



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

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

10:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita,
Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1) excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- 1. Eli Holloman**
- 2. Michele Miedler**
- 3. Breanna Bertacchi**
- 4. Jodi Wiederkehr**

PRESIDENT

[23-0520](tel:23-0520)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authority to execute agreement and accept donation of land

Goods or Services: Donation of land and fulfillment of other agreed mitigation measures to offset environmental impacts and closure of an access road relating to proposed new Red Line Extension 130th

Street station adjacent to Beaubien Woods

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of Execution to December 31, 2033 or four (4) years after the beginning of Revenue Service on the Red Line Extension, whichever date is later

Fiscal Impact: N/A. Revenue Generating

CTA to provide the following to the Forest Preserves under the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement:

1. Donation of 7.6 acres of land immediately adjacent to Beaubien Woods (the “Property”), at no cost;
2. Payment of \$250,000.00 for ecological restoration within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the Intergovernmental Agreement or CTA’s acquisition of the Property, whichever date is later;
3. Reimbursement of trail construction costs in an amount Not to Exceed \$315,000.00; and
4. Subsidized Forest Preserves signage and advertising at or near the proposed CTA Red Line station and on other buses and trains per the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Accounts: Grant Revenue to Professional Services 51010.520830; Special or Cooperative Programs 51010.521313; and Land Improvements 51010.560019

District(s): 5

Summary: On August 15, 2021, the CTA confirmed its concurrence with certain mitigation measures outlined by the Forest Preserves of Cook County to offset diminished access to, and noise and vibration impacts to approximately seven acres of Forest Preserves land at Beaubien Woods Boat Launch property. The mitigation measures were negotiated as part of an environmental assessment of the impact of the proposed federally funded transit project on public recreation and wildlife resources.

The land parcels to be donated are currently owned by the City of Chicago but are anticipated to be conveyed to the CTA under a separate agreement to be approved by the Chicago City Council in November 2023. An Ordinance regarding the subject parcels is the subject of a separate Board Item No. 23-0515. The \$250,000.00 payment to the Forest Preserves for ecological restoration for habitat enhancement and beautification of expanded Beaubien Woods Boat Launch land will encourage use and enjoyment by community residents and visitors arriving by public transit. The trail connection to be

constructed by the Forest Preserves and reimbursed by the CTA will connect other public open space and recreation facilities on 133rd Street serving the Altgeld Gardens community with a new river-edge public gathering space completed by partner organizations. Final intergovernmental agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0520 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0515](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR BEAUBIEN WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 35, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Beaubien Woods in District 5.

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.

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 hereof, 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:

500 E 134th Street & 1108 E 133rd Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

PARCEL RLE-131-PA

THE EAST 5 ACRES OF THE SOUTH ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL RLE-132-PA

THE EAST 170 FEET OF THE WEST 15 ACRES (EXCEPT STREETS) IN THE SOUTH ½ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF 134TH STREET AS ORIGINALLY LAID OUT, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINs: 25-35-100-010-0000 & 25-35-100-016-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 330,687 SQUARE FEET, OR 7.591 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0515 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0534](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023

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

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2023 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2023 at its meeting held November 30, 2022, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight

Thousand, Six Hundred and Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$146,928,607), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2023 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 30, 2022 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2023 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF ALL FUNDS

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy
Corporate	75,206,728	69,529,376	5,677,352
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	30,675,431	31,556,431	(881,000)
Bond & Interest	16,144,411	12,582,674	3,561,737
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,030,143	3,627,129	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	12,300,000	0	12,300,000
Capital Improvement	5,500,000	0	5,500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000

Chicago Zoological	18,322,818	18,284,927	37,891
Chicago Horticultural	11,286,093	11,348,070	(61,977)
Total	\$182,218,624	\$146,928,607	\$35,290,017

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0534 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[23-0523](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, covering employees in the classification of Police Officer in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); and

WHEREAS, the general increases and wage adjustments that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the current healthcare plan that have been negotiated are included in the

Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County do hereby approve the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement including, but not limited to, the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments, and one-time payments negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) for employees in the classification of Police Officer who are in active payroll status with the Forest Preserves on the date of approval of this Resolution, as follows:

