

Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

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10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1) excused absence

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Benjamin Cox, Friends of the Forest Preserves

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner LUIS ARROYO JR., seconded by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, that the Consent Calendar was approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0010

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS **OF** THE **ILLINOIS** ASSOCIATION OF **PARK DISTRICTS'** BEST OF **BEST AWARDS: PROJECT** ONWARD, THE **BRUSHWOOD HOFFMAN** CENTER, **VOLUNTEER STEWARD** WEBB, THE **ESTATES JUNE PARK** DISTRICT, THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, AND THE FOREST PRESERVES OF

COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2020, Project Onward, Brushwood Center, volunteer steward June Webb, Hoffman Estates Park District, the Village of Hoffman Estates and the Forest Preserves of Cook County, were all honored with Best of the Best awards from the Illinois Association of Park Districts during a virtual ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Project Onward, Brushwood Center and the Forest Preserves of Cook County received the Arts in the Park award for their collaboration on *Fresh Air*, a virtual art exhibition; and

WHEREAS, artists from Project Onward, a nonprofit studio and gallery, located in Chicago, for artists with mental and developmental disabilities, created pieces for the *Fresh Air* exhibition inspired by their visits to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods; and

WHEREAS, Fresh Air showcased the work of the Project Onward artists, providing important exposure for these talented individuals, while also highlighting the importance of local nature as inspiration in art; and

WHEREAS, June Webb received the Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award for her dedication and passion as a volunteer steward at Kickapoo and Whistler Woods in the Calumet region where she has succeeded in attracting and building a team of local volunteers and has helped care for over 50 acres of prairie and woodland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Webb has dedicated over 1200 hours to the Forest Preserves as a steward, trail watch volunteer, and dragonfly monitor and leads activities at Whistler and Kickapoo that educate visitors and volunteers about local ecosystems and inspires curiosity about the natural world just outside their doors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Webb is a cherished member of the Chicagoland environmental community and has inspired countless people to care for nature; and

WHEREAS, Hoffman Estates Park District, the Village of Hoffman Estates and the Forest Preserves of Cook County received the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award for the work of these three agencies to create a trail segment that connects the Village of Hoffman Estates to the Forest Preserves' Poplar Creek trail system; and

WHEREAS, this trail segment will contribute to the health, safety and mobility of residents by keeping bicycles and pedestrians off a busy stretch of Shoe Factory Road and creating a significant addition to a regional priority corridor that runs from Elgin to Evanston, providing a safe way for walkers and bikers to traverse the area for recreation, school and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County congratulate the recipients of the Illinois

Association of Park Districts' Best of the Best Awards and thank them for their commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0010. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0011

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING LORRIE WARD **FOR** RECEIVING THE **NON-FORMAL EDUCATOR** OF THE YEAR AWARD **FROM** THE **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** OF **ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, in April 2020 Lorrie Ward received the Non-Formal Educator of the Year Award from the Environmental Education Association of Illinois (EEAI); this award, limited to one recipient each year, is presented for exhibiting innovative and exemplary effort in providing environmental education opportunities for general audiences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has been with the Forest Preserves of Cook County for over 11 years, and served in the last 10 years at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center which offers field science programs for adult and high school groups, as well as public adult and family programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward is a leader in developing interesting and engaging geology and earth science programs that resonate with a wide range of people, and she invites people to read the landscape and understand how geology influences our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward is a creative nature interpreter who leads hundreds of school and public programs every year ranging from native plants to wildlife telemetry and Illinois fossils to glacial geology; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward's accomplishments are many and include presenting at the 2019 Wild Things Conference on the Geology of Northeastern Illinois to 450 attendees, teaching the University of Illinois - Extension South Cook County Master Naturalist workshop on Geology and leading programs and tours of

Sagawau for teachers that qualify for professional development hours; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward offers a myriad of field science programming and advocates for the development of new and updated programs which include topics on lichens, trees, grasses, hummingbirds, warblers, grasshoppers and more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward leads interpretive programs on skis in the winter as a Level I Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Nordic Ski instructor, becoming one of PSIA's first instructors in the nation certified in teaching senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward serves the greater environmental education community by participating in the planning committee for the Chicago Botanic Garden's Unearth Science Festival and serves on internal committees for the Forest Preserves including the Animal Care Committee and the Conservation@Home Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward is an amazingly gifted environmental educator, who is remarkable at demystifying complex subjects and successfully reaches her audience through her curiosity and respect for nature and people; the Forest Preserves is fortunate to have her and looks forward to seeing her continue to grow and excel as a naturalist and leader.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County thank and congratulate Lorrie Ward for being recognized as EEAI's Non-Formal Educator of the Year for her commitment to connecting people with nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Lorrie Ward as a token of appreciation for her service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0011. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0012

