



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

**Journal of Proceedings of the FPD Board of Commissioners**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**\*For Commissioners and staff who plan to attend the meeting, please note that the on-site meeting location is Rolling Knolls Pavilion 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin, IL 60120. \*To watch the meeting Live go to Forest Preserve Facebook page.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1) excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Public Speakers:**

- 1. Dave Simmons**
- 2. Emily Ledesma- Heartland Alliance**
- 3. Carol Milan**
- 4. Jodie Wiederkehr- Chicago Alliance for Animals**
- 5. Irene Sewell- Chicago Alliance for Animals**
- 6. Campsie Grothendieck**
- 7. Brittany Michelson- In Defense of Animals**
- 8. Heidi Windsor**
- 9. Mary Jane Mannella**

**A motion was made by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, seconded by Commissioner JOHN P. DALEY, to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

[22-0270](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), 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, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE ADLER PLANETARIUM AND FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY FOR RECEIVING TWO AWARDS FOR THE PALOS PRESERVES URBAN NIGHT SKY PLACE INCLUDING A PARK & RECREATION FACILITY - CLASS IV AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION OFFICIALS AND AN INNOVATION IN CONSERVATION AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2022, the Adler Planetarium and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) received a Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials’ annual national awards program which honors excellence in county, regional and special district level parks and recreation throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV Award specifically recognizes excellence in park and recreation areas, recreation facilities, and operational facilities for population service areas of over 500,001; and

**WHEREAS**, in September of 2022, the Adler Planetarium and the Forest Preserves also received an Innovation in Conservation Award from the National Recreation and Park Association’s Innovation Award program which recognizes park and recreation agencies nationwide that have improved and strengthened their communities through innovative practices in park design, health and wellness, conservation and social equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Innovation in Conservation award specifically recognizes a park and recreation agency leading an innovative project that creates localized solutions for addressing global or regional environmental challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, light pollution, or artificial light at night, has negative impacts on human health and wildlife, increases carbon dioxide emissions, and obscures the ability to enjoy the observation of celestial objects; and

**WHEREAS**, to address these issues and promote the benefits of a nighttime environment for people and nature, the Forest Preserves partnered with the Adler Planetarium to pursue the International Dark-Sky Association’s (IDA) Urban Night Sky Place designation for its Palos Preserves which it received in 2021;