- (a) Effective upon June 30, 2021, employees will be moved into the NEW Wage Schedule at the pay rates in accordance with the rules set forth herein and attached as Appendix A.
- (b) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$3,000 one-time payment will be paid on the payroll closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.
- (c) Effective upon Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, a \$1,000 one-time pandemic payment will be paid on payroll closest to forty-five (45) days after Board approval to bargaining unit members in active status.
- (d) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2021, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 1.5%.
- (e) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2022, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%.
- (f) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2023, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2.5%.
- (g) Effective the first full payroll period on or after July 1, 2024, the pay rates for the classification of Police Officer shall be increased by 2%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Healthcare Plan (Appendix C) shall be revised as follows:

	<u>Upon Approval of the Forest Preserves Board</u>			
	<u>Current HMO</u>	<u>12/1/21</u>	<u>12/1/22</u>	<u>12/1/23</u>
Employee (EE) Only	1.50%	1.50%	+ .25%	+ .50%
EE + Spouse	2.00%	2.00%	+ .50%	+ .75%
EE + Child(ren)	1.75%	1.75%	+ .50%	+ .50%
EE + Family	2.25%	2.25%	+ .75%	+ 1.0%

	<u>Current PPO</u>	<u>12/1/21</u>	<u>12/1/22</u>	<u>12/1/23</u>
Employee (EE) Only	2.50%	2.50%	+ .25%	+ .50%
EE + Spouse	3.00%	3.00%	+ .50%	+ .75%
EE + Child(ren)	2.75%	2.75%	+ .50%	+ .50%
EE + Family	3.25%	3.25%	+ .75%	+ 1.0%

Out of Pocket Maximum

Current: \$1,600/\$3,200 (single/family; in network); \$3,200/\$6,400 (single/family; out of network)

12/1/22: \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family; in network); \$4,000/\$8,000 (single/family; out of network)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit) members who retired from the Forest Preserves after July 1, 2021 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2021 for hours worked in the Police Officer position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Police Officer Unit); but shall not be eligible to receive any one-time payments that this Board authorizes to be paid to active collective bargaining unit employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves’ Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of Budget & Management are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves’ Director of Budget & Management is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0523 to the Labor Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0476](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESCISSION OF THE PERMANENT NAMING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 17-0178 on September 11, 2018, to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities after a staff-led Naming Committee made recommendations to the Board

of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 19-0354 on September 24, 2019, to adopt a Permanent Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves is committed to complying with all applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (the “Act”), supporting citizens’ right to be informed and the requirement that actions and deliberations of public bodies be conducted openly; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding this commitment and good faith interpretation of the Open Meetings Act, the Forest Preserves’ staff-led Naming Committee has been interpreted by the Public Access Counselor to be a public body under the Act, based in part on the prior Permanent Naming Policy adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, for clarification the Forest Preserves staff-led Naming Committee differs from the Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Task Force (“ECSI”) (Board Item No. 22-0334), which was co-chaired by the Chair of the Real Estate Committee and a Conservation and Policy Council member, and which issued a final report to the Board of Commissioners on April 25, 2023 (Board Item No. 23-0272); and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves has determined that it is advisable to have the Permanent Naming Policy be rewritten to clarify that the Naming Committee is not formally appointed by, or accountable to, the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Permanent Naming Policy and the establishment of the Forest Preserves’ staff-led Naming Committee was intended as an informal advisory committee to advise the General Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby rescind Resolution 19-0354 and the Forest Preserves’ Permanent Naming Policy (Policy No. 04.30.00) as adopted on September 24, 2019 and as amended effective April 11, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Superintendent shall promulgate a Districtwide Permanent Naming Policy that creates a Naming Committee of Forest Preserves’ staff that advises and reports directly to the General Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners retains the authority and responsibility of approving the naming or renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0476. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0419](#)

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 Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of the Chicago River has received a \$195,151.00 grant through the USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Program to support 50 acres of restoration at Wampum Lake in southeast Cook County, near the Village of Thornton. Work will consist of invasive tree and brush removal aimed at improving native species coverage, stormwater infiltration, and water quality in the adjacent lake and Thorn Creek, a tributary to the Little Calumet River. A portion of the work will engage participants of Greencorps Chicago, a City of Chicago green industry job training program for individuals with barriers to employment.