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY'S SOUTHEAST COOK COUNTY LAND ACQUISITION PLAN FOR RECEIVING THE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

COMMUNITY AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION-ILLINOIS CHAPTER AND A GREEN RIBBON AWARD FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020 the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan ("the Plan") received a Green Ribbon Award from the Friends of the Chicago River which recognizes projects that demonstrate a high level of river-sensitive design and consideration; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020 the Plan also received the Healthy and Active Community Award from the American Planning Association - Illinois Chapter recognizing outstanding planning efforts from across the state of Illinois that exemplify the practice of urban planning; and

WHEREAS, the Plan, completed in May 2019, represents a unique and innovative approach to identifying and protecting valuable open space and natural areas in Southeast Cook County considering the ecological value of sites, and to conducting suitability and feasibility assessments related to adjacency, flood mitigation, public health, equity and social vulnerability, community desires, connectivity and planned economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies over 5,000 suitable acres based on assessment criteria within Southeast Cook County where new protected lands can meet the Forest Preserves' mission to protect natural areas while generating multiple benefits to residents and makes recommendations for new partnerships and strategies towards implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves worked with a talented team to create the Plan that included the Conservation Fund, Metropolitan Planning Council, Antero Group, and Rudd Resources to both evaluate the region's resources and engage directly with the public; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's innovative approach will have lasting positive effects on our region including human physical and mental well-being, climate resiliency, ecological sustainability and economic prosperity and serves as a model for land conservation planners in other major urban areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves thank and congratulate the Conservation Fund, Metropolitan Planning Council, Antero Group, Rudd Resources, and the Forest Preserves, for their work on the Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan and their commitment to advance the mission of the Forest Preserves and the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to all awardees as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0012. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

PRESIDENT

21-0107

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER and BRANDON JOHNSON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2021

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

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the "Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2021."

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2021 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2021 at its meeting held November 17, 2020, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned "Payable from the Tax Levy" and "Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy" where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred Million, Ninety Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$100,096,286), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2021 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment

for contributions to Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 17, 2020 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2021 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF ALL FUNDS

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than
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Corporate	62,227,109	53,545,686	8,681,423
Self-Insurance	12,040,000	0	12,040,000
Const. & Development	6,790,000	7,000,000	-210,000
Bond & Interest	16,780,219	12,784,219	3,996,000
Employee Annuity & Benefit	3,926,419	3,533,384	393,035
Real Estate Acquisition	5,350,000	0	5,350,000
Capital Improvement	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	14,389,505	14,284,927	104,578
Chicago Horticultural	8,932,778	8,948,070	-15,292
Total	\$134,159,030	\$100,096,286	\$34,062,744

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0107to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0008

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO MODIFY CERTAIN 2021 FEES

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Forest Preserves") approved the 2021 Executive Budget Recommendation (Agenda No. 20-0389), which included rates for the Glen Grove Equestrian Center; and

WHEREAS, based on a request from Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc., which currently manages the equestrian facility, in response to continued increased costs and decreased revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Forest Preserves is now asking that certain fees be increased; and

WHEREAS, such proposed modified fees are listed below:

PROPOSED - FOREST PRESERVES MODIFIED FEES

Glen Grove Stables

EQUESTRIAN LESSON FEES

<u>Private Rate: \$60.00 \$55.00/Half Hour</u> <u>Semi Private Rate: \$55.00 \$50.00/Half Hour</u>

Group Rate: \$75.00 \$70.00/Hour

EQUESTRIAN BOARDING FEES

<u>Front Barn Stall: \$885.00 \$835.00/Month</u> <u>Large Barn Stall: \$925.00 \$875.00/Month</u>

Grooming Packages: \$150.00 \$175.00/Month

MONTHLY LESSON PACKAGES FOR EQUESTRIAN BOARDERS

Two Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$480.00 \$450.00

Three Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$720.00 \$660.00

Four Lessons or Training Rides Per Week: \$960.00 \$880.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that the above-referenced modified fees are hereby adopted effective March 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer

^{*}Fees listed above represent not to exceed fees that the Forest Preserves' vendor may charge.