and

**WHEREAS**, this 6,662-acre area within the Palos Preserves emits nearly 1,000 times less light than nearby Chicago, allowing visitors to see four times more stars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves has developed a series of programs to provide a unique and new way to explore and learn about nature including star gazing, astronomical events, and night hikes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves collaborated with the Adler Planetarium to create a light management plan, adopt a Dark Sky Friendly Policy, and to work with students and volunteers to build and utilize specially designed cameras to measure light pollution in the forest preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palos Preserves are now the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world, and this designation helps to celebrate and amplify the importance of dark skies for the benefit of human and natural communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners thank and congratulate the Forest Preserves' staff, Adler Planetarium and all students and volunteers involved for their work on the Urban Night Sky Place designation for the Palos Preserves and for being recognized by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials and the National Recreation and Park Association.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0270. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0384](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, STANLEY MOORE, 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, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SYLVIA M. JENKINS, Ph.D., TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission (the "Commission") to develop a new vision for the Forest Preserves of Cook County ("Forest Preserves"); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jenkins worked with the Commission, civic leaders, conservation advocates, and Forest Preserves' staff to successfully develop the Next Century Conservation Plan-an ambitious long-range plan to protect and care for nature in the twenty-first century; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the Next Century Conservation Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Dr. Jenkins was appointed by the President and the Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Council") where she served from 2015 to 2022, sharing her wisdom and expertise to help guide the Forest Preserves' efforts to implement the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as President of Moraine Valley Community College, on November 2, 2018, Dr. Jenkins convened the Community College Conservation Summit where representatives from every community college in Cook County and the City Colleges of Chicago met to explore collaborations with the Forest Preserves for the benefit of students and the preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jenkins has been a steadfast advocate for the Forest Preserves, immersing herself in the ecological diversity, programs, services and amenities the Forest Preserves offers by visiting sites throughout the preserves, and experiencing her first camping trip at Camp Reinberg.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Dr. Sylvia Jenkins for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Dr. Jenkins in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0384. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0385](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, STANLEY MOORE, 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, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EMILY HARRIS TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, as Vice President of Metropolis Strategies, Emily Harris led efforts to develop the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (the "Forest Preserves") Next Century Conservation Plan-an ambitious new vision created by civic leaders, conservation advocates, and Forest Preserves' staff that guides the Forest Preserves' efforts to protect and care for nature in the twenty-first century; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the Next Century Conservation Plan by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Emily served as a technical advisor to Forest Preserves' staff responsible for implementing the plan by sharing her knowledge, insight and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Council") from 2018 to 2022, Emily continued to share her expertise in economic development, accessibility, planning and public policy to guide the Forest Preserves' efforts to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as co-chair of the Council's Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion ("REDI") committee, Emily championed efforts to develop the Forest Preserves' first REDI position paper, "Moving Toward Racial Equity in the Forest Preserves of Cook County," which focuses on strategies to promote racial equity throughout the Forest Preserves, and a second position paper, "Amplifying Diversity and Inclusion," which recommends actions to build on and broaden the Forest Preserves' equity lens to include additional dimensions of diversity and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, Emily's strong advocacy for people with disabilities has helped the Forest Preserves become more welcoming and accessible to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Emily Harris for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Emily Harris in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0385. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0386](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, STANLEY MOORE, 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, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TERRY GUEN TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Terry Guen was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission to develop a new vision for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”); and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission, Terry worked with fellow civic leaders to advise on the development of the Next Century Conservation Plan (the “Plan”)—an ambitious and visionary plan with goals to ensure the Forest Preserves’ native habitats thrive, create opportunities for everyone to explore the preserves, demonstrate the value of protected land and provide enduring and accountable leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Terry was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Council”) where she served from 2015 to 2022, providing guidance and expertise to the Forest Preserves in the implementation of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as Founder and Principal of Terry Guen Design Associates, Inc., Terry used her background in landscape architecture to apply her knowledge of integrating ecological outdoor environments within public design and creating nature-filled public spaces to her work with the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2016, Terry convened a group of professionals from the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects, to advise the Forest Preserves on integrating natural elements in the Forest Preserves’ built spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry co-chaired the development of the Council’s position paper on “Nature-Compatible Recreation,” which included key recommendations to prioritize nature-compatible recreation and oppose new uses that do not align with the Forest Preserves’ mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry has been a dedicated supporter of the Forest Preserves by advocating for the

protection and conservation of our public lands and ensuring that the people of Cook County can access and experience the benefits of nature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Terry Guen for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Terry Guen in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve on the Consent Agenda 22-0386. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**PRESIDENT**

[22-0028](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN and STANLEY MOORE,  
Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL - MEMBERSHIP

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 18 - CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL, SECTION 2 - MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL and SECTION 3 - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

**1-18-2: MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL.**

A. *General.* The appointed Members shall receive no compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while serving on the Conservation Council.

B. *Number of Members.* There shall be eleven (11) Members of the Conservation Council.

1. One Chairperson (1),

2. One Ex Officio (1),

3. Nine Members (9).

C. *Appointment of Members.* One (1) of the eleven (11) Members shall be Chairperson, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board and one (1) of the eleven (11) shall be an Ex Officio Member. The Ex Officio Member shall be a District Board Commissioner, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board. The Ex Officio Member shall be a voting Member of the Council. The Ex Officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the District Board and the Council. The ten (10) remaining Members, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed in the following manner:

1. Initial Appointments. The President shall appoint all Initial Members of the Council with the advice and consent of the District Board based on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances.
2. Subsequent Appointments. After the first term of each of the Initial Member appointments expires or are otherwise terminated, Members of the Council will be selected as follows:
3. The President, in consultation with the Council, will appoint a Nominating Committee, comprised of at least five (5) individuals to recommend replacement or renewal of Members as terms expire.
  - a. A majority of the Nominating Committee members will be representatives of not-for-profit organizations that have as their primary focus conservation of nature, land and/or water.
  - b. ~~One (1) member of the Nominating Committee will be a representative of a not for profit organization that has as its primary focus government finance and public policy.~~
- e.b. The Nominating Committee may include up to two (2) Council Members.
4. The Nominating Committee will review the qualifications of individuals on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances, and will present at least one (1) nomination for each vacant position to the President before the end of the term.
5. The President, with advice and consent from the District Board will select from the Nominating Committee's list and present one (1) name for each vacancy to the District Board for concurrence.
6. If the Board does not approve appointment of the recommended candidate(s), the President may go back to the original recommendations of the Nominating Committee or request additional names from the Nominating Committee.



7. Prior to their 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."

*D. Terms of Members.*

1. *Ex Officio Member.* The District Board Commissioner who is appointed as the ex officio Member shall serve on the Council for the length of the Commissioner's term. Upon an appointment or election change for the representative from the District Board, the President shall provide notice to the District Board and the Council of any such change in ex officio Member appointment.
2. *The remaining Members.* The Chairperson and the other remaining nine (9) Members of the Council shall serve terms as follows:
  - a. For the Initial Members:
    - (i) Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2015.
    - (ii) Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2016.
    - (iii) Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.
    - (iv) The Chairperson initially elected by the Members also shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.
  - b. Thereafter, all Members including the Chairperson, but excluding the Ex Officio Member, appointed shall serve a term of three (3) years.

- (i) Each appointed Member, whether initial or subsequent, shall hold office until a successor is appointed, except in cases of removal.
- (ii) Any appointed Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, other than a vacancy caused by the expiration of the predecessor's term, shall serve until the expiration of ~~his or her~~ their predecessor's term.

E. *Vacancy.* A vacancy shall occur upon the:

- 1. Expiration of Member's term,
- 2. Resignation,
- 3. Death,
- 4. Conviction of a felony, or
- 5. Removal from the office of an appointed Member as set forth in paragraph "F" of this Section.

F. *Removal of Members.* A Council Member may be removed for good cause by the President. Good cause includes inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or any cause which renders the Member unfit for the position or unable to perform the duties of the position. The President shall provide written notice to that Member, the Conservation Council, the District Board, and the General Superintendent of the proposed removal of that Member from the Council; such notice shall state the specific grounds which constitute cause for removal. The Member, in receipt of such notice, may request to appear before the District Board and present reasons in support of ~~his or her~~ their retention. Thereafter, the District Board shall vote upon whether there are sufficient grounds to remove that Member from office. The President shall notify the subject Member of the final action of the District Board.

G. *Officers.* The Council shall contain three (3) Members that serve as Officers: (1) Chairperson, (2) Vice-Chairperson and (3) Secretary. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary are elected by the Council. Each of the three (3) officers, respectively, shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Council and may be appointed to serve successive terms as officers. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall each serve for a three-year term or until ~~his or her~~ their term expires or is otherwise terminated, whichever event occurs earlier.

H. *Duties of Officers.*

- 1. The Chairperson shall:
  - a. Preside at all meetings, when present;
  - b. Execute all documents relating to Council policy or designate such responsibility as warranted;

c. Prepare the initial agenda for each meeting; and

d. Perform any other agenda duties as directed by the Council.

2. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the capacity of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence. In the event the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to this office for the unexpired term or until the President brings forth another appointment that is recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the District Board.

3. The Secretary shall maintain the Council records, including notices for and minutes of meetings and hearings.

I. *[Standing or Ad Hoc Subcommittees.]* The Council may create Standing or Ad hoc Subcommittees. The Chairperson may appoint non-voting members to those subcommittees. The District shall assign appropriate staff to the Council so that the Council may further carry out its purposes and activities.