Total project costs are \$225,151.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$30,000.00 or approximately 13% in direct match. The grant agreement is anticipated to end on 12/31/2025, however, an additional year is being added to the partnership agreement term to allow for any necessary extensions due to inadequate ground conditions or other unforeseen project delays.

Contract Period: 10/17/2023 - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000.00 in direct cash match

Account(s): Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

District(s): 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0419. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0507](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the federal Recreation Trail Program (RTP) grant funding to conduct surface repairs on 1 mile of the Tinley Creek Trail, located in unincorporated Cook County (Orland Township) in the southwestern part of Cook County, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$188,000.00

Grant Period: Upon full execution of agreement through 9/14/2026

Fiscal Impact: \$94,000.00 (\$47,000.00 20% match + \$47,000.00 20% contingency)

Accounts: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51029.560019, and 51009.560033; and future Construction and Development accounts

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

District(s): 17

Summary: The IDNR has awarded RTP funds to the Forest Preserves to design and construct improvements for 1 mile of the black connector trail that, while modest in length, serves as a critical spur to the 9.1 mile Tinley Creek red trail loop. The awarded funds will also support the improvement of the trail access parking area at Catalina Grove, in Orland Township, by resurfacing the pavement and

installing upgraded ADA curb ramps and detectable warnings.

Total project costs are estimated at \$235,000.00. The grant will fund \$188,000.00. The Forest Preserves anticipates funding the remaining project cost with motor fuel tax funds provided by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways through a separate intergovernmental agreement (Board Item No. 20-0007).

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0507. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0491](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Wireless Edge Towers II, LLC, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a cell tower in Meadowlark Golf Course pursuant to a master agreement approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on November 2, 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0002). The license area includes two (2) alternative access route options that overlaps with an existing access easement previously granted to the Illinois Tollway. Three (3) trees would need to be removed, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (See Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Term: Ten (10) years with option to renew for three (3) additional 5-year terms

License Fee: One-time \$25,000.00 fee plus annual fees of \$31,914.00 (increased annually by 3%) or 50% of revenue, whichever is greater, per master agreement

License Application Fee: N/A

YELAR Fee: N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$25,000.00 plus annual fees as described above.

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$12,964.86

The area of the License is: approximately 0.49 acre or 21,550 square feet

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license 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 Agreement.

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0491 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0527](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to CrossTown Fiber, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a fiber optic line on the east side of Cumberland Avenue, all within the road right-of-way, from Belmont Avenue to Addison Street (approximate length 2,550 linear feet).

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$82,541.32

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,050.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$94,091.32 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.8781 acre

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license 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 Agreement.

District(s): 8

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0527 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0399](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Environmental Design International, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional environmental engineering services for a fuel storage tank program

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$269,527.00

Contract Period: 11/1/2023 - 10/31/2024 with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$269,527.00. Estimated impact FY2023 \$69,527.00, FY2024 \$125,000.00, FY2025 \$50,000.00 (Optional) and FY 2026 \$25,000.00 (Optional)

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51033.520830 and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000013163 issued under RFP #23-80-20R and Solicitation Number 23-80-009349R

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves currently owns and maintains a dozen underground fuel storage tanks at seven facilities that may require removal or replacement. The tank locations include four (4) golf courses (Billy Caldwell, Edgebrook, George Dunne and River Oaks) and three (3) maintenance facilities (Calumet Landscape Maintenance Headquarters, Indian Boundary Landscape Maintenance Headquarters and Tinley Creek Resource Management Headquarters). The proposed consultant scope includes regulatory analysis and recommendations for non-conforming systems; development of plans, specifications and construction documents for upgrades to selective existing systems; and construction oversight services. Actual construction work will be awarded through one (1) or more separate contracts.

Environmental Design International, Inc., was chosen by a selection committee, staff of the Departments of Planning and Development and Facilities and Fleet Management, in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFP 23-80-20R). Three (3) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0399. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0501](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Ariens Company, Brillion, Wisconsin

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Ten (10) Gravely Pro-turn EV electric mowers with batteries and chargers.

