



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

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Tuesday, May 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: S. Morrison (1) Excused

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was allow for remote participation in meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)
Absent: Gordon and S. Morrison (2)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to suspend the rules to take up consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0238](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING The Return of Brookfield Zoo Chicago’s Dolphins and Animal Care Specialists

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, New hydrophones (underwater microphones) will enable researchers, staff and guests to listen to the dolphin’s vocalizations, and new digital monitors provide a look at the behind-the-scenes dolphin science and research conducted both at the Zoo and in Sarasota Bay, enabling guests to learn the important role science plays in maintaining healthy ecosystems, as well as personal actions they can take
To make a difference for animals everywhere; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Brookfield Zoo Chicago’s marine mammal

care and veterinary teams for their enormous dedication and commitment to providing the best possible care for the Zoo’s dolphins; and

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 24-0238. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Megan Bang, Conservation and Policy Council

Michele Miedlar

Jim Bondi, Hinsdale South (Fishing Team)

Katy Clusen, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Jodie Wiederkehr, Chicago Alliance for Animals

Tywaun Sims

Elizabeth Schuch

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[24-0188](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

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

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

Agreement Number(s): N/A

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

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

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 5, 6

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

location to create stormwater storage to provide flood relief along Deer Creek, Thorn Creek and the Little Calumet River. There is an opportunity to collaborate on a joint project to accomplish the goals of both agencies more expeditiously, economically and comprehensively and leverage state and federal funding through partnership.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 24-0188 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

[24-0215](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

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

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

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

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

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$0.00

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

District(s): 15

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 24-0215 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0218](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

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

Request: Authorization to extend grant agreement

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

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

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

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

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

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

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

Previous Grant Amount: \$4,400,000.00

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

District(s): 16

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 24-0218. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0221](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

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

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

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

Agreement Number: N/A

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

Fiscal Impact: \$1.00 per year

Accounts: Professional Services Account 51034.520840

District(s): N/A

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

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

24-0221. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0216](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Approval of lease for private office space

Landlord: Regus Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois

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

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

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

Space Occupied: 216 sq ft

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

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$15,000.00

Accounts: Office Rental 51001.700823

Option to Renew: N/A

Termination: N/A

Utilities Included: Yes

District(s): N/A

Summary/Notes: In order to accommodate workspace for staff displaced by the temporary closure of the Forest Preserves’ general headquarters in River Forest, Illinois (“GHQ”) for renovations, the Forest

Preserves is seeking to enter into a lease for up to five (5) months for private office space in Oak Park, Illinois with Regus Oak Park. Previously, the Forest Preserves entered into a lease for the same space pursuant to Board Item No. 23-0354, however, the current lease is set to expire on 7/31/2024. Final lease agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 24-0216. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0168](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: GGA Partners, Ontario, Canada

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

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

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

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

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$29,075.00

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

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

This Increase Requested: \$7,563.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$7,563.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000010496

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 24-0168. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0065](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 24-0065. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0214](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - March 2024

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

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting

Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of March 2024. Payments total \$78,910.55 for March 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 24-0214. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0211](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

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

Wednesday, 5/15; 11am - 2pm

Nature Play Day; Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

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

Thursday, 5/16; 6pm - 8pm

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

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

Friday, 5/17; 6pm - 8pm

Nature Noises, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

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

Friday, 5/17; 7:30pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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

Saturday, 5/18; 10am - 12pm

Kite Fest; Barrington Road Pond, Hoffman Estates

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

Saturday, 5/18; 10am - 12pm

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

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

Saturday, 5/18; 11am - 3pm

Nature Block Party, Eggers Grove, Chicago

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

Saturday, 5/18; 1pm - 3pm

Welcome Back, Cicadas, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Saturday, 5/18; 1:30pm

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

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

Saturday, 5/18; 4pm - 7pm

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

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

Sunday, 5/19; 8am

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

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

Sunday, 5/19; 1:30pm

Spring Stroll, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

A walk to highlight the signs of spring.

Tuesday, 5/21; 9:30am

Wellness Walk for Toddlers, Trailside Museum, River Forest

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

Wednesday, 5/22; 10am - 12pm

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

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

Thursday, 5/23; 3pm - 6pm

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

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

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

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

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

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

Foster Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest

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

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

Cicada-Palooza, Trailside Museum, River Forest

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

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

Family Campout, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

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

Sunday, 5/26; 1pm

April Showers Bring May Flowers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

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

Wednesday, 5/29; 4pm - 6pm

Archery, Cherry Hills Woods, Palos Park

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

Thursday, 5/30; 4pm - 6pm

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

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

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

IKES Fish for Fun, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Join us for a fun and relaxing day. The day will start with a librarian from the North Riverside Public

Library reading a nature-themed book followed by a fun activity. You can conclude the day by having a picnic with your family. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, 6/9; 1pm**Rocks on the Beach: Great Lakes Geology 101, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center,**

Lemont

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 24-0211. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE

[24-0235](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular or special meeting held on 4/16/2024 .

