

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 10:00 A.M.**



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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Pastor La'Vel F. Hardy, of God's House of All Nations Church, gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code.

1. Mark Armstrong
2. Stephen Schwab
3. Jeff Isaac
4. Kevin Slaughter

COMMISSIONERS

19-0175

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE ZOOLOGICAL COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT FROM THE SENIOR STAFF OF THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONCERNING CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO

WHEREAS, in 1919, Edith Rockefeller McCormick donated 83 acres of land to the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the sole purpose of creating a large, modern zoological park. In 1921, the Chicago Zoological Society was formed at the recommendation of the Forest Preserves of Cook County to manage Brookfield Zoo, which opened its doors in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Zoo is the most popular ticketed cultural destination in the Midwest, with over 2 million visitors every year. The zoo supports nearly 2,000 jobs and has generated over \$670 million in labor income, over \$1.5 billion in economic activity, and over \$211 million in local, state and federal tax revenues over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Zoo provides crucial community programming, including early childhood natureplay activities, an elementary and junior high science program hosted at community libraries, and a High School program focused on STEM learning and college readiness. These programs serve mainly under resources communities and reach over 4,000 individuals every year; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Zoo is an example of a successful public-private partnership. It is owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and operated by the Chicago Zoological Society. The Zoo is an important and valuable asset of the Cook County Forest Preserve District; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Forest Preserve District annually provides \$14 million for the Chicago Zoological Society in support of its world-class operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Zoological Committee be convened to discuss the status of capital infrastructure at Brookfield Zoo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a member of the senior staff of the Chicago Zoological Society appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on Brookfield Zoo's capital infrastructure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 19-0175. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

19-0149

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Department(s): Conservation & Experiential Programming

Other Part(ies): Pathway to Adventure Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Enter into a five (5) year use agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Pathway to Adventure Council (the "Scout Council") and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") have formalized a working partnership to collaborate in

securing sites - picnic groves and campground space for Pathway to Adventure Council's large district events. As a non-profit, the Pathway to Adventure Council is eligible for a 50% non-profit discount.

Agreement period: 2/20/2019 - 2/19/2024, with a five (5) year option renewal

Fiscal Impact: Revenue generating: The Scout Council and other scout units will pay the 50% discount rate for non-profits as established by the Board for sites or will partner with the Forest Preserves on programming for use of the sites.

Accounts: N/A

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Summary/Notes: The Scout Council proposed this "Use Agreement" with the Forest Preserves in order to create a clearer process for the Scout Council and for individual scout units to work with the Forest Preserves on accessing Forest Preserves sites for major scout programs, which may include several thousand in participation. This agreement provides a timeline for the scouts to request sites; defines the Scout Council groups versus the scout units; and provides a specific point of contact for the Scout Council and the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves value their relationship with the Scout Council and share common goals of getting youth outside and connecting them to nature.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0149. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0150

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Bike and Roll Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Bicycle Rental

Original Contract Period: 5/19/2015 - 5/18/2018; on 3/13/2018 term extended to 5/18/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/19/2019 - 5/18/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: 5/19/2015

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$17,000.00 + 10% of gross sales (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 14-40-409

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves would like to exercise the second of two (2) one-year extension options to allow Bike and Roll Inc. to continue providing bicycle rental services at various Forest Preserves locations on a seasonal basis.

In 2018, 2,200 riders rented bicycles for 5,142 rides during the first year of the dockless expansion. During this second extension period, Bike and Roll, Inc. will continue to provide a dockless bicycle rental program at fifty (50) Forest Preserve locations. If there are consumer demands, the Forest Preserves and the vendor may agree on additional locations and an increased number of bikes available for rental.

The Forest Preserves anticipates issuing an RFP in 2019 for bicycle rental services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0150. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0153

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Finance and Administration

Other Part(ies): Cook County Government, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to amend the intergovernmental agreement between the County of Cook (the “County”) and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and the Forest Preserves.