21-0008 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0125

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUEST FOR GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE UTILITY AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, on 10/20/2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves entering into a contract with Ameresco, Inc. to provide energy consultant, procurement, bill payment and data management services for the procurement of and budgeting for electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy for Forest Preserves facilities (Agenda No. 20-0363) (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Contract is due to expire on 9/30/2023 and has one (1) two-year renewal option; and

WHEREAS, in order to lock in best rates, the Forest Preserves must approve rates and enter into corresponding energy agreements on a timeframe that is shorter than thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, under the Contract, Ameresco is tasked with soliciting quotes, recommending energy suppliers, and administering agreements with energy providers; and

WHEREAS, over the last three (3) years, the Forest Preserves has spent approximately \$800,000.00 annually for electricity and natural gas to operate its facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize the Forest Preserves General Superintendent or designee, to approve and execute any agreements for energy providers recommended by Ameresco, Inc., pursuant to the Contract; provided, however, that (1) any such agreements do not exceed a duration of twenty-four (24) months, and (2) the annual aggregate spend on such agreements will not exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) (collectively, the "Energy Contracts").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on an annual basis, no later than the first Committee on Finance meeting after March 1st, the General Superintendent shall submit to the Committee a report covering all payments made pursuant to such Energy Contracts during the prior calendar year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0125. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

21-0106

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Annual Report from the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

REDI Committee

Report Period: 2020

Summary: In 2018, the Forest Preserves created a Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee to assess hiring, training and other Forest Preserves' operations, policies and procedures. The catalyst for the creation of this committee was a well-publicized incident in which a Forest Preserves' patron was harassed by another patron on the basis of race. One of the committee's goals is to strengthen a work culture that embraces diversity and is inclusive and welcoming to all employees and to all the people of Cook County. In late 2018, a partnership was formed with Dr. Kathleen Yang-Clayton and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to advise the REDI committee. On July 28, 2020, the Conservation and Policy Council submitted to the Board of Commissioners the position paper "Moving Towards Racial Equity." (Agenda No. 20-0285). The work of the internal REDI committee is consistent with and complements the recommendations of the position paper.

This first annual report from the REDI committee reflects the tireless commitment and passion of the entire Forest Preserves to operationalize racial equity, improve Forest Preserves performance, and increase access and inclusion for all the lives touched by the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Since 2018, the REDI committee has completed in-depth training on how to operationalize racial equity within large public organizations, diversified hiring panels, conducted racial equity training for the senior team and for key stewards, and convened a series of racial identity caucuses following the murder of George Floyd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and Page 11 of 41

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filed 21-0106. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0103

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jacqui Ulrich, Director of the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department,

Forest Preserves of Cook County

Position: Member of the Board

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective date: 2/1/2021

Expiration date: Two (2) year term expiring 1/31/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests approval of the appointment of Jacqui Ulrich, Director of the Conservation and Experiential Programing Department ("CEP") to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves. The previous appointee, Cynthia Moreno, former Director of CEP, retired from the Forest Preserves.

NeighborSpace is a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give young and old alike an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

CEP connects diverse audiences to nature through a wide range of educational and outdoor recreation experiences and is also responsible for community engagement and committed to developing relationships with citizens to energize them and connect them to nature. CEP works with program partners at the local level on programming, building relationships with groups to become long-term advocates, stewards and ambassadors of the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Park District worked

together to establish NeighborSpace as a non-profit in 1997. These three (3) governmental agencies continue to provide leadership and financial support to protect community-managed open spaces in Chicago.

The Forest Preserves is also represented on the NeighborSpace Board by Commissioner Dennis Deer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0103. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0101

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR")

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the renovation of Crabtree Nature Center located in Barrington Hills.

Grant Amount: \$750,000.00

Grant Period: Two (2) years from date of full contract execution

Fiscal Impact: \$250,000.00

Accounts: Revenue 51010.411437

Concurrences:

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

approval.

District(s): 15

Summary: Renovation of the Crabtree Nature Center is proposed to update exhibits and signage as well as improve accessibility and energy efficiency. Building renovation would include new entrance doors and welcome desk, redesigned and refreshed interpretive exhibits, energy-efficient lighting, windows and HVAC system replacement. Site enhancements would include new signage and access improvements. The IDNR Museum Capital Grant would fund 75% of the estimated cost of improvements.

Total project costs are estimated to be \$1,000,000.00 of which the Forest Preserves is providing \$250,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0101. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0108

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity ("DCEO")

Request: Authorization to accept grant and enter into grant agreement

Purpose: Infrastructure repair to Swallow Cliff limestone stairs

Grant Amount: \$125,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2020 (retroactive) - 9/30/2022

Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating).

Accounts: Grant account 51010.411437

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 17

Summary: This grant award is anticipated to cover all or most of the costs for the repair of damaged limestone stairs, installed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The Swallow Cliff stairs are a beloved and popular outdoor health and fitness landmark and are visited by thousands of people each week. These repairs will ensure that the stairs are in good and safe condition so that people of all ages can enjoy this healthy outdoor recreation amenity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0108. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Ayes:

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent:

Johnson (1)

21-0114

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

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

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

Goods or Services: Cook County, via the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, to use property of Forest Preserves as vaccination site(s)