Contract Value: \$353,725.40

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$353,725.40

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle, Equipment and Supplies Purchase 51033.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000013126 issued under Project #23-52-216 (agreement based on Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-ACO)

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

Piggyback contract based on the Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-ACO with Ariens Company with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of ten (10) Gravely Pro-Turn EV (“60”) electric mowers, ten (10) portable chargers and twenty (20) single replacement batteries. Mowers are necessary to the daily operations of the Department of Landscape Maintenance which supports and beautifies the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0501. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Anaya (1)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0519](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Clark Equipment Company D/B/A Bobcat Company, West Fargo, North Dakota

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Two (2) T770 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loaders and five (5) MT100 Mini Track Loaders

Contract Value: \$386,717.17

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$386,717.17

Accounts: Vehicles and Trucks 51033.540260; and Equipment Supplies 51001.560266

Contract Number(s): #740000013153 issued under Project #23-54-227 (agreement based on Sourcewell contract #040319-CEC

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

Piggyback contract based on the Sourcewell Contract No. 040319-CEC with Clark Equipment Company D/B/A Bobcat Company with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of seven (7) Bobcat loaders. One (1) loader will be utilized by the Department of Facilities and Fleet for construction and demolition projects. The remaining six (6) will be utilized by the Department of Resource Management for forestry projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0519. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0526](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc., Monroe, Wisconsin

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Monroe snowplow repair parts

Contract Value: \$50,000.00

Contract Period: Execution date to 10/11/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$12,000.00, FY 2024 \$38,000.00

Accounts: Fleet Equipment Supplies and Maintenance 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000013150 issued under Project #23-54-204 (agreement based on State of Illinois Contract No. 21-416CMS-BOSS4-P-19619)

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

Piggyback contract based on the State of Illinois Contract No. 21-416CMS-BOSS4-P-19619 with Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of Monroe snowplow repair parts to maintain Forest Preserves parking lots and roads with high usage during winter months, which are maintained by the Department of Landscape Maintenance. Snowplow repair parts are necessary to maintain existing snowplow vehicle inventory.

If approved, this vendor will have been awarded more than \$150,000.00 worth of contracts with the Forest Preserves in fiscal year 2023; therefore, the contract is being presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per the Forest Preserves’ Procurement Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0526. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0442](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Buffalo Recreation, a subsidiary of Troon, formerly known as (f/k/a) Antares Golf, LLC, f/k/a Indigo Sports, LLC, f/k/a Billy Casper Golf, Reston, Virginia

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise contract extension options and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Campground Management Services

Original Contract Period: 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2023; with the option for two (2), 2-year extensions

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/1/2023 - 11/30/2025 with the option to renew for two (2) additional years (12/1/2025 - 11/30/2027), at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,625,000.00

Original Approval: 10/16/2018, \$4,625,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$4,525,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$1,075,000.00, FY 2025 \$1,125,000.00, FY 2026 \$1,150,000.00 (optional), FY 2027 \$1,175,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000011061 and #74000011062 issued under Project #17-35-117

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

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

District(s): 4, 6, 14, 17

Summary: The contract renewal is for Campground Management Services. Buffalo Recreation, a subsidiary of Troon, f/k/a Antares Golf, LLC, f/k/a Indigo Sports, LLC, f/k/a Billy Casper Golf, will provide staffing for the five (5) Forest Preserves Campgrounds that includes reservations, overnight staffing, daily maintenance, some marketing, and sales. The Forest Preserves will provide a base management fee and has built in both operations and performance incentives. In addition, the Forest Preserves will cover all operational costs and will take in all revenue for the Campgrounds. An RFP for this contract was advertised, two (2) proposals were submitted and an evaluation team selected Billy Casper Golf, who has since changed their corporate name, as the most responsive bidder. The original contract allowed two (2), 2-year extensions. The campgrounds will be ten (10) years old as of 2025 and this budget assumes the need for repairs and maintenance at the Campgrounds. Since 2019 the Campgrounds have hosted over two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) campers and our revenue has increased every year except for 2020 during the pandemic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0442. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0482](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: PF Appraisals, Inc. D/B/A Praedium Valuation Group, Chicago, Illinois (“Praedium”)

