



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

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Tuesday, February 8, 2022

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Dylan Projansky

2. Hannah Nelson

3. Stephen Isaacs

4. Victoria Sunkel

5. Melinda Storie

6. Renee Lee Greco

7. Karen Weiner

8. Masha Chepov

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2) Excused

CONSENT CALENDAR

[22-0123](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING VOLUNTEER STEWARDS VICTOR AND JEAN GUARINO FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino are founding members of the Thatcher Woods Savanna Restoration Project, a coalition of volunteers established in 1990 dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the diverse, high quality ecological landscapes of the Thatcher Woods river corridor, which includes Grand Army of the Republic Woods and Thomas Jefferson Woods; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino have served as Site Stewards at these preserves for over 30 years, building a team of local volunteers who have helped care for these incredibly unique landscapes for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Thatcher Woods landscape is considered one of the finest remnants of mesic upland forest and floodplain forest in the region, supporting a high diversity of native plants and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, under their leadership, the flora and fauna of the Thatcher Woods area have recovered and thrived through sustainable volunteer effort and public education in the preservation value of natural areas and encouragement of their proper use; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Victor and Jean Guarino’s hands-on site management, community leadership and advocacy, the Thatcher Woods landscape is on course to be submitted for dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino have been true supporters of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) and its mission, who have encouraged collaboration between volunteer stewardship leaders and staff to develop key volunteer programs such as the Path to Stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino’s efforts featured active community engagement and activism; as examples, Jean, a local author and history columnist, published several articles in local newspapers calling attention to the history and ecological benefit of the Thatcher Woods preserves within the community, and the Guarinos petitioned for the preservation of the historic Thatcher Woods Pavilion, which has since been restored and today serves as an event space that is an asset to both the Forest Preserves and the public, as well as a testament to the area’s local history; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino are valued members of the Chicagoland environmental community who have mentored and inspired countless volunteers and visitors to care about nature; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Jean Guarino’s contributions over three decades of volunteer service to the Forest Preserves will always be treasured and appreciated, and their work exemplifies the power of volunteerism and engagement to enact change for the betterment of our region’s natural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Victor and Jean Guarino on their well-deserved retirement from active site stewardship, and thank them for their lifelong commitment to the mission of the Forest Preserves; and

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0123. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

PRESIDENT

[22-0126](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Title 6 - Business, License and Permit Provisions

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 6 - Business, License and Permit Provisions, Chapter 2 - Hawkers and Peddlers, of the Forest Preserve District Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 6 - BUSINESS, LICENSE AND PERMIT PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 2 - ~~HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS~~ CONCESSIONS PERMITS AND CONTRACTS

6-2-1: - ~~PERMIT REQUIRED~~ CONCESSIONS PERMIT OR CONTRACT REQUIRED

Outside of authorized District personnel in the performance of their job duties, no Person shall upon or in connection with any District Property: collect fees, admission or cover charges, or display or offer for sale any articles, items or things, or conduct or solicit any business, trade, occupation or profession without obtaining a valid ~~vendor permit~~ Concessions Permit or Contract from the General Superintendent or their designee, or the Board (if applicable), and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, it being the intention of the District to control commercial enterprises or sales on District ~~lands~~ property. Nothing in this section shall preclude:

- a. The collection of fees or cover charges, or the sale of articles, items or other things by a Person for the purpose of fundraising for a charitable, humanitarian or benevolent cause under the terms of a special use permit issued by the District; or
- b. The collection of compensation by a Person in connection with the training, instructing, or leading of a fitness or athletic class involving five (5) or fewer individuals.

~~6-2-2: - PENALTY.~~

~~Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined as provided for in Section 1-4-1 of this Code.~~

6-2-2: - DEFINITIONS

Applicant. Any person who seeks the issuance or renewal of a Concessions Permit or Contract under this Ordinance.

Board. The Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Classes / Tours Contract. A contract with the District, no greater than five (5) years in length, for the provision of classes or tours conducted on District property for groups of more than five people, that will not generate more than \$25,000 in revenue to the District on an annual basis, and that otherwise meet the requirements of the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance.

Code. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances

Concessions Contract. Pilot Concessions Contracts, Small Concessions Contracts, Large Concessions Contracts, and/or Classes/Tours Contracts.

Concession(s) Opportunity. The display or offer for sale of any articles, food, or tangible things; the collection of fees, admissions or cover charges for a service; or conducting or soliciting any business, trade, occupation or profession on District Property subject to the terms of a Concessions Permit or Contract.

Concessions Permit. A non-transferable permit, for a Concession Opportunity, issued by the General Superintendent or their designee, that authorizes the named holder to undertake a Concession Opportunity at a specified location on District Property through non-permanent apparatuses including but not limited to push carts and food trucks subject to specific terms and conditions.

Concessions Policy. The District’s Concessions Policy as promulgated by the General Superintendent.

Concessionaire. Any Person issued a Concessions Permit or Contract by the District.