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/26/2021 - 12/31/2022

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: Waived

License Application Fee: Waived

YELAR Fee: Waived

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Vaccines have become available to combat the current COVID-19 pandemic. In order to facilitate administration of available vaccines throughout Cook County, the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCH), working in concert with its affiliate the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), is in the process of securing multiple vaccination sites. Seeking authorization to allow up to five (5) of those locations to be sites within the Forest Preserves, with specific locations subject to approval of the General Superintendent. These sites will allow for drive-thru vaccine administration and any auxiliary services related to pandemic response efforts. While no fees will be charged by the Forest Preserves for such use, CCH will be responsible for, without limitation, all clinical activities, emergency health services, traffic control, security, removal of waste and compliance with all applicable laws. CCH will also be responsible for restoring any used site(s) to their pre-existing condition. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0114. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0109

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

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

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to receive a grant

Goods or Services: Grant not to exceed \$75,000.00 for two (2) K-9 Vehicles to support law enforcement efforts

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/26/2021 - 8/31/2021

Fiscal Impact: Grant revenue up to \$75,000.00

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Cook County is a recipient of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program funding from the United States Department of Justice through the Chicago Police Department. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Chicago ("Chicago/Cook MOU") the County has been allocated a portion of the 2018 JAG Grant. The County wishes to subaward a portion of the 2018 JAG Grant to the Forest Preserves for the purchase of two (2) specially equipped K-9 squad vehicles to be used to transport search and rescue canines. The Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners previously approved the following: (1) the Forest Preserves' receipt of a sub-award grant from Cook County for the prior purchase of a K-9 vehicle (Agenda No. 18-0409) and, (2) the Forest Preserves' receipt of a sub-award grant from Cook County for the prior purchase of a canine (Agenda No. 19-0362). The final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0109. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0115

FPD Board of Commissioners

January 26, 2021

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of 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 amend and restate the agreement to allow for additional grass cutting and snow removal services to be provided by the Forest Preserves to Cook County's Department of Facilities Management and to allow for additional payment from the County to the Forest Preserves for such additional services.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2021 (retroactive) - 12/31/2021

FY 2021 \$2,094,643.00 in expenditures and \$1,096,312.00 in revenue, which includes

\$166,312.00 for snow removal and grass cutting at Oak Forest Hospital location.

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate accounts

District(s): Districtwide

The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on **Summary:** 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, 9/26/2018, 2/21/2019 and 10/22/2020 to allow for additional cooperation. The Ninth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one (1) Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one (1) agreement and allows for grass cutting and snow removal services to be provided by the Forest Preserves to Cook County's Department of Facilities Management at the Oak Forest Hospital location.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0115. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0102

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Programming Good(s) or Service(s): Programming Partnerships

Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00

Accounts: Special Events 51001.520635; Supplies and Material 51001.53190; various other grant funds

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") requests authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$100,000.00 through the remainder of 2021 to support educational, recreational and community engagement program services with a variety of program partners, including, but not limited to, artists, arts groups, youth development groups, program trainers, curriculum development facilitators, and cultural groups. These program partners would be selected through the Forest Preserves' Event and Program Partnership application. This Event and Partnership application listed Forest Preserves' is on the website fpdcc.com/about/doing-business-partnerships/programming-partnerships/#proposals and will marketed through various Forest Preserves avenues. Program partners could be selected for one (1) event or a series of events; but would not be engaged for periods of more than one (1) year. Individual contract payment amounts would not exceed \$5,000.00. The program partnerships would be proposed or vetted by the Forest Preserves' Conservation and Experiential Programming team and selected based community involvement; ability to provide the service; ability to bring a unique program concept to the Forest Preserves; ability and interest to connect with the Forest Preserves' mission and vision; ability to serve a community impacted by racial and other inequities; ability to support Forest Preserves' grant programs; price; and ability to bring a new audience to the Forest Preserves. This program strategy complements the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, to connect more people with nature and to make the Forest Preserves more welcoming and accessible. Due to COVID no Programming Partnerships were developed through this process in 2020.

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0102. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent,

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0105

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional civil engineering services for unpaved trail repairs and improvements at various locations across the Forest Preserves.

Contract Value: \$275,000.00

Contract period: 1/26/2021 - 1/25/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$175,000.00; FY 2022 \$100,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51028.520830, 51051.520830, and 51030.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

Contract Number(s): Contract #7400008708 issued under Request for Proposals #21-80-03

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves features over 225 miles of unpaved trails, including hiking trails at Forest Preserves nature centers and campgrounds that require repairs and improvements from time to time. The proposed contract for professional civil engineering services includes preliminary engineering, final engineering, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction administration assistance for repairs and improvements of trouble spots at various locations across the Forest Preserves, including but not limited to segments of hiking trails at four (4) nature centers, one (1) campground and several regional trail systems, including Des Plaines, Deer Grove and Thorn Creek trail systems.