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Appraisal Services

Original Contract Period: 5/6/2020 - 5/5/2023

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/6/2023 (retroactive) - 11/30/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$75,000.00

Original Approval: 5/6/2020

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Real Estate Operations 51006.560010

Contract Number(s): #74000007999 issued under RFQ 20-60-005273

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

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable to the contract as the original contract value per year was equal to or less than \$25,000.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for Appraisal Services, No. 20-60-005273 on March 11, 2020, to develop a list of qualified appraisers. Five (5) firms were deemed to be qualified and Professional Services Agreements were executed with all for a term of 5/6/2020 to 5/5/2023. On April 26, 2023, Praedium was engaged to update an appraisal they had previously completed for a property the Forest Preserves acquired in December 2022. The appraisal needed to be updated as required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in relation to a grant for land acquisition previously approved by the Board of Commissioners (Board Item No. 23-0296). Praedium inadvertently completed some of this work after the end of the contract term. This work is valued at under \$2,500.00 and can be covered under existing contract amount. This request is for a time extension only. The Forest Preserves recently issued an RFQ for a new pool of appraisal firms and this vendor is included in the new pool.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve

23-0482. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0506](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: Polach Appraisal Group, Inc. (“Polach”), Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Appraisal Services

Original Contract Period: 5/6/2020 - 5/5/2023

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/6/2023 (retroactive) - 11/30/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$75,000.00

Original Approval: 5/6/2020

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Real Estate Operations 51006.560010

Contract Number(s): #74000007997 issued under RFQ 20-60-005273

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

review and approval.

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable to the contract as the original contract value per year was equal to or less than \$25,000.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for Appraisal Services, No. 20-60-005273 on March 11, 2020, to develop a list of qualified appraisers. Five (5) firms were deemed to be qualified and Professional Services Agreements were executed with a term of 5/6/2020 to 5/5/2023. On April 18, 2023, Polach was engaged to complete appraisals of several parcels for potential acquisition. Polach inadvertently completed some of this work after the end of the contract term. This work is valued at under \$15,000.00 and can be covered under the existing contract amount. This request is for a time extension only. The Forest Preserves recently issued an RFQ for a new pool of appraisal firms and the vendor is included in the new pool.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0506. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0518](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Kellermeyer Godfryt Hart, P.C., Des Plaines, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services to provide architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for masonry repairs and window replacements at the Central Compound, located in unincorporated Cook County near Maywood.

Original Contract Period: 5/1/2022 - 4/30/2023; Administrative extension (5/1/2023 - 10/27/2023)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 10/28/2023 - 4/25/2024

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$34,400.00

Original Approval: 5/1/2022, \$34,400.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$8,800.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$8,800.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830 and 51033.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000010701 issued under Project #22-80-10

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

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

District(s): 1

Summary: An increase in the original contract amount and additional time is needed to address unknown conditions that were discovered as construction work progressed. This contract is for architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for masonry repairs and window replacements at the Central Compound. As masonry walls were selectively removed, non-standard building conditions were discovered which required additional design services to resolve. The work is required to address deferred maintenance issues.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and four (4) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and determined Kellermeyer Godfryt Hart, P.C. to be the most responsive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0518. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0538](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: 2023 Annual Report, 2023 Progress Report, and 2024 Budget Recommendation prepared by the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 10/21/2023

Summary: Each year the Conservation and Policy Council reviews the Forest Preserves' annual budget proposal and makes a recommendation to the General Superintendent, the President and the Board of Commissioners about the budget and its alignment with the Next Century Conservation Plan implementation strategy. The Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council is required by Section 1-18-5 of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances.