County. The County of Cook, State of Illinois.

District. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

District Property. All property owned or leased by the District, including but not limited to material, equipment, buildings, structures, , and real property.

General Superintendent. The General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Large Concessions Contracts. A contract for any Concession Opportunity that generates more than \$25,000 in revenue to the District on an annual basis and otherwise meets the requirements of the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance. A Large Concessions Contract must be selected via the District’s Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) or Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process in compliance with Section 1-8-2(N) of the Code.

Person. An individual, corporation, sole proprietorship, organization, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association or any other legal entity.

Pilot Concessions Contract. A contract for a Concession Opportunity that is no longer than two (2) years in length, which will generate no more than \$25,000 in revenue to the District on an annual basis and otherwise meets the requirements of the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance. A Concessions Opportunity for a Pilot Concessions Contract is one brought to the attention of the District by an outside Person.

Small Concessions Contracts. A contract for a Concession Opportunity which is no longer than three years in duration, generates no more than \$25,000 in revenue to the District on an annual basis and otherwise meets the requirements of the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance. A Small Concessions Contract must be selected via the District’s Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) or Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process in compliance with Section 1-8-2(N) of the Code.

6-2-3: - CONCESSIONS

A. Concession Types. The District shall provide Concession Opportunities within the District to provide access to products and services that enhance patron use of the District while generating revenue to support ongoing District initiatives. This Section 6-2-3 (Concessions) describes the procurement process for various types of Concession Opportunities.

Table 1

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REVENUE TO DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>Competitive Bid</u>	<u>Posted</u>	<u>Board Approval</u>
1.	<u>Concession Permits (Sec. 6-2-3(A-1))</u>	<u>Per 6-2-4</u>	<u>1 year or less</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
2.	<u>Pilot Concession Contracts (Sec. 6-2-3(A-2))</u>	<u>\$25,000 or less (annual basis)</u>	<u>2 years or less</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
3.	<u>Small Concession Contracts (Sec. 6-2-3(A-3))</u>	<u>\$25,000 or less (annual basis)</u>	<u>3 years or less</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
4.	<u>Large Concession Contracts</u>	<u>Over \$25,000</u>	<u>Varies</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

	<u>(Sec. 6-2-3(A-4))</u>	<u>(annual basis)</u>				
5.	<u>Classes/Tours Contracts</u>	<u>\$25,000 or less</u>	<u>5 years or less</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	<u>(Sec. 6-2-3(A-5))</u>	<u>(annual basis)</u>				

1. Concessions Permits. An Applicant for a Concessions Permit shall submit all necessary forms and materials to the Permits, Rentals and Concessions (PRC) Department by the deadline and in the manner so specified for the particular Concession Opportunity. In addition to the criteria set forth in the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance, Concessions Permits are subject to the requirements listed below.

a. Concessions Permits are issued throughout the year, but expire no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31st of the year issued.

b. The annual revenue generated to the District through a Concessions Permit is limited to the applicable permit fee paid by the Applicant pursuant to Section 6-2-4 (“Permit Fees”) of this Ordinance.

c. Concessions Permits shall be granted per site, and the maximum number of permits granted per site shall be based on the number of groves in the applicable preserve per the District’s Concessions Policy.

d. For equally qualified Applicants, Concessions Permits shall be granted on a first come, first served basis.

e. The General Superintendent or their designee may restrict the number of permits awarded for any one Concessionaire based on availability limitations or equity concerns.

f. Opportunities for Concessions Permits are limited to those opportunities published on the District’s website.

g. Requests to have new items or services considered for approval for Concessions Permits opportunities shall be submitted, in writing, to the Director of Permits, Rentals and Concessions, who shall determine, subject to the approval of the General Superintendent, whether the item or service (i) conforms to the criteria listed in the Concessions Policy; and (2) should be advertised on the District’s website as a Concessions Permit opportunity or addressed as a Pilot Concessions Contract opportunity and subject to the requirements of Section 6-2-3(A-2) (Pilot Concession Contracts).

h. Approval of the District’s Board is not required for the issuance of Concessions Permits.

2. Pilot Concessions Contracts. An Applicant for a Pilot Concessions Contract shall submit all necessary forms and materials to the Permits, Rentals and Concessions (PRC) Department by the deadline and in the manner indicated by the General Superintendent or their designee. Pilot Concessions Contract opportunities are proposed to the District by an outside Person and as such will not be posted to the District’s website in advance of the opportunity’s availability, however, any such Pilot Concessions Contracts will be reported to the Board on an annual basis per Section 6-2-3(D). In addition, if the District decides to proceed with a Pilot Concessions Contract for a specified opportunity, then at the end of the Pilot Concessions Contract such opportunity may be posted as either a Concessions Permit or Concessions Contract with the approval of the General Superintendent. In addition to the criteria listed in the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance, the conditions listed below apply to Pilot Concessions Contracts.