Hey and Associates, Inc., was selected by a committee of the Department of Planning and Development staff in response to a request for proposals (RFP No. 21-80-03). Eight (8) firms submitted proposals in response to the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0105. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0122

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain three (3) automated meter radio pedestals next to Comfort Stations H, N and T by Groves 31, 11 and 32 at Busse Woods. There are existing meters inside the comfort stations and by placing these approximately 3-foot tall pedestal boxes outside the station, ComEd will be able to upgrade their facilities from 3G to 4G capability with minimal impact. There are no anticipated tree impacts.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$4,400.00

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,600.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$15,500.00 for the term of the License

(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.0103 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

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

District(s): 15

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0122. The motion carried by the following vote: 15 ayes, 1 present, and 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison,

Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Present: Arroyo (1)

Absent: Johnson (1)

<u>21-0123</u>

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to grant permanent and temporary easements to Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") at Rand Road and the Des Plaines River for 0.040 permanent and 0.044 temporary acres or 1,731 permanent and 1,916 temporary square feet.

Reason: IDOT has requested two (2) small permanent easement areas and two (2) small temporary easement areas on the south side of Rand Road between the Des Plaines River and the Des Plaines River Trail in Belleau Woods for relocation of a sidewalk and trail crossing by a few feet as part of a larger bridge and road infrastructure project. The project is proposed to improve aging bridge and road infrastructure, as well as improve pedestrian safety along Rand Road.

Structures proposed to be built on Forest Preserves land. IDOT proposes to relocate the sidewalk along the south side of Rand Road, placing it behind the guardrails, which will be moved immediately adjacent to the curb, to keep a barrier between vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally, IDOT is proposing to shift the alignment of the trail crossing at Rand Road a few feet south of its current location on both sides of the street.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.040 acres and the area for the temporary easement is 0.044 acres. The temporary easement is for a period of five (5) years. IDOT indicates that 0 trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$800.00, including \$500.00 for permanent and \$300.00 for temporary easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0123to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0013

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: BCR Automotive Group, DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Two (2) 2020 Ford F550 Crew Cab 4x4s

Fiscal Impact: \$164,014.00

Accounts: Vehicles and Equipment 51057.530170 and 51058.530170

Contract Number(s): 74000005868

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for two (2) 2020 Ford F550 Crew Cab 4x4 trucks, utilizing a contract awarded by the City of Chicago (contract #32916) as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/21/2019 (Agenda No. 19-0262).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0013. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0104

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse a payment

Payee: Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co. Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Sand Ridge Campus Landscape Improvements

Fiscal Impact: \$268,179.48

Accounts: Bond Account 51027.560060; Grant Account 51010.560060

Contract Number(s): Contract #74000008005 issued under Project #20-80-30

District(s): 4

Summary: Sand Ridge Campus Landscape Improvements include constructing new fishing outcroppings at Green Lake, including one accessible node; new asphalt path connections to the Burnham Greenway Trail; new gravel trail to connect Camp Shabbona to a nature center trail; fence repair and gate installation; and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. The project is partly funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0104. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0118

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Pizzo & Associates, Leland, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

Fiscal Impact: \$304,049.25

Accounts: Professional Services 51028.520840; Grant & Mitigation Accounts 51010.521444,

51010.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000003825 issued under Project #18-31-101S

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for expenses related to execution of comprehensive habitat enhancement services provided by Pizzo & Associates, including invasive species and brush removal operations, pursuant to the Habitat Enhancement Services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Agenda Item No. 18-0301).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0118. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0119

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Stantec Consulting Services, Lombard, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Comprehensive habitat enhancement services

Fiscal Impact: \$215,235.50

Accounts: Professional Services 51028.520840; Grant & Mitigation Accounts 51010.521444 and

51010.521314

Contract Number(s): #74000003824 issued under Project #18-31-101C

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for expenses related to execution of comprehensive habitat enhancement services provided by Stantec Consulting Services, including invasive species and brush removal operations, pursuant to the Habitat Enhancement Services contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2018 (Agenda Item No. 18-0299).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0119. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent:

21-0126

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Johnson (1)

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Districtwide Transportation Improvements

Fiscal Impact: \$219,260.03

Accounts: Site Amenities 51029.560060, 51051.560060 and 51057.560060

Contract Number(s): #74000008008 issued under Project #19-80-67G-20C2

District(s): 5, 6, 13

Summary: This is a progress payment toward the construction contract with Matthew Paving, Inc. for services rendered for the resurfacing of the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch parking lot, repaving a portion of the Tinley Creek Bike Trail and the parking lot at Erickson Woods in the Skokie Lagoons Preserve.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0126. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0116

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Request: Refer to Environmental and Sustainability Committee

Report Title: Restoration Status of Next Century Conservation Plan/Natural and Cultural Resources

Master Plan Identified Priorities

Report Period: 2015-2020

Summary: This document presents a five (5) year status report on ecological restoration achieved between the years of 2015-2020 in pursuit of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") Next Century Conservation Plan ("NCCP") goal of restoring 30,000 acres to ecological

health by 2040.