J. *Disclosure of interests required.* Each Member shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ethical Conduct (Title 1, Section 13), including, without limitation, provisions requiring disclosure of conflicts of interest.

~~1. Any Member, who has direct or indirect interest in any contract or transaction with the District shall disclose this interest in writing to the Council which shall, in turn, notify the President and the District Board of such interest.~~

~~2. This interest shall be set forth in the minutes of the Council and the Member having such interest shall not participate on behalf of the Council in any way with regard to such contract or transaction unless the Council or District Board waives the conflict.~~

~~3. The Cook County Board of Ethics shall have jurisdiction over the investigation and enforcement of this Section and over the sanctions for violations as set forth in Sections 1-13-4 and 1-13-5 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ethical Conduct.~~

### **1-18-3: QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.**

A. Criteria to be considered in nominating or appointing individuals to serve as Members shall include:

1. Background and skills needed on the Council including, but not limited to, expertise in one (1) or more of the following:

a. Conservation (practice),

- b. Ecology (science),
  - c. Education/interpretation,
  - d. Cultural resources/archeology/historic preservation,
  - e. Management/business,
  - f. Eco- or heritage tourism/market feasibility analysis,
  - g. Finance,
  - h. Public policy and planning,
  - i. Outdoor recreation,
  - j. Health and wellness,
  - k. Volunteer management,
  - l. High level government experience,
  - m. Racial equity, diversity and inclusion,
  - n. Communications and media relations,
  - o. Working knowledge of the District, Chicago Botanic Garden, Brookfield Zoo and/or other culturally significant institutions affiliated with, or supportive of, the District's statutorily defined purpose,
  - p. Environmental Sustainability;
2. Resident of Cook County, Illinois;
  3. Availability and willingness to attend Council meetings quarterly; and
  4. Ability and willingness to:
    - a. Learn sufficient details about District management and operations in order to effectively evaluate proposed actions and reports; and
    - b. Accept and fulfill reasonable assignments from the Chairperson of the Council.

B. No individual shall be considered for nomination or appointment to serve as a Member if such individual is one or more of the following:

1. An elected official (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or a paid staff member of an elected official;
2. An employee of the District (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or any other government entity for which there could be a perceived conflict of interests between the interests of the governmental employer and the interests of the Council;
3. An employee of the Chicago Zoological Society (Brookfield Zoo), Chicago Botanic Garden, or Forest Preserve Foundation;
4. An employee of a conservation organization; or
5. An individual who owns five (5) percent or more of, or an individual who is employed by, a business entity that is a party to a contract with the District; ~~or any individual with perceived conflict of interest,~~ the Chicago Zoological Society (Brookfield Zoo), Chicago Botanic Garden, or Forest Preserve Foundation.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 22-0028 to the Rules Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

### **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[22-0363](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant funding for an outdoor recreation project at Beaubien Woods in Chicago, Illinois in Cook County.

**Grant Amount:** \$1,150,000.00

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

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$3,054,500.00 (\$1,154,500.00 50% match + \$575,000.00 25% contingency + \$1,325,000.00 anticipated underground utility services to the site). Estimated impact without contingency and underground utility services: FY2023 \$577,000.00 and FY2024 \$577,500.00

**Accounts:** Consulting Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51028.520830, 51010.520830 and 51009.520831; Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51028.560019, 51030.560019 and 51031.560019; Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560106, 51028.560105, 51030.560106 and 51031.560105; and future Construction and Development accounts

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has been awarded an OSLAD grant that will support outdoor recreation activities in Beaubien Woods, a 279-acre forest preserve in Chicago in southeast Cook County, Illinois. Proposed improvements include reconstruction of existing boat launch ramps and onshore fishing boardwalk, an accessible canoe/kayak launch system, a new program shelter and interpretive signs, and a comfort station and trail connection to the adjacent neighborhood of Altgeld Gardens.

