



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

Minutes of the Zoological Committee

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:40 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Moore, Arroyo, Daley, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (7)

Absent: Deer and Tobolski (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Vice Chairman Moore asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

No public speakers

[19-0541](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/15/2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to approve 19-0541. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Arroyo, Daley, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (7)

Absent: Deer and Tobolski (2)

[19-0459](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Forest Preserves District

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society

Request: Amendment to Agreement between the Forest Preserve and the Chicago Zoological Society

Good(s) or Service(s): Brookfield Zoo Admission and Parking

Agreement period: 4/6/1987 until revoked

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: None

Agreement Number(s): None

District(s): 16

Summary: Amends Section 13 of the previously executed agreement between the Chicago Zoological Society (Zoo) and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) for the maintenance and operation of a zoological park on lands of the Forest Preserve District, commonly known as the Brookfield Zoo, to allow for changes in certain admission and parking rates.

Reason: This increase will support the Zoo's submitted 2020 Budget proposal. On 4/6/1987 an agreement between the District and the Zoo was presented and approved by this Honorable Board of Commissioners for the continued maintenance and operations of the Brookfield Zoo (Agreement). From time to time the Agreement has been amended by mutual consent of the District and the Zoo (Parties). The Parties now wish to amend the Agreement to approve an increase in admission and parking fees at the Brookfield Zoo as indicated below.

Section 13 of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

"Said Zoological Park shall be open without general admission charge to organized groups of children in attendance at schools in the State of Illinois. The Society may limit the number of any such groups in any given day and may establish other rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to standards of conduct and supervision. Said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days each year. The Society may otherwise charge an admission fee to said Park not exceeding

~~\$21.95~~ \$24.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding ~~\$15.95~~ \$17.95 for each visitor ages three to eleven; and not exceeding \$19.95 for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birth date. The Society may charge a parking fee not exceeding \$14 per car and \$20 per bus. The Society may charge fees not exceeding these limits on a per vehicle basis and may otherwise adjust seasonally and daily to provide for optimal utilization of said Zoological Park. The proceeds of such admission fees and parking fees shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of said Zoological Park and the collections therein. Charges may be made at any time pursuant to special services and for admission to special facilities within said Zoological Park for the education, entertainment or convenience of visitors."

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve 19-0459. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Arroyo, Daley, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (7)

Absent: Deer and Tobolski (2)


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Arroyo, Daley, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (7)

Absent: Deer and Tobolski (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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