The report includes introductory and background information on the Forest Preserves' approach to meeting its land management goals, a set of maps that shows where important work has been accomplished, and descriptions of the preserves prioritized for restoration. These 30,000 acres are comprised of fifteen (15) priority landscapes, seven (7) Illinois nature preserves, and an additional set of thirty-eight (38) priority stewardship sites identified and ranked through the Forest Preserves' Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan.

In the initial five (5) years since the NCCP's debut in 2014, the Forest Preserves have dramatically expanded the number of acres under restoration from 5,800 to 12,200 acres, which equates to 40% of our priority lands under restoration. At our current pace and with appropriate funding, it is anticipated that our 30,000-acre NCCP goal can be achieved by 2035.

The work that has been achieved to-date is substantial and is critical to re-establishing healthy ecosystems for the benefit of the natural communities, plant and animal species, clean water, and long-term sustainability of our region.

made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded Commissioner Deer, refer bv 21-0116to the **Environmental** Sustainability Committee and The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0006

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'20 4th Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: November 2020

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0006to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0110

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 11/30/2020

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for November 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 21-0110. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

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Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0112

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 11/1/2020 - 11/30/2020

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of November 2020. 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 Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 21-0112. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0111

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - November 2020

Report Period: 11/1/2020 - 11/30/2020

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of November 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 21-0111. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0113

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -12/15/2020

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$0.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$16,394.52

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$0.00 Legal Fees for 12/15/2020 to Be Approved: \$63,637.11

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0113. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0130

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 12/15/2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0130. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

20-0439

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 10/20/2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 20-0439. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

21-0120

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 1/26/2021 - 2/24/2021

Please check the Forest Preserve of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Tuesday, 1/26; 7pm - 8pm (Zoom)

Native Plants for a Bird Friendly Yard

In partnership with the LaGrange Public Library, join us for a Zoom presentation where we will give tips on choosing native plants to beautify your real estate and provide food for birds. This program will be delivered in Polish. Registrants must include a valid email address. A Zoom login will be emailed 1 hour before the program begins. *Call* 708-215-3220 for more information.

Rodzime Rośliny dla Ogrodu Przyjaznego Ptakom

Przy współpracy z biblioteką publiczną w LaGrange, zapraszamy na program o rodzimych roślinach dla ogrodu przyjaznego ptakom. Prezentacja Zoom w języku polskim. Zaproszenie wysyłamy drogą e-mailową, godzinę przed rozpoczęciem programu. *Bezplatna rejestracja pod numerem:* 708-215-3220.

Saturday, 1/30; 1:30 pm (Zoom)

Zoology Club: Hibernate, Migrate or Tolerate, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Participants 12 years and older will be introduced to the discipline and profession of Zoology virtually, with the topic for this meeting being how wildlife survives freezing temperatures. *Registration required*. *Contact* 708-839-6897.

Saturday, 1/30; 1pm (Zoom)

Topographical Map Adventures, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Understanding how to use a topographical map is almost a lost art! Join us on a Zoom program to learn about some of the useful information that can be gleaned from this old-school tool! *Ages 10 and up. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592*.

Saturdays and Sundays throughout February from 9am - 3pm

Winter Story Trail, Sandridge Nature Center, South Holland

A story walk is an outdoor reading experience where a children's book is deconstructed, and the pages of the book are placed along a trail. Walk our Redwing Trail anytime during weekends this February and experience a story unfold with every step. This month's story is "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats.

Wednesdays; 10am - 2pm and Fridays; 12pm - 4pm throughout February

Open Nature Play Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Register your little one for an hour-long open nature play time. Enjoy the Dan Ryan Woods Nature Play space while helping your children connect with nature.

Registration required. Call 312-415-2970.

Mondays, 2/1 and 2/8; 9am - 4pm

Children's Story Trail and Craft: Groundhog's Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Come celebrate Groundhog's Day as you walk a short trail near the Museum, while reading a posted nature story on groundhogs. Afterwards, pick up a bag with related craft materials and suggestions for more outdoor adventures!

Tuesday, 2/2; 2pm (Facebook LIVE)

Groundhog Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn the story behind this peculiar holiday. All ages.

Wednesday, 2/3; 10am (Facebook LIVE)

Groundhog Day, Again..., River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn the story behind this peculiar holiday. All ages.

Saturday, 2/6; 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Zoom)

From Sand Ridge to Freedom Road, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Discover how the ancient shoreline Michigan City Road sits was formed and its connection to the Chicago to Detroit route of the Underground Railroad. *Registration Required*. *Call 708-868-0606 or visit in person at our nature center*.