- a. The contract term shall not exceed a period of two (2) years in duration.
- b. The contract will generate no more than \$25,000 in revenue to the District on an annual basis.
- c. The District may elect to treat a for-profit special event that is thirty (30) days or less as a Pilot Concession Contract opportunity if the District anticipates that a revenue share would result in more revenue to the District than a special event permit.
- d. Approval of the District’s Board is not required for the issuance of Pilot Concessions Contracts.

3. Small Concession Contracts. An Applicant for a Small Concessions Contract shall submit all necessary forms and materials to the District in the manner so specified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the District for the particular Small Concessions Contract opportunity. Small Concessions Contracts are subject to compliance with Section 1-8-2(N) (Requests for Proposals and Requests for Qualifications) of the District’s Code. In addition to the requirements of the particular RFQ or RFP, the District’s Concessions Policy and this Ordinance, the conditions listed below apply to each Small Concessions Contract.

- a. The contract term is three (3) years or less in duration. The contract is renewable for up to three (3) years at the discretion of the General Superintendent.
- b. The contract will generate no more than \$25,000 in annual revenue to the District.
- c. Opportunities for Small Concessions Contracts are limited to those opportunities published on the District’s website.

d. Approval of the District's Board is not required for the issuance of Small Concessions Contracts.

4. Large Concessions Contracts. An Applicant for a Large Concessions Contract shall submit all necessary forms and materials to the District in the manner so specified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the District for the particular Large Concessions Contract opportunity. Large Concessions Contracts are subject to compliance with Section 1-8-2(N) (Requests for Proposals and Requests for Qualifications) of the District's Code. In addition to the requirements of the particular RFQ or RFP, the District's Concessions Policy and this Ordinance, the conditions listed below apply to each Large Concessions Contract.

- a. The Large Concessions Contract generates more than \$25,000 in annual revenue to the District.
- b. Opportunities for Large Concessions Contracts are limited to those opportunities published on the District's website.
- c. Approval of the District's Board is required for the issuance of Large Concessions Contracts.

5. Classes / Tours Contracts. An Applicant for a Classes/Tours Contract shall submit all necessary forms and materials to the Permits, Rentals and Concessions (PRC) Department by the deadline and in the manner so specified for the particular Concession Opportunity. In addition to the criteria listed in the District's Concessions Policy and this Ordinance, the conditions listed below apply to Classes/Tours Contracts.

- a. The contract term shall not exceed five (5) years in duration. The contract is renewable for up to three (3) years at the discretion of the General Superintendent.
- b. The Concession Opportunity will, or is likely to, generate as much or more in revenue to the District over the contract term than the amount that would be generated via a standard permit (See Section 7-1-1 (Fees)) for use of District Property. The contract will generate no more than \$25,000 in annual revenue to the District.
- c. The Applicant provider is qualified to otherwise offer classes or tours within the District.
- d. Opportunities for Classes/Tours Contracts are limited to those opportunities published on the District's website.
- e. Approval of the District's Board of Commissioners is not required for Classes/Tours Contracts.

B. Code of Ethical Conduct. The issuance, solicitation, negotiation, approval, denial, renewal, review, evaluation and termination of Concessions Permits and Contracts are subject to the provisions of the District's Code of Ethical Conduct ("Ethics Code"), located at Title I, Chapter 13 of the District Code. Any Concessions Permits or Contracts issued or renewed in violation of the District's Ethics Code are void. Any Applicant who knowingly violates the District's Ethics Code shall be disqualified from being issued future Concessions Permits or Contracts for three (3) years. The General Superintendent shall ensure that any District employees involved in the issuance of Concessions Permits or Contracts undergoes training as required by law or deemed necessary by the General Superintendent or Board. All Applicants for any Concessions Opportunity shall be required to submit a Familial Disclosure form as part of the application for such opportunity.

C. Authority of General Superintendent.

1. General. The General Superintendent may establish and publish additional rules and regulations, including, without limitation, requirements pertaining to the application process, insurance requirements, operating standards, environmental standards, food service, and other matters reasonably related to the District's Concessions Policy and this Ordinance. Such rules and regulations shall be incorporated into the District's Concessions Policy. The issuance of Concession Permits and Contracts, that are not subject to Board approval, is subject to the reasonable discretion of the General Superintendent as set forth in the District's Concessions Policy.

2. Pricing. The General Superintendent retains the right to review and approve all items and services offered by Concessionaires and the pricing of all such items and services, unless such items/services and pricing has already been approved by the Board.