In addition to improving access to fishing, paddling and bird watching along the river, these amenities would enhance the heritage tours and water trail experience. Beaubien Woods is an important natural and cultural site in the Calumet region in South Cook County where a growing number of organizations are offering information and tours focusing on nature and Black history. In July 2020, Openlands released an

African American Heritage Water Trail brochure and began partnering with other organizations to lead tours. Local historians also conduct regular tours with groups from local park districts, schools and churches starting at the Beaubien Boat Launch and stopping at nearby points on the former underground railroad.

The grant will fund 50% of the estimated \$2.3 million total cost of development, excluding major underground utility work. The Forest Preserves would provide a 50% match and additional 25% contingency and the anticipated cost of major underground utilities.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0363. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0373](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD EXTENSION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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

**Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** To continue to restore and enhance 281 acres of habitat at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve and Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve, utilizing grant funding received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program.

**Original Grant Amount:** \$153,660.86

**Proposed Supplemental Grant Amount:** N/A

**Original Grant Period:** 5/15/2022 - 12/31/2023

**Proposed Grant Period Extension:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$190,000.00 in direct match, per the original award. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** 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 grant extension is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 4, 6

**Summary:** On 12/14/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from The Nature Conservancy via the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Program. The Forest Preserves was sub-awarded a portion of these funds to complete 35 acres of invasive species control and 230 acres of follow-up treatments at Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve, along with 16 acres of follow-up treatments at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve (Board Item No. 21-0533).

A no-cost extension of the grant is being requested to allow for remaining restoration tasks to be completed under suitable conditions to minimize impacts to the surrounding landscape. Total project costs are \$343,660.86, of which the Forest Preserves will continue to contribute up to \$190,000.00 or approximately 55% in direct match.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0373. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0374](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD EXTENSION**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

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



**Grantor:** Forest Preserve Foundation

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** Resilient Communities Program for ecological restoration at Sweet Woods

**Original Grant Amount:** \$252,500.00

**Proposed Supplemental Grant Amount:** N/A

**Original Grant Period:** 11/16/2020 - 10/10/2022

**Proposed Grant Period Extension:** 10/11/2022 - 4/28/2023

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$325,000.00 in direct match, per the original award. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts and Special or Co-op Programs

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** On 9/22/2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from the Forest Preserve Foundation through the Resilient Communities Program administered in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Wells Fargo (Board Item No. 20-0320). The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded a portion of these funds to support 180 acres of ecological restoration at Sweet Woods preserve in the Village of Thornton in southeastern Cook County.

A no-cost extension of the grant is being requested to allow for supplemental restoration work within the existing project footprint to be completed during the winter of 2022. Achieved cost efficiencies in the original scope of work made this additional work possible. Total project cost for work dedicated to Forest

Preserves property is \$617,500.00, of which the Forest Preserves will continue to contribute up to \$325,000.00 or an approximately 53% cash match.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0374. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0366](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (“UICVM”), Urbana, Illinois

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

**Goods or Services:** Wildlife pathology and diagnostic services

**Agreement Number:** #74000003052

**Agreement Period:** 3/11/2014 - 12/31/2017; Board Approved Extension 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2032

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$490,000.00

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, \$240,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 10/24/2017, \$250,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$600,000.00

**Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$60,000.00, FY 2024 \$60,000.00, FY 2025 \$60,000.00, FY 2026 \$60,000.00, FY

2027 \$60,000.00, FY 2028 \$60,000.00, FY 2029 \$60,000.00, FY 2030 \$60,000.00, FY 2031 \$60,000.00, FY 2032 \$60,000.00

**Accounts:** Wildlife Management 51001.521447; Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has partnered with UICVM since 2008 to conduct on-demand wildlife pathology and diagnostic services undertaken in association with wildlife research initiatives. This work allows Forest Preserves wildlife biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in wildlife communities and assess how those diseases may affect human populations. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community to better inform them of potential risks of zoonotic disease transmission.