Sunday, 2/7; 9:30am - 2:30pm

Winter Survival: Resting Reptiles (Self-Guided), Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Pick up an informational guide to lead your own adventure and discover the challenges and survival strategies of reptiles in winter.

Sunday, 2/7; 10am - 3pm (Self-guided)

The Search for Gary the Groundhog and His Friends, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn the basics of fire building using a mix of primitive and modern techniques. Once perfected, try constructing your own! No registration required. Pick up your scavenger hunt sheets at the outdoor front desk. Completed scavenger hunts will receive a small prize while supplies last.

Wednesday, 2/10; 6:30pm (Zoom)

Bellwood and Beyond: A Presentation on Local Forest Preserves

In partnership with the Bellwood Public Library, join in on a virtual presentation where we will cover Forest Preserve history and specifically highlight forest preserve amenities to take advantage of in Bellwood and the surrounding communities. Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation. Registration required in order to obtain the Zoom link. Please visit bellwoodandbeyond.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, 2/11; 1pm (Facebook LIVE)

Valentines Forest Bathing, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Explore the therapeutic benefits of forest bathing and learn techniques that will help deepen your connection and love for one another.

Thursday, 2/11 to Sunday 2/14; 9am - 4pm

Children's Animal Valentine Card Craft, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Create a cute animal Valentine's Day card to give to an animal at Trailside or to your Valentine! Pick up a bag at the Museum with all the materials you need except glue and scissors.

Friday, 2/13; 6pm - 9pm (Self-guided)

Sand Ridge by Candlelight, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy Sand Ridge at night during a relaxing candle lit self-guided walk through the woods on our beautiful trails. Registration Required. Call 708-868-0606 or visit in person at our nature center. Multiple time slots available.

Sunday, 2/14; 11am (Zoom)

If Twigs Could Talk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Become a twig detective! Learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify trees in the winter. Registration required. Call 847-381-6592. Twig kits need to be picked up from Crabtree in advance. Ages 12 and up.

Monday, 2/15; 11am (Facebook LIVE)

Box Turtle Lunch, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Have lunch over Facebook Live with our resident Box Turtles while learning how to make your own turtle inspired lunch. The ingredient list will be made available on Facebook before the program.

Wednesday, 2/17; 12pm

Facebook Live at Lunchtime: Raptor Training, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us to view a training session as we work with a live raptor.

Thursday, 2/18; 6pm (Zoom)

Crayfish of the Chicago Region

Did you know Illinois has 23 different species of crayfish? Learn about which crayfish can be found in the waterways around Chicago and the importance crayfish play in water and ecosystem quality. Register at crayfishofchicago.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, 2/18; 2pm (Facebook LIVE)

2 Owls and a Naturalist, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Let's talk about owls. *All ages*.

Friday, 2/19; 6:30pm (Zoom)

Winter Watercolors

Explore nature through artmaking. In this virtual class, an instructor will lead you step-by-step through watercolor painting. *Registration required. Please visit eventbrite.com/e/art-in-nature-winter-watercolors-tickets*.

Friday, 2/19; 11am - 1pm

Winter Craft Pick-Up Kits, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Heights

Let nature inspire your creativity. Register to pick up a nature inspired craft to be completed at home. To get a kit, please register at winterpickupcraft.eventbrite.com.

Friday, 2/19; 11am (Facebook LIVE)

Creature Feature: The Barred Owl, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us for a Facebook live event featuring one of our ambassador animals, the Barred Owl. Come learn about how this unique raptor has adapted to live in our region and parts of the US and Canada. *Questions are encouraged. All ages.*

Sunday, 2/21; 1pm (Zoom)

Nature Knowledge Showdown, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Get ready to rumble in this friendly trivia competition. Our game show will feature local nature knowledge of all levels. Do you need a refresher on how to tell your gadwells from your goldfinches? Are those tracks coyote or dog? *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592*.

Tuesday, 2/23; 1pm (Facebook LIVE)

DIY Fire Starters

Learn how to make easy, eco-friendly fire starters at home for your next campfire.

Wednesday, 2/24; 6:30pm -7:30pm

Virtual: Winter Photography Skills Workshop

This online workshop over Zoom will cover photography basics, with a focus on composition in the winter. We will cover issues you may experience while out taking pictures when there is snowfall and provide tips and best practices for you to use on your next winter photography adventure. The presentation will include recommendations on some of our most picturesque preserves for you to explore with your camera. Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation. Registration required in order to obtain the Zoom link. Please visit winterphotoskills 2. eventbrite. com.

Wednesday, 2/24; 5pm (Facebook LIVE)

Nature DIY: Winter Reduce and Reuse, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how to make vegetable broth out of food waste in this tutorial demonstrating at-home projects to reduce waste and repurpose winter home goods.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 21-0120. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent:

Johnson (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

20-0451

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the "Tollway").