Goods or Services: The County and the Forest Preserves wish to extend the agreement for an additional two (2) years and to restate/amend the Agreement to provide for the transfer of certain goods and to increase the amount of reimbursement or payment between the Forest Preserves and the County for various services rendered.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2019, retroactively, to 12/31/2020

Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$2,040,465.00 in expenditures and \$860,000.00 in revenue, FY 2020 \$2,057,483.00 in expenditures and \$860,000.00 in revenue

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended on 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, and 9/26/2018 to allow for additional cooperation. The Seventh Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one (1) Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one agreement, and allows for the transfer of certain County vehicles to the Forest Preserves. This is a two-year agreement covering fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0153. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0160

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the first of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling systems contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest Region) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$100,000.00 for thirty-six (36) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$36,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$30,000.00, FY 2020 \$6,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-205 (R)

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 1 (South/Southwest) which consists of Calumet, Tinley Creek, and Palos Divisions. During this extension, the price increase from \$43.50 to \$44.80 per ton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0160. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0161

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the first of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Lakeshore Recycling Systems contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 2 (Central Region), Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$100,000.00 for thirty-six (36) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$100,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$36,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$30,000.00, FY 2020 \$6,000.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-206 (R)

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 2 (Central Region) which consists of the Salt Creek and Indian Boundary Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$43.50 to \$44.80 per ton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0161. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0162

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Groot Industries, Inc., Elk Grove, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the first of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Groot Industries, Inc. contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region), North Branch and Northwest Divisions

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$90,000.00 for thirty-six (36) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$90,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$33,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$28,500.00, FY 2020 \$4,500.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-207 (R)

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 3 (North/Northwest Region) which consists of the North Branch and Northwest Divisions. During this extension, the price will increase from \$48.00 to \$48.89 per ton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 19-0162. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0163

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION

Department(s): Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the first of two (2) one-year extension options and to increase the Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Provide Refuse Disposal Sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region), Thorn Creek Division

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2019 - 2/28/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$52,000.00 for thirty-six (36) months

Original Approval: 2/9/2016, \$52,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$19,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$15,800.00, FY 2020 \$3,200.00

Accounts: Refuse Disposal 51001.520050

Contract Number(s): 15-52-208 (R)

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Landscape Maintenance department is requesting an extension of contract for one (1) year for refuse disposal sites for Region 4 (Southeast Region) which consists of the Thorn Creek Division. During this extension, the price will increase from \$50.52 to \$51.78 per ton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0163. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0156

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: JX Peterbilt, Lansing, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of two (2) 2019 Peterbilt Model 337 garbage trucks utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Program contract #081716-PMC.

Contract Value: \$313,230.00

Contract period: 2/19/2019 - 11/15/2020

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$313,230.00

Accounts: Vehicle and Trucks 51056.560265

Contract Number(s): 081716-PMC

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This contract provides for two (2) vehicles to be used in conjunction with Forest Preserve business for use by the Landscape Maintenance department. The Vehicle Steering Committee concurred with this recommendation at the meeting convened on 1/24/2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0156. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0165

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: AT&T, Chicago, Illinois

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

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

Contract Value: \$286,308.00

Contract period: 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2021

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$95,436.00, FY 2020 \$95,436.00 and FY 2021 \$95,436.00

Accounts: Communication Services 51001.520150

Contract Number(s): 74000005327

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into a contract with AT&T, to bundle telephone service into a program offered called Easy Rate. The Easy Rate program is recommended for telephone service primarily used for local calling and with relatively low usage. The new agreement will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$163,180.00 annually. The term of the contract is for three-years.

As background, the Forest Preserves currently uses 241 AT&T phone lines that are of older technology using a voice-grade telephone service employing analog signal transmission over copper lines. This service was installed primarily at remote locations, such as maintenance yards, fueling stations, aquatic centers, and campgrounds, which are not connected to the County-wide telephone system.

The Easy Rate program will be combined with the County's existing Master Discount agreement (MDA) with AT&T to substantially reduce the cost per telephone line. With this new program, line rates will be reduced from an average of \$91.62 per month to \$35.20 per month after the MDA is applied.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0165. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0166

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Parking

Original Contract Period: 2/14/2018 - 2/12/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/13/2019, retroactive - 2/12/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: N/A

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$158,400.00 (Revenue Generating) over two (2) years (based on 200 parking spots).

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 1

Summary: The Forest Preserves owns real property with improvements known as the Miller Meadow Parking Lot ("Parking Lot") in Maywood, Illinois. The Parking Lot currently has approximately 320 marked spaces available for parking and open to the public. Loyola University Medical Center ("Loyola") is located at 2160 S. 1st Ave and is located across from the Parking Lot, and has requested use of said Parking Lot to provide overflow parking for its employees and students. The Forest Preserves previously entered into a one-year agreement to provide temporary parking for Loyola's employees and students during their construction that recently concluded.

