

Campfire Stories, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Enjoy the lingering daylight on the longest day of the year with stories, songs and s'mores around the campfire. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 6/18.*

Wednesday, 6/21; 9am - 3pm

ENTICE Workshop: Illinois Birds for Junior High and High School Teachers, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

In partnership with Illinois department of Natural Resources, this 1-day workshop will focus on the ecology of birds. Learn field techniques to bring the biodiversity of Illinois birds into your classroom. *CPDUs Available. Registration required. Register at entice workshops website.*

Wednesday, 6/21; 10:30am - 12pm

Summer Solstice Program, Schiller Woods-West, Schiller Park

Join the American Indian Center of Chicago to learn about the Summer Solstice.

Thursday, 6/22; 10am - 1pm

Without Limits: Recreation for All! Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove Village

Individuals with physical disabilities and their friends and families can explore nature through adaptive cycling, paddling, rock wall climbing and archery. In partnership with Adaptive Adventures. *Registration required.*

Friday, 6/23; 8:30pm - 10pm

Night of Nature Play, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Experience nature play at night and discover what glows in the dark.

Saturday, 6/24; 8:30am

Bird and Canoe, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Canoe on Flatfoot Lake to explore local birds. *Canoes and equipment provided. Registration required. Call 312-415-2970.*

Saturday, 6/24 through Sunday, 6/25

Camping 101 - Overnight! Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Part workshop, part overnight. We provide the gear and the workshop; you provide the provisions. *Registration required \$50/family of up to 6.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 23-0358. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE

[23-0372](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 04/25/2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0372. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[23-0351](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -5/23/2023

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$55,000.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$412,594.50
Legal Fees for 5/23/2023 to Be Approved:	\$81,671.90

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0351. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0271](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute a contract for supply and delivery of liquid propane.

Reason: Contract #74000012158 issued under Project #22-53-008455R. The proposed contract is to supply and deliver liquid propane to the Forest Preserves of Cook County for facilities and vehicle use, for a period of three (3) years. Propane is domestically produced. Propane has low carbon and low oil contamination which may result in a longer engine life and produce lower amounts of harmful greenhouse gas emissions. The project was originally solicited on 12/9/2022 which received no response and rebid on 12/29/2022 with the same results. The project was rebid a third time on 2/10/2023 which provided one (1) respondent.

Bid Opening Date: 3/2/2023

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. AmeriGas Propane	\$876,390.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$191,420.00, FY 2024 \$290,463.00, FY 2025 \$295,464.00, FY 2026 \$99,043.00

Contract Period: 5/23/2023 - 4/30/2026

Account Name/Number: Propane Gas and Heating 51001.530261

District: Districtwide

Concurrence(s): The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set at zero.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0271. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0338](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into a construction contract with Fabex Technologies, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for improvements at the Central Garage located near Maywood.

Reason: Contract #74000012315 issued under Project #23-80-04 Construction of Stair Enclosures at Central Garage. The work addresses the need to isolate the basement levels of the building from the remainder of the facility. The work includes, but is not limited to, carpentry and electrical work, and other related items as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 4/28/2023

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Fabex Technologies	\$158,426.50
2. Berglund Construction Company	\$249,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$158,426.50

Contract Period: Two hundred seventy (270) days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Property Maintenance & Operations 51009.560105, 51028.560105, 51030.560105, 51031.560105, 51033.560105, 51051.560105 and future Construction and Development

accounts

District: 1

Concurrence(s): The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0338. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0349](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter a construction contract with Martinez Frogs Inc., primary place of business Melrose Park, Illinois, for Beaubien Woods Boat Launch Outdoor Recreation Amenities in Chicago, southeast Cook County.

Reason: Contract #74000012314 issued under Project #21-80-22C1 Beaubien Woods Boat Launch Outdoor Recreation Amenities includes reconstruction of onshore fishing boardwalk, river-edge seating, railings, a new program shelter, accessible canoe/kayak launch system and interpretive signs. This work is funded in large part by grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (see Open Space Land Acquisition and Development and Boat Area Access Development grant awards, Board Item No. 22-0363 and Board Item No. 23-0217).