Goods or Services: Proposed permanent and temporary easements, tree removal, and temporary partial closure of the Salt Creek Trail associated with reconstruction of I-294 adjacent to Bemis Woods.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Construction period and temporary easement from 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2025. The **Agreement Period:** permanent easement will continue indefinitely (perpetual).

Fiscal Impact: \$2,290,102.79 (Revenue Generating). This amount represents the following: Permanent and Temporary easements - \$44,000.00 (appraised value); and (2) tree mitigation (estimate for 431 trees) - \$2,246,102.79. In-kind contributions by Tollway for ecological restoration, gateway signs have an estimated value of over \$350,000.00

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 17

Summary: The Tollway is scheduled to reconstruct a section of I-294 from Ogden Avenue to 31st Street in and adjacent to Bemis Woods. The proposed reconstruction work will impact property owned by the Forest Preserves and will require granting a permanent easement of 3.325 acres and a temporary easement of 0.892 acre. Impacts to land owned or leased by the Forest Preserves will include construction of box culverts and other storm sewer infrastructure, removal of approximately four hundred thirty-one (431) trees, establishment of a mowed access path for future maintenance, and temporary closure of the Salt Creek Trail.

The Tollway will pay required tree mitigation fees, provide vegetation management and tree trimming along a permanent access path in Bemis Woods adjacent to 31st Street at Meadowlark Golf Course, and contribute in-kind restoration work on approximately 85 acres within Bemis Woods with an estimated value of \$300,000.00. The Tollway will also install a taller salt spray wall to minimize impacts on the preserves.

In addition, the Tollway will reconstruct the Salt Creek Trail under the I-294 Salt Creek Bridge, include the Forest Preserves logo as a public artwork on the bridge abutment, and provide in-kind contribution of additional gateway signs designed by the Forest Preserves at various locations in Bemis Woods with an estimated value of over \$50,000.00. The Tollway will make additional bank stabilization improvements adjacent to a portion of the I&M Trail which is currently closed to provide access for the Tollway's Mile Long Bridge reconstruction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 20-0451. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

20-0464

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Conservation and Policy Council

Request: Approve

Report Title: Position Paper: Nature-Compatible Recreation in the Forest Preserves of Cook

County

Report Period: N/A

Summary: This is the third of four (4) position papers prepared by the Conservation and Policy Council to provide guidance regarding key issues that face the Forest Preserves. These position papers continue an important legacy of civic leadership related to the Forest Preserves. In 1959, an Advisory Committee paper stated, "The Board has kept in mind the fact that the great holdings of the District are the property

of all the citizens of Cook County and has refused to dissipate them for community, municipal or other purposes not in the interest of the general public," and that it takes "vigilance, effort and courage" to sustain and enforce these polices with firmness and resolution. This position paper reinforces and builds upon previous efforts. It recommends that the Forest Preserves prioritize nature-compatible recreation and oppose new uses that are not aligned with the Forest Preserves' mission. The paper also recommends that existing recreational programs and/or facilities that do not align with the Forest Preserves' mission and are not financially sustainable be transformed to natural spaces or re-purposed for nature-compatible recreation.

Upon approval of the position paper by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserves shall take steps to implement the recommendations, including creating or revising policies, ordinances, and other documents as necessary, as well as obtaining any required board approval related to such actions.

The paper was developed by Terry Guen (Council member), Michael DeSantiago (Council member), Maria Pesqueira (Council member), Benjamin Cox (Friends of the Forest Preserves), Eileen Figel (Forest Preserves), Cynthia Moreno (Forest Preserves - retired), Kristin Pink (Forest Preserves), Jacqui Ulrich (Forest Preserves) and Karen Vaughan (Forest Preserves).

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and filed 20-0464. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

New Items

21-0134

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 18 - CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL, Section 1-18-2: MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, Subsection C, of the Forest Preserve District Code of Cook County is hereby amended as follows:

- 7. Prior to confirmation, each candidate for appointment shall submit a statement to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Board, attesting that the candidate possesses the qualifications of members as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances. Once appointed, a member shall notify the Board in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in the member's qualifications as set forth in that Section.
- 8. The statement required by Subsection (C)(7) shall be signed, dated, and substantially in the following form: "I attest that I possess the qualifications of a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances, and agree to notify the Board of Commissioners in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in my qualifications as set forth in that Section."
- 7. Prior to their confirmation, each candidate for appointment by the President or Board of Commissioners shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the District Board, that:
 - a. Is signed by the candidate
 - b. Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;
 - e. Is notarized;
 - d. Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment;
 - e. Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills.

8. If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the President and the District Board in writing within seven (7) business days of the change.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 21-0134to the Rules Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Deborah Sims, seconded by Commissioner Larry Suffredin, that this meeting adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore,

Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman	Secretary	

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