Loyola has now requested a longer term Parking Lot agreement with the Forest Preserves for their employees and medical students. The Forest Preserves requests authorization to extend the agreement

with Loyola for an additional two-years. The fee for this agreement shall be a Parking Fee of \$6,600.00 per month for 200 parking spots. Loyola agrees to indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain an insurance policy naming the Forest Preserves as an additional insured. Loyola's access to the Parking Lot is limited to Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 7:30 pm. Loyola will not be granted exclusive use of the Parking Lot and it shall continue to be available for use and benefit for the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0166. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0151

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 12/1/2018 - 12/31/2018

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2018. 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 Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and filed 19-0151. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0105

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 2/19/2019 - 3/19/2019

When it Snows!

Cross-country skiing is a fun way to stay active during winter. Sagawau Nordic in Lemont is open daily from 9am - 4pm as long as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow). Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. Beginner ski lessons are offered on Saturdays at 9:30 am for a fee; registration required. Watch Sagawau's Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.

Snowshoes are available at all our Nature Centers

Snowshoes are available when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

Follow us on Facebook to learn about pop-up Snowshoe programs when conditions allow.

Sledding Hills offer winter fun day and night!

Sledding hills are open when the ground is frozen and covered with a minimum of three inches of snow. Dan Ryan, Caldwell Woods, Swallow Cliff, Westchester Woods, Deer Grove, Schiller Woods, Pioneer Woods, and Thaddeus S. "Ted" Lechowicz Woods.

Saturday, 2/23; 4pm - 8pm

Winter Wine & Whiskey Fest, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Come out of your winter hibernation and warm up at Brookfield Zoo's Winter Wine and Whiskey Fest! This fun-filled event features wine and whiskey samples, live music from Red Carpet Riot, small bites, and meet and greets with Animal Ambassadors, all in the zoo's relaxed setting!

Saturday, 2/23; 11am - 2pm

Snowshoe Trekking, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Enjoy the Forest Preserves on snowshoes. Conditions permitting; 4 inches of hard snow required. *Free.*

Saturday, 2/23; 10am - 1pm

Winter Watercolors, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting. All material provided. *Registration required.*
Call 708-386-4042.

Saturday- Sunday, 2/23 - 2/24; 1:30pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making.

Saturday, 2/23; 11am and 2pm

Black History Month: Underground Railroad Hikes, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us on an imaginary journey that follows an Underground Railroad route used in Illinois in the mid-1800s.

Sunday, 2/24; 10:30am families; 1pm adults

Fledgling Birder, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Every accomplished birdwatcher learned from someone. Join a naturalist to learn binocular basics, bird identification and best bird feeder tips.

Friday, 3/1

Bird House Building Contest, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We will hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. See our website for full details. Entries accepted through 5/1.

Saturday, 3/2; 11am

Hike the Des Plaines, Evans Field, River Forest

Hike into the start of the spring with this casual-paced hike along the Des Plaines Trail. We will hike roughly 2 miles on this non-looped trail.

Sunday, 3/3; 1pm

Sun Gazing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Stop on by and learn about our nearest star, and take a look with our filtered telescope.

Saturday, 3/9; 9am, 11am, and 4pm, Sunday 3/10; 10am

One Earth Film Festival, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest

Join us for free family films during the day, and a special adult twilight program with a fee. Discussions

and other activities included. For details, visit One Earth Film Festival website.

Sunday, 3/10; 11am - 1:30pm

Conservation@Home: Kick Start your Garden! Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Learn how to create a sustainable garden using conservation practices, and talk to local organizations about native landscaping and gardening. There will be a Conservation@Home presentation at 12:45pm.

Saturday, 3/16; 10am

Conservation @ Home: Winter Pruning, Little Red School house, Willow Springs

Proper pruning can greatly improve the overall appearance and health of woody plants. Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners to learn the tricks of the trade when it comes to pruning trees and shrubs.

Saturday, 3/16; 10am

Hike the Preserves, Jurgensen Woods, Lansing

Take a fitness hike (7.5 miles) and enjoy the natural beauty around you.

Sunday, 3/17; 11am - 3pm

47th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping, and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste. Call for more information.

Sunday, 3/17; 1pm

Sagawau Science: Out in the Field, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Understand a naturalist by being part of their excursion. Use your power of observation to identify ecological connections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and filed 19-0105. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/19/2019

19-0176

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 1/22/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-0176. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/19/2019

19-0164

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation– 1/22/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0164. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0120

PROPOSED ORDINANCE Ordinance For The Levy Of Taxes For The Year 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 19-0120. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0152

REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and filed 19-0152. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2/19/2019

19-0116

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (“MCImetro”), Grantee

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 19-0116. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

19-0122

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE- Village of Schiller Park, Illinois

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to defer 19-0122.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner JOHN P. DALEY, seconded by Commissioner DEBORAH SIMS to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Deer (2)