This IGA was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 3/11/2014 (Board Item No. 14-0122), and subsequently amended on 10/24/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0356) to extend the program for an additional five-year term ending in 2022. The Forest Preserves now seeks to add up to \$600,000.00 in authority over ten (10) years, bringing the total program costs to approximately \$1,090,000.00 over nineteen (19) years.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0366. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0362](#)

**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 American Humane, Washington, DC.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves would like to pursue the American Humane Conservation Certification for its Ambassador Animal program. The Certificate requires a five-year partnership agreement.

**Contract Period:** 12/1/2022 - 11/30/2027

**Fiscal Impact:** \$25,000.00 (FY 2023 \$5,000.00, FY 2024 \$5,000.00, FY 2025 \$5,000.00, FY 2026 \$5,000.00, and FY 2027 \$5,000.00)

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51001.520830

**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 Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0362. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0371](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend its Partnership Agreement with the Forest Preserve Foundation (the “Foundation”).

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves wishes to extend its partnership agreement with the Forest Preserve Foundation for four (4) years and continue its annual financial contribution

**Contract Period:** (12/16/2014) 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2019; Board Approved Extension (11/19/2019) 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020; Board Approved Extension (11/17/2020) 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021; and Board Approved Extension (11/2/2021) 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Partnership Agreement Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 (FY 2023 \$80,000.00, FY 2024 \$60,000.00, FY 2025 \$40,000.00, FY 2026 \$20,000.00), plus in-kind contributions up to \$25,000.00 per fiscal year.

Previously authorized contributions total a Not to Exceed amount of \$950,000.00, plus in-kind contributions.

**Account(s):** Programs and Services 51001.700824

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to support programs, and to protect and restore native habitats, within the Forest Preserves. The Foundation's work encourages philanthropic and business entities to make financial contributions toward priorities of the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves recognizes the benefits that an established foundation can provide and has determined that extending its agreement with the Foundation for the appropriation of funds and in-kind contributions, such as office space and services, is appropriate to further the mission of the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0371. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0364](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Vendor:** Adaptive Adventures, Schaumburg, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Camping, Biking, Paddling, Climbing Wall and other outdoor recreation activities programming with staffing and equipment for people with disabilities.

**Contract Value:** \$125,000.00

**Contract Period:** 9/21/2022 - 9/20/2025; with two (2) one-year optional extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$10,000.00, FY 2023 \$25,000.00, FY 2024 \$25,000.00, FY 2025

\$15,000.00, FY 2025 \$10,000.00 (optional), FY 2026 \$25,000.00 (optional), FY 2027 \$15,000.00 (optional)

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520830; Advertising & Promotion 51001.520610; Special or Coop Programs 51001.521313; and any Grant Funds

**Contract Number(s):** #74000011124

**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:** Adaptive Adventures is a national organization with local offices in Schaumburg, Illinois. They provide adaptive outdoor adventures for people with disabilities. They can provide equipment and staffing for adaptive biking, paddling and climbing wall activities. They have hosted a successful Camping Without Limits event at Camp Bullfrog Lake with the Forest Preserves in the past. We would like to continue Camping without Limits on a regular basis and build on that program to provide adaptive outdoor adventures at other locations throughout the Forest Preserves in future years. The proposed agreement would be on a sole source basis. Upon approval of the proposed agreement, it is respectfully requested that the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, such agreement.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0364. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0236](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** All Chicago, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services to replace heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems at Sand Ridge Nature Center

**Original Contract Period:** 3/17/2021 - 7/14/2021; Administrative Extension 7/15/2021 - 7/14/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 7/15/2022 (retroactive) - 7/14/2023

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$99,214.00

**Original Approval:** 2/5/2021, \$99,214.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$80,392.73

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$32,539.76 after reimbursement of \$47,852.97 by design firm under Board Item No. 22-0321

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008739 issued under Project #20-80-10A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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):** 4

**Summary:** Contract #74000008739 issued under Project #20-80-