Bid Opening Date: 4/27/2023

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Martinez Frogs, Inc.	\$1,978,900.01
2. Great Lakes Landscape Co.	\$2,707,484.00
3. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$3,168,230.00

4. Meru Corp. \$3,223,855.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,978,900.01

Contract Period: Four hundred twenty (420) days from notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, 51033.560019, 51051.560019 and future Construction & Development accounts

District: 5

Concurrence(s): The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0349. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0350](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter a construction contract with Pan-Oceanic Engineering, Inc., primary place of business Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000012317 issued under Project #23-80-06R, Solicitation #23-80-008905R for Trail Safety Improvements North Branch & Salt Creek paved trail systems includes, but is not limited to, drop gates and bollard removal, replacement or repair, trail striping and sign installation along the North Branch and Salt Creek paved bike trail systems.

Bid Opening Date: 3/23/2023

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Pan-Oceanic Engineering	\$465,011.94
2. Everlast Blacktop, Inc.	\$526,154.80*
3. Meru Corp.	\$575,950.40

*The cost proposal submitted of \$572,620.80 was discovered to have a clerical error and corrected to read \$526,154.80.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$465,011.94

Contract Period: One hundred and twenty (120) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51028.560019, 51029.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019, and 51033.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

Concurrence(s): The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 23-0350. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0343](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 3/31/2023

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for March 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 23-0343. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

[23-0281](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

Request: Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

Report Title: Model Policing

Report Period: January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023

Summary: Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to receive and file 23-0281. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

BOTANIC GARDEN COMMITTEE

[23-0329](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION (AS
SUBSTITUTED)**

**REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE BOTANIC GARDEN COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS,
PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden opened 50 years ago, as a garden for all; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden has since matured into one of the world's great living museums and conservation science centers; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden's modern history began in 1962, when the Chicago Horticultural Society agreed to help create and manage a new public garden. With the groundbreaking for the Chicago Botanic Garden in 1965 and its opening in 1972, the Society created a permanent site on which to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden today consists of 28 gardens and four natural areas that are uniquely situated on 385 acres on and around nine islands and six miles of lake shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden is the proud home to the Lenhardt Library, containing 150,000 items-including one of the nation's best collections of rare botanical books, and nine laboratories at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center where scientists and graduate students alike conduct a wide variety of plant research; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden maintains engaging relationships with more than 60,000 members-one of the largest memberships of any botanic garden in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden today is an example of a successful public-private partnership, as it is owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County and operated by the Chicago Horticultural Society; and

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, the Garden has seen a 43 percent increase in visitors and now sees more than one million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden offers 52 free admission days for Illinois residents a year which are posted on the Garden website; and

WHEREAS, 2022 saw the successful passage of the Forest Preserves of Cook County referendum that will, in part, be used to address the deferred capital needs of the Chicago Botanic Garden including building repairs, stormwater and irrigation systems renovation, and installation of new paths; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Item No. 20-0263, in February 2022 the Chicago Botanic Garden implemented a new pricing structure with admission fee ticket prices ranging from \$9.95 to \$25.95 per person, and parking fees reduced to a flat \$8 fee, year-round. The new ticket now includes at no extra cost the Grand Tram Tour, Butterflies & Blooms, and the Model Railroad Garden,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a hearing be convened during the June 2023 Botanic Garden Committee meeting to discuss the operations, programming, and community engagement of the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the senior staff of the Chicago Botanic Garden will appear before the Committee for this hearing prepared to present and answer questions from Committee members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chicago Botanic Garden senior staff presentation shall include the capital improvement plans as a result of the referendum passage, preliminary observations about the revised fee structure and attendance, a review of past and current revenue, and opportunities to engage more residents in experiencing all the Garden has to offer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve as substituted 23-0329. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

NEW ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to suspend the rules to take up all New Items. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0378](#)

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Damon Howell

Position: Treasurer

Department/Board/Commission: Forest Preserves of Cook County

Effective date: Immediate

Summary: Pursuant to Section 1-6-9 (Personnel Provisions) of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, Mr. Damon Howell is hereby appointed to the position of Treasurer of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Per the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-6-3-A, the Treasurer is also considered the Chief Financial Officer of the Forest Preserves.

Mr. Howell has a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Business Management from Augusta College and a Master of Science degree in Accounting from Governor’s State University.

Mr. Howell has held various positions in the finance field, including Acting Treasurer and Interim Chief Financial Officer since April, Comptroller of the Forest Preserves since 2019 and Field Auditor in the Office of the Cook County Auditor from 2001 until 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to refer 23-0378 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.