Along with the Annual Report, the Council is also submitting a progress report on the implementation of the Next Century Conservation Plan. The report describes the current status of key performance indicators related to restoration, land acquisition, and engaging people.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0538. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0410](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of August 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 Deer, to receive and file 23-0410. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0531](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - August 2023

Report Period: 8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of August 2023. Payments total \$249,800.97 for August 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0531. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0536](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 10/17/2023 - 11/14/2023

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

Tuesday, 10/17 through Saturday, 10/21

Fall Migratory Bird BioBlitz, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Help biologists understand bird populations and species diversity in our area by joining the Fall Migratory Bird BioBlitz! During the BioBlitz, log all the birds you spot at Brookfield Zoo or in the Forest Preserves of Cook County on iNaturalist for a chance to win prizes. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Thursday, 10/19; 6:30pm

Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration required. Please call (312) 415-2970.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Fall Color Walk, Palos Park Woods-North, Palos Park

Look for the changing colors on a 3.4-mile walk. *Color scavenger hunts for the little ones provided.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Forest Therapy Walk, Schiller Woods-West, Schiller Park

Forest therapy opens the gateway for creativity and a deepened relationship between self and the natural world. This walk will be led by a certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Grove 2. Registration required. Please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 10/21; 10am

Hip Hop Olympics, Camp Shabbona, South Holland

Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NPF presents a juried hip-hop sporting event. Medals will be awarded to winners of professionally juried competitive MC’ing, DJ’ing, Dance, Visual Art, Knowledge and Quintathlon categories. *Registration starts at 9am.*

Saturday, 10/21; 12:30pm - 3:30pm**Map and Compass 101: Teen Exploration Day, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Bring your friends to compete in an orienteering competition. *Prizes will be awarded. Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 10/21; 1pm**National Reptile Awareness Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about local reptiles and meet some scaly Animal Ambassadors. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 10/22; 9am**Spooky Shuffle 5k/10k, Swallow Cliff Woods-South, Palos Park**

In partnership with the Village of Palos Park, this 5k/10k trail race takes you through the forest preserves. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Sunday, 10/22; 10am**Fall Color Walk, in Polish, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Take a guided walk in the woods in celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 10/22; 10am - 12pm**Fall Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Enjoy a guided walk to view and photograph seasonal nature. *For all levels and camera types. Ages 13 and up. Registration required by 10/19. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/22; 10am - 2pm**Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Find all the hidden pumpkins on our Giants Hollow Trail during this fun scavenger hunt. *Costumes encouraged but not required.*

Thursday, 10/26; 4pm**Pumpkin Carving: Teen Exploration Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Carve a pumpkin while surrounded by the natural beauty within the Forest Preserves. *Supplies provided. Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Friday, 10/27; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Evening at a Nature Center: Teen Exploration Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Observe the ambassador animals, hike a trail, and warm up by a fire with hot chocolate. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Friday, 10/27; 4pm - 7pm

Stars, Spooky Stories, and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. Costumes encouraged!

Saturday, 10/28; 6pm - 7:30pm

Who, Who, Who's Afraid of the Woods, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a short walk along some of our trails in search of "not-so-spooky" residents, which includes owls, bats and more. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 10/28; 6:30pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 10/29; 10:30am & 1:30 pm

The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Bring the children for a magical hike through the forest. *Cost: \$3 per child. Registration required by 10/27. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 10/29; 1pm

Hoarders, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Let's take a stroll through the woods and watch squirrels and chipmunks busily stocking their larders for survival through winter.

Sunday, 10/29; 12pm - 5pm

Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Sponsored by the East Side Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a family-friendly Halloween event, complete with plenty of candy.

Monday, 10/30 through Thursday, 11/2; 9am - 4pm

Dia de los Muertos, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

In celebration of Día de los Muertos, stop inside to learn about Mesoamerican tradition and view our altar dedicated to extinct and endangered animals. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 11/2; 6:30am - 8pm

Dia de Los Muertos Night Hike, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Celebrate the history of Día de los Muertos on a guided hike.

Friday, 11/3; 4pm

National Native American Heritage Month History Walk, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights

Take a stroll and learn the origin of the name Sauk Woods. The walk is on a 3.4-miles paved loop trail.

Saturday, 11/4; 9am - 3pm

ENTICE workshop: Coyote Track, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

In partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this workshop will focus on coyote ecology and behavior related to data collected from radio-collared coyotes. *CDPU's are available. Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 11/4; 11:30am

Day Hiking Leadership Training; Bemis Woods-North, Westchester

This training is for teachers and youth educators! DHLT gives you all the tools to take groups out into the preserves for the day. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Sunday, 11/5; 11am; 12:30 & 2 pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 11/5; 12pm - 2pm

Autumnal Artmaking, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Get inspired by the colors of the season as we paint tree cookies and make art with fallen leaves.