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 24-0235. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[24-0212](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 5/14/2024

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$222,753.96

Legal Fees for 5/14/2024 to Be Approved: \$49,831.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 24-0212. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0213](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 5/14/2024

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$309,230.89

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$125,000.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$12,500.00

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 24-0213. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0079](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

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

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for March 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 24-0079. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[24-0182](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet 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; and

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

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a 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:

1413 E Joe Orr Road (aka 1400 E Joe Orr Rd), Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois

THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 (EXCEPT THE EAST 36-2/3 ACRES THEREOF) AND (EXCEPT HIGHWAY) THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTHEAST OF THE CENTER LINE OF DEER CREEK, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINs: 32-14-406-001-0000 & 32-14-405-003-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 2,022,778 SQUARE FEET, OR 46.44 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 purchase, 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.

District 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0182. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Morrison (1)

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0183](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): 1400 E Joe Orr, LLC (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 1413 E Joe Orr Rd (aka 1400 E Joe Orr Rd), Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PINs: 32-14-406-001-0000 & 32-14-405-003-0000

THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 (EXCEPT THE EAST 36-2/3 ACRES THEREOF) AND (EXCEPT HIGHWAY) THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTHEAST OF THE CENTER LINE OF DEER CREEK, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 2,022,778 SQUARE FEET, OR 46.44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,520,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,530,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and ARPA Fund 51032.560010

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 1413 E Joe Orr Rd (aka 1400 E Joe Orr Rd), Lynwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 46.44 ± acres.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,520,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,530,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0183. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Morrison (1)

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0184](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet 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; and

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

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a 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:

19101 Cottage Grove Ave, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois
THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14,
EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE NORTH 1150 FEET THEREOF),
IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PIN: 32-11-300-003-0000

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,833,440 SQUARE FEET, OR 42.09 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 purchase, 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.

District 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0184. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Morrison (1)

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0185](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Calvary Christian Development Corporation (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: 19101 Cottage Grove, Unincorporated, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PIN: 32-11-300-003-0000

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE NORTH 1150 FEET THEREOF), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,833,440 SQUARE FEET, OR 42.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,680,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,690,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and ARPA Fund 51032.560010.

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 19101 Cottage Grove Ave, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 42.09 ± acres.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,680,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,690,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the

Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves' Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0185. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Present: Morrison (1)

Absent: Morrison (1)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[24-0181](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: OCA - FY24 1st Quarter Open Recommendations

Report Period: March 2024

Summary: This report was designed to communicate the status of Open Recommendations regarding the Forest Preserves District of Cook County

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 24-0181. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

[24-0187](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2023

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed in 2012 and amended in subsequent years by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2023 include 42% of awarded contracts; and 52% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in fifteen (15) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to receive and file 24-0187. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

NEW ITEMS

Motion to Suspend the Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that was to waive the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

[24-0174](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING AND ADOPTING THE NAME SHĪSHKO MBISHKE FOR THE PRESERVES KNOWN AS CHERRY HILL WOODS SLOUGHS

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2018, the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves") Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities (Board Item No. 17-0178); and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Forest Preserves recognize that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging, in honoring natural features or events, and that names may impart powerful and positive meaning for people; and

WHEREAS, the preserves informally referred to as Cherry Hill Woods Sloughs, located at 41.6700322, -87.8611659 / 41° 40' 12.12" N, 87° 51' 40.20" W in the Village of Palos Park, will henceforth be named Shishko Mbishke (pronounced: SHISK-ko BEESH-keh); and

WHEREAS, the site was formerly labelled on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps from 1963 using a name containing a derogatory and sexist slur. This offensive name was removed from the Federal Register in 2022 and was never officially adopted by the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Shishko Mbishke translates to "muskrat swamp" in Boodewaadamiimowin (Potawatomi language), honoring a native animal that plays a significant role in the creation story of the Potawatomi people; and

WHEREAS, this name was selected in collaboration with community partners including the Trickster

Cultural Center, the Tribal Office of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the American Indian Center, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative, underscoring the Forest Preserves’ commitment to valuing and embracing the perspectives of the Native American community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and adopt the name Shishko Mbishke for the preserves formerly known as Cherry Hill Woods Sloughs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, appropriate action will be taken to register the new name with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and initiate updates of all recorded surveys and maps, both printed and electronic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 24-0174 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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