3. Revocation. Concessions Permits and Contracts may be terminated in accordance with their terms. Concessionaires will be provided written notice of any revocation by the General Superintendent at the electronic mail address included on the Concessionaire's Permit or Contract application materials, unless otherwise provided for in the terms of the Permit or Contract. Any revocation notification shall state the basis for the revocation and state the effective date of the revocation. The Concessionaire shall forfeit all amounts paid to the District regardless of whether the Concessions Permit or Contract is involuntarily or voluntarily terminated. The General Superintendent may revoke any Concessions Permit or Contract under the following conditions:

a. Any required permit, license or document has been suspended, revoked or canceled;

b. The Concessionaire no longer has current and effective insurance that meets the requirements of the Permit, Contract, this Code, or the District's Concessions Policy;

c. The Concessionaire has violated or failed to meet any of the applicable provisions of the Permit or Contract, District's Concessions Policy, or District Code;

d. The application, issuance or renewal of the Concessions Permit or Contract was in violation of the District's Ethics Code;

e. In the reasonable discretion of the Superintendent, the Concessionaire's continued operation will, or is likely to, pose a threat to the health or safety of the public or employees of the District; or harm or damage the District's property, reputation, good will; or otherwise subject the District to adverse legal proceedings or liability; and/or

f. As otherwise provided for in the District's Concessions Policy.

4. Renewal. The General Superintendent shall have the right to extend Small Concessions and Classes/Tours Contracts for a renewal term not exceeding three (3) years without approval of the District's Board of Commissioners, subject to the requisite criteria of the District's Concession Policy and this Ordinance.

D. Annual Report. On an annual basis, the General Superintendent shall place on the Agenda of the Board's March meeting an Annual Report listing all Concessions Permits and Concessions Contracts awarded by the District for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any Concession Opportunities currently available or anticipated to be made available by the District for the current year.

E. Notice of Availability. On an annual basis, the General Superintendent shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the County and shall post at the District's General Headquarters and on the District's website a notice of current and available Concession Opportunities, and all existing Concessions Permits or Contracts (including the description of the location and type of Concession Opportunity) scheduled to expire within six months of the notice. The notice shall include any deadline for receipt of applications, the form and manner in which an application can be received, and other procedures for filing the applications.

F. Compliance with Law. The Concessionaire shall comply with, and shall operate any concession in compliance with all applicable District ordinances, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, Section 1-8-2(W) (False Statements), 2-3-6 (Signs and Billboards), 3-3-2 (Sale of Alcoholic Beverages), and Section 3-3-8(A) and (B1-6) (Advertisements), as well as all

applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances. A Concessionaire shall not discriminate against any member of the public, because of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, disability, national origin, status of discharge from military, or other protected status.

G. Compliance with Asset Marketing Program. If the District is a then current member of Cook County's Asset Marketing Program and, if required by County Board resolution, ordinance or other legal means, then any Concession Opportunity shall be authorized in compliance with all applicable rules and objectives of the Cook County's Asset Marketing Program, per Cook County's Asset Marketing Ordinance (Section 2-321 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances).

H. Request for Reconsideration and Hearing. If the General Superintendent revokes any Concessions Permit or Contract under Section 6-2-3(C)), the Concessionaire may contest such action by requesting review of the basis of the revocation directly to the General Superintendent or their designee for reconsideration of the decision. Any such request must be made within five (5) business days of the effective date of the revocation. Untimely requests may be rejected without further consideration.

Any such request shall be in writing and shall state the basis upon which such revocation should be reversed, including any and all subsequent remediation of deficiencies identified in the revocation decision. The General Superintendent or their designee shall render a determination on the request for reconsideration within thirty (30) calendar days of the Concessionaire's written application contesting the revocation. This determination shall be delivered to the Concessionaire at the email address provided by the Concessionaire in the Concessions Permit or Contract application, unless otherwise provided for in the terms of the Permit or Contract. If the revocation is upheld, this determination shall be forwarded to the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the determination as described above, any Concessionaire who disagrees with the General Superintendent's determination may file an appeal for an administrative hearing with the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings in accordance with Cook County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IX, Administrative Hearings. The filing of an appeal does not stop or prevent the physical closing or prohibition of Concessionaires' operations on District Property. The assigned administrative law judge shall render findings of fact and a recommendation regarding the revocation of the Concessions Permit or Contract. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the recommendation from the Department of Administrative Hearings, the General Superintendent shall inform the Concessionaire, in writing, whether the District accepts or rejects the recommendation of the Department of Administrative Hearings. This final decision shall constitute an "Administrative decision" pursuant to the Administrative Review Act (735 ILCS 5/3-101) and may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any suit, appeal or legal challenge related to the final

decision by the General Superintendent, or the Department of Administrative Hearing's written findings and recommendation, or this Ordinance shall be the Cook County Circuit Court and the laws of Illinois shall govern any such action.

No Concessionaire may operate a particular Concession Opportunity within the District while their Concession Permit or Contract for said Opportunity is revoked. A Concessionaire shall not operate during any review or appeal period subsequent to the revocation effective date. Any Concessionaire that operates on District Property while revoked may be prohibited from consideration for future Concession Opportunities within the District.

6-2-4: - PERMIT FEES

An Applicant shall submit the following fees prior to the District's granting of any Concessions Permit: (i) \$250.00 for a single day permit and (ii) \$500.00 for a permit valid for the remainder of the calendar year in which it was issued (i.e. a "multiple day" or "yearly" permit). Further, Concessions Permits may be issued throughout the year, but any permit so issued will expire no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31st of the year issued. The following conditions apply to Concessions Permit fees:

- a. Additional Non-County Resident Premium of ten (10) percent applies to base Concessions Permit Fee.
- b. Application Fee of \$25 applies for each requested location.
- c. Fees must be paid in full up front.
- d. The District reserves the right to host special events at any location, including sites where Concessions Permits are issued. In that event, all Concessionaires can be excluded from the selected location for up to five (5) days with two weeks' notice (14 days). Concessions Permit fees are not refundable for any reason, including, but not limited to construction projects not under the control of the District, acts of God, inclement weather, pandemic, emergencies, or other unforeseeable circumstances.
- e. No discounts otherwise available under Title 7 of the District's Code are available for Concession Permits.

6-2-5: - PENALTY.

In addition to the potential revocation of a Concessions Permit or Contract, any Person violating any of the provisions of this Title 6 - Business, License and Permit Provisions, Chapter 2 - Permits and Concessions shall be charged penalties as described in Section 1-4-1 (General Penalty and Late Fee). A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which such Person continues or permits any such violation to continue on District Property, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply. If the violation causes the District to reschedule maintenance activities, such Person will be billed for any additional District operating costs incurred by the rescheduling. Enforcement of penalties issued under this section is subject to the provisions of Section 1-4-1.

6-2-6: - REVIEW AND SUNSET

This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2028. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review the administration of its Concessions Program and Policy to determine if modifications are advised. The General Superintendent shall report to the Board of Commissioners in advance of the sunset date on the performance of the Program and how the Program has advanced the goals of the District.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect April 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to refer 22-0126 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[22-0139](#)

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: 2021

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is committed to advancing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion through organizational culture and policy change. This 2021 report-a second annual REDI report-serves as a tool to hold the Forest Preserves accountable to that commitment while striving to make everyone feel welcome in the Forest Preserves.

The REDI Committee was formed in November 2018 and consists of employees from across the Forest Preserves. The REDI Committee focuses on restructuring internal processes to reflect values of equity and inclusion, while educating fellow co-workers, visitors, partners, and volunteers on how to practice racial equity. The work of the REDI Committee is guided through a partnership with the Department of Public Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, the REDI Committee welcomed and trained a new group of members. Members of the REDI Committee receive in-depth training on how to operationalize racial equity and build skills in project management, process analysis, peer engagement, and meeting facilitation. REDI continued to advance projects in the areas of Community Engagement, Training and Human Resources.

The annual report is a compilation of all REDI efforts throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and file 22-0139. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0108](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the University of Illinois (the “University”), Champaign, Illinois and the Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”), Brookfield, Illinois.

Reason: The Forest Preserves is proposing to partner with the University of Illinois (the “University”) and the Chicago Zoological Society (“CZS”) to support a three-year veterinary residency program focused on wildlife health management.

The resident would participate in clinical programs at the Forest Preserves, including providing dedicated veterinary care for managed animals within the Forest Preserves’ nature centers, medical services and biological sampling for wildlife field studies, assistance with the application of wildlife disease management programs, and interpretation of diagnostic test results. The resident would also work with the Wildlife Epidemiology Lab at the University of Illinois, and practice zoological medicine for wildlife under human care at the Chicago Zoological Society’s Brookfield Zoo in association with Forest Preserves research programs. These efforts will further investigation into zoonotic disease, and the role of wildlife health towards the sustainability and success of conservation efforts in Cook County.

The program is available to post-graduate students who have received their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and consists of three (3) years of clinical study, research, presentations at conferences and symposia, and formal coursework. It is designed to provide the resident with advanced training under the guidance of clinical faculty and mentors at the Forest Preserves, the University, and CZS to satisfy requirements for certification as a specialist in free-ranging wildlife health management. If approved, this would be only the second American College of Zoological Medicine residency program primarily focused on wildlife health management, out of twenty-two (22) total institutional programs nationwide. Upon successful completion of the program the resident is expected to apply for their credentials, which would then allow them to take the exam for board certification as a Diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine.

The resident would be employed by the University. Candidate selection would occur through a nationwide search coordinated through the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program. Total cost for the three-year program is \$206,532.15, which includes a base salary, fringe benefits, and a \$2,000.00 annual stipend for travel expenses.

Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months from date of execution, with an additional one-year renewal option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent to account for any delays in initial recruitment

Fiscal Impact: \$206,532.15 (FY 2022 \$68,109.50; FY 2023 \$68,844.05; FY 2024 \$69,578.60)

Account(s): Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0108. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0020](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves’ Conservation & Experiential Program Department (CEP) is requesting permission to continue to tap into the purchasing power of the Chicago Zoological Society (Zoo) on a sole source basis for animal food and bedding for utilization at the Forest Preserves Nature Centers to care for live animals. This agreement will allow the Forest Preserves’ CEP Department to easily order and pick up food for live animals, through the Zoo’s commissary, where items are stocked for animal care. The Zoo purchases in much larger quantities, which enables the Forest Preserves to acquire animal care supplies at a lesser cost. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a similar agreement with the Zoo on 3/19/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0180).

Contract Period: 3/20/2022 - 3/19/2026

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$140,000.00 (FY 2022 \$30,000.00; FY 2023 \$30,000.00; FY 2024 \$30,000.00; FY 2025 \$30,000.00; FY 2026 \$20,000.00)

Account(s): Special Events 51001.520635; and Supplies and Materials - NOC 51001.530252

Concurrence(s):

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0021](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Clark Equipment Company d/b/a Bobcat Company, West Fargo, North Dakota

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Four (4) Bobcat T770 Skid Steers with trailer and attachments, one (1) Bobcat T76 Skid Steer with attachments and one (1) Bobcat E42 Excavator with (3) different buckets

Contract Value: \$656,936.96

Contract Period: one-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022, \$656,936.96

Accounts: Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314; and Construction and Development 29250.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000010182 issued under Project #21-FL-165 (Sourcewell Contract No. 040319-CEC)

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase four (4) Bobcat T770 Skid Steers with trailer and attachments, one (1) Bobcat T76 Skid Steer with attachments and one (1) Bobcat E42 Excavator with three (3) different buckets through a purchasing consortium. Skid steers and attachments are used throughout the Forest Preserves for moving heavy equipment and vegetation. Purchase of the proposed skid steers and attachments will enable the Forest Preserves to continue with its mission towards restoration, management, and preservation of the Forest Preserves. Besides their main

use, these skid steers will also play a vital role with regards to storm recovery during post-storm operations. The vendor has been awarded a contract (#040319-CEC) by the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Program through a competitive process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0022](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: The Osby Co., Inc d/b/a Osby Water Conditioning, Hebron, Indiana

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Maintenance of water filtration systems at Camp Shabbona, Swallow Cliff Warming Shelter, Camp Bullfrog, and Maple Lake Boating Center

Original Contract Period: 4/13/2021 - 4/12/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 4/13/2022 - 7/12/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$25,000.00

Original Approval: 4/13/2021, \$25,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$25,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000009143 issued under RFP #21-53-6305

Concurrences:

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): 4, 17

Summary: The contract consists of the maintenance of the reverse osmosis water filtration systems, located at the following Forest Preserves sites:

Camp Shabbona
15810 Torrence Ave
South Holland, IL 60473

Camp Bullfrog
9600 Wolf Road
Willow Springs, IL 60480

Swallow Cliff
11918 S. LaGrange Road
Palos Park, IL 60464

Maple Lake Boating Center
9600 Wolf Road
Willow Springs, IL 60480

The Forest Preserves has experienced an unprecedented increase in patron use at the four (4) listed sites in 2021. This increase in usage has influenced system demands relating to providing treated potable water. To properly maintain water service at these locations we have experienced an increase in the frequency of service calls and an increase in the consumption of filtration media and sanitation chemicals.

This request for a time extension and funding increase will support the continuation of providing treated water at these locations for our patrons for the duration of this contract. The Department of Facilities and Fleet with support from the Department of Planning and Development will consult with engineers to review the system to identify potential system improvements taking into account patron usage increases at

these locations. The Forest Preserves intends on soliciting for service bids through its public bidding process for water filtration services to bring to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval later in 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0122](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: National Safety Council (“NSC”), Itasca, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Instructor certification fees and classroom materials for workplace safety courses, such as First Aid/CPR and Defensive Driving

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, or \$125,000.00 over the initial five-year term

Contract Period: 2/8/2022 - 12/31/2026, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$25,000.00; FY 2023 \$25,000.00; FY 2024 \$25,000.00; FY 2025 \$25,000.00; FY 2026 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521313

Contract Number(s): #74000010188

Concurrences:

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract

value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to enter into a sole source contract with the National Safety Council for instructor certification fees and classroom supplies necessary to teach in-house First Aid/CPR and Defensive Driving courses for Forest Preserves staff, Conservation Corps participants, and volunteers. The NSC has also served as a resource for other supplemental, topic-based classes intended to promote occupational safety for Forest Preserves employees. These courses are offered in compliance with OSHA standards for workplace safety and, in certain cases, as mandatory trainings associated with the implementation of departmental or internal policy. The NSC has been the service provider for these courses at the Forest Preserves since 2006.

The present cohort of Forest Preserves staff who are certified to teach these courses are authorized to do so under the auspices of the NSC. Instructors are required to re-license every five (5) years.

The proposed contract period exceeds three (3) years in length; therefore, the contract is being presented to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners for approval per Section 1-8-2(L) of the Forest Preserves' Procurement Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0122. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0117](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Contractor services

Fiscal Impact: \$287,699.17

Accounts: MFT Grant 51029.560060

Contract Number(s): #74000009399 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C6

District(s): 15

Summary: Payment for contractor services to provide new ADA access amenities at Crabtree Nature Center and construction of a new parking facility at 165 Algonquin Road. Work is pursuant to the construction contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/27/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0353).

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0117. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0120](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Good(s) or Service(s): Advertising and Promotional Services

Fiscal Impact: \$150,000.00

Accounts: Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is requesting authorization for the General Superintendent or a designee to have discretionary spending up to \$150,000.00 throughout 2022 for advertising and promotional services with a variety of media vendors to promote and showcase the amenities, programs and natural areas of the Forest Preserves. The media vendors would be engaged for periods of one (1) year or less. Media purchases would align with the 2022 communications goals of the Forest Preserves, which include focused outreach to communities and populations in Cook County impacted by a history of racial inequity, using metrics and geographical mapping created by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The advertising and promotional spending packages would be suggested by the Forest Preserves' Communications Division as part of an integrated marketing plan that may include electronic, print, broadcast and out-of-home (billboard) advertising and vetted based on the desired audience, frequency, reach and budget offered by local media. The marketing strategy also complements the short and long-term goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan, as well as other short and long-term goals of the Forest Preserves.

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0120. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0119](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services

Fiscal Impact: \$226,816.20

Accounts: MWRD Grant 51010.560060; BAAD Grant 51010.560055; and MFT Grant 51029.560060

Contract Number(s): #74000009398 under Project #19-80-67G-21C5

District(s): 1

Summary: The project includes the removal and replacement of an existing asphalt parking lot with a porous unit paving parking lot and construction of a new accessible canoe and kayak launch at Schuth's Grove in North Riverside. Funding is provided by a green infrastructure grant awarded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), a Boat Access Area Development (BAAD) grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways. Work is pursuant to the construction contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/27/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0352).

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0119. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0121](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Contractor services

Fiscal Impact: \$119,756.83

Accounts: Site Amenities 51009.560060; and Motor Fuel Tax 51029.560060

Contract Number(s): #74000009069 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C2

District(s): 9, 14

Summary: Payment for contractor services to resurface and improve parking facilities at Bluestar Memorial Woods, Harms Woods Central, Harms Woods North, Irving Park Canoe Landing, and Sunset Bridge Meadow. Work is pursuant to the construction contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 5/11/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0246).

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0121. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0136](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Palos Conservation Corps and Forest Preserve Experience programs

Fiscal Impact: \$111,762.02

Accounts: Professional Services 51030.520840; and Grants & Mitigation 51010.521314

Contract Number(s): #74000002912 and #74000006695

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Payment for expenses related to execution of the Palos Conservation Corps and Forest Preserve Experience programs pursuant to the contracts originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Board of Commissioners on 11/14/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0390 and Board Item No. 17-0388). These employment programs are administered by Friends of the Forest Preserves and provide youth and young adult participants with paid environmental education and job skills training within the conservation field, with a focus on ecological restoration in the Forest Preserves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0136. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0137](#)

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: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for December 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and file 22-0137. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0138](#)

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: 12/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of December 2021. 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 file 22-0138. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0125](#)

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - December 2021

Report Period: 12/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of December 2021. Payments total \$138,144.46 for December 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and file 22-0125. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0124](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 1/11/2022

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$61,110.07

Legal Fees for 1/11/2022 to Be Approved: \$58,107.30

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0124. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0144](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

INTERIM SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 01/11/2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 22-0144. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0140](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 2/8/2022 - 3/15/2022

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

Friday, 2/11; 6pm - 8:30pm

Evening Valentine's Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy Sand Ridge at night during a relaxing candlelit walk through the woods. While you walk, learn about native wildlife's mating habits, from a short fling to a bond that lasts a lifetime. Multiple time slots available. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 10am

Nature Tales: The Stories Tracks Leave, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how to identify different wildlife tracks and go on a walk to see who's stopped by the nature center. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 1pm

Resting Reptiles, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Let's discover together how our native reptiles are surviving Winter. Ages 6 and up. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 12pm - 3pm

Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, make a craft using natural materials, track animals and go on a photo scavenger hunt. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 2/13; 1:30pm

Superb Owl Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help us celebrate owls and learn what makes them so unique! *Facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 2/16; 6pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike the 1-mile White Oak Trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 2/16; 4:30pm

Winter Woodworking, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new! Equipment provided. Ages 10 and up. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/19; 11am - 1:30pm**Explore: Horsetail Lake, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park**

Adults and families, come explore with us at Horsetail Lake! Grabbing a self-guided exploration activity or join our staff on one of our guided hikes. Join a litter pickup and help cleaning up the preserve, warm up by a fire, and take home a nature activity to continue your adventure. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/19; 4pm**Sunset Hike, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Join us for a stroll in the Forest Preserves and take in the evening sunset. Depending on snow conditions, snowshoes will be available to borrow for the hike. Registration and facemasks required. *Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov*

Saturday, 2/19; 10:30am**Cold Blooded (Animals!), Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the “cool” adaptations that help animals survive winter, followed by a short nature walk to see what winter animals are around and about! *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 2/19; 10:30am**Trail Tales, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Have fun on a winter day with a guided story trail and activities! Ages 2 to 6 with a caregiver. *Facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 2/22; 9am**Photography Walk, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park**

We will hike around Swallow Cliff and to Teason’s Woods in hopes of capturing some magical winter photography. Meet on the patio out front of the pavilion. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 312-533-5751.

Wednesday, 2/23; 3:30 pm**Walk and Talk: Black Environmentalists, Glenview**

Join us for a nature walk as we highlight the work of black environmentalists-locally and abroad. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/26; 10am - 3pm**Black History Month: Underground Railroad Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s. *Facemasks required*

Saturday, 2/26; 10:30am**Winter Dog Days Dog Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

This one is for the dog walkers! Join a naturalist as you and your best friend go on a casual nature walk along Trailside's scenic trails. Dogs must be leashed. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 2/26; 9am**Birkie Race Day, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

The American Birkebeiner is the largest Nordic ski race in the U.S. Visit our exhibits and watch the race live. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday and Sunday, 2/26 and 2/27; 10:30am and 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. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 2/27; 9am**Woodpecker Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn about Illinois woodpeckers and look for sights and sounds of our hard-headed friends on a relaxing, morning walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/5; 1pm**Block Print Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy the easy and creative art of carving, inking, and printing your own block prints of a plant or animal. All instruction and materials provided. Ages 9 and up. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 3/5; 10am - 1pm**Beaubien Woods Community Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Spend time giving back to the land. Try your hand at restoration or enjoy a fun activity. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/5; 1pm - 3pm**Campfire Foods 101, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn how to make campfire foods for your next campout. Join us as we walk through different yummy foods to make over a fire. Samples, materials provided. \$5 per person. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 3/5, 3/6, 3/12, 3/13; 10:30am and 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. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 3/6; 1pm

Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Experience a walk through time together as we discuss the early days of Crabtree Nature Center and what came before. Ages 12 and up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 3/8; 10am

Forest Therapy Walk, Deer Grove-East, Palatine

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature and the Preserves. Certified Forest Therapy guide. Ages 18 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday, 3/10; 5:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 11am

Know Before You Go: Map Reading and Orienteering, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn basic map reading and compass skills. *Ages 8 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 10am

Women’s History Month Walk, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Join us on a hike where we highlight conservation leader Isabel Bassett Wasson and the work and discoveries she made at Thatcher Woods and beyond. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 8am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for local birds. *Facemasks required.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to receive and file 22-0140. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[22-0001](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'21 4th Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: December 2021

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 22-0001. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

[22-0016](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan Progress Report

Report Period: FY 2018 - FY 2021

Summary: This report covers the progress to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon sequestration by the Forest Preserves since the passage of the Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Plan in 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 22-0016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[22-0004](#)

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 Zayo Group, LLC (“Zayo”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 792 feet of buried fiber optic cable along Cermak Road in Westchester. This new license request will bring into compliance the location of existing fiber optic cable infrastructure, which was granted in 2011 as license #1724. Since granting the original license, the owner of the fiber optic cable has changed to a different corporation and this new license will reflect the current owner of the infrastructure. Given that this is an administrative change and extension of a prior license, there are no tree impacts as part of this new license.

Term: Ten (10) Years (retroactive beginning 8/9/2021 - 8/8/2031)

License Fee: \$24,545.45

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$35,795.45 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.2727 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): 16

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 22-0004. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0005](#)

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 Zayo Group, LLC (“Zayo”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 11,260 feet of buried fiber optic cable along Milwaukee Avenue, Willow Road and Sanders Road in Dam No. 1 Woods. This new license request will bring into compliance existing fiber optic cable infrastructure, which was granted in 2000 as license #1674. Since granting the original license, the owner of the fiber optic cable has changed to a different corporation and this new license will reflect the current owner of the infrastructure. Given that this is an administrative change and extension of a prior license, there are no tree impacts as part of this new license.

Term: Ten (10) Years (retroactive beginning 12/14/2020 - 12/13/2030)

License Fee: \$348,966.94

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$360,216.94 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 3.8774 acres

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): 9, 14

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 22-0005. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

NEW ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner LARRY SUFFREDIN, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was suspend the rules.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

[22-0163](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ETHICS ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 13 - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, is repealed in its entirety and the following Code is substituted in its place

CHAPTER 13 CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

1-13-1: DEFINITIONS.

1-13-2: CODE OF CONDUCT.

1-13-3: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

1-13-4: BOARD OF ETHICS - REPEALED.

1-13-5: SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION.

1-13-6: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS - REPEALED.

Effective date: This ordinance shall become effective upon becoming law.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 22-0163 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner JOHN P. DALEY, seconded by Commissioner DEBORAH SIMS, that this meeting was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Deer (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

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