Sunday, 11/5; 1pm

“Monty and Rose 2: The World of Monty and Rose” Film Screening, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

This one-hour documentary is a follow-up to a 2019 documentary short. This film chronicles the lives of Chicago’s beloved pair of piping plovers over five years. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Wednesday, 11/8; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills.

Friday, 11/10; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories and Smores, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

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

Saturday, 11/11; 10am

Book Discussion: Braiding Sweetgrass, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a book discussion about "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. *Registration required. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 11/11; 1pm

Plants in the Military, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Humans have many uses for plants, and on Veterans Day, we will observe how they were used in the military.

Saturday, 11/11; 1pm - 3pm

Crafternoon, Swallow Cliff Woods Pavilion, Palos Park

Let nature inspire your creativity. Join in on various nature-themed arts and crafts projects.

Sunday, 11/12; 1:30pm

Lunch with the Raptors, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the birds of prey ambassador animals as they enjoy their lunch! *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Monday, 11/13; 6pm - 8pm

Folktale Under the New Moon, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a "scary" folktale recited by a LaGrange Park Library librarian during a walk under the darkest day of the month. Afterwards, enjoy a bonfire. *Ages 9 and up. Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0536. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE

[23-0545](#)

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 9/19/2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0545. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[23-0480](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEE SUNSET DATE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

7-1-1: FEES.

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REVIEW AND SUNSET:

This Ordinance shall sunset on ~~October 21, 2024~~ December 31, 2024. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review its fee increase process for items covered by this Title 7, Chapter 1 to determine if modifications are advised.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0480. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0533](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 10/17/2023

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: \$655,487.44

Legal Fees for 10/17/2023 to Be Approved: \$54,761.26

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0533. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0532](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 10/17/2023

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$422,633.46

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$42,322.50

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$47,000.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$0.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0532. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0529](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: General Headquarters (GHQ) Temporary Relocation Report

Report Period: 5/23/2023 - 9/30/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves") General Headquarters is temporarily closed to facilitate major heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades consistent with the Forest Preserves' sustainability goals. On 5/23/2023, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 23-0354 authorizing the 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 this temporary closure of the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ).

Resolution No. 23-0354 required that: (1) any such executed agreements did not exceed a duration of twelve (12) months; (2) any leases were for space within Cook County; and (3) required payments did not exceed market rates. The aggregate authorized spend on such leases and agreements was limited to a not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

The General Superintendent is submitting this report to the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners listing agreements and leases entered into pursuant to Resolution No. 23-0354. Two (2) agreements were entered into pursuant to Resolution No. 23-0354 for a total not to exceed cost of \$29,503.50.

Office Lease

Office Space Lease for two (2) offices at 1010 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL (#202 84 SF & #209 132 SF).

Vendor: Regus Oak Park

Term: Twelve (12) months (8/1/2023 - 7/31/2024)

Fiscal Impact: \$29,502.50 (Rent: \$17,610.00; Hybrid Fee: \$1,188.00; Activation Fee: \$330.00; Exit Fee: \$972.00; Applicable Taxes/Incidental Fees: \$5,000.00 (not to exceed estimate); Refundable Deposit: \$4,402.50).

Storage

Intergovernmental Agreement for 7,685 square feet of storage at Hawthorne Warehouse, 4545 W. Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL

Vendor: Cook County

Term: Twelve (12) months (6/15/2023 - 6/14/2024)

Fiscal Impact: \$1.00 (nominal rent)

Please note that in addition to the above referenced agreements entered into pursuant to Resolution No. 23-0354, the following relocation related agreements were entered into as authorized by the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances:

Furniture Moving

Furniture Moving expenses out of GHQ to storage and out of storage back to GHQ.

Vendor: Mid-West Moving & Storage

Term: Four hundred fifty-five (455) days from issuance of Notice to Proceed (6/27/2023 - 9/24/2024)

Fiscal Impact: \$143,277.94

Desk Space Booking Services

Application Subscription to help relocated staff manage booking desk space.

Vendor: Skedda

Fiscal Impact: \$3,000.00 per year

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0529. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

[23-0415](#)

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 - 8/31/2023

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0415. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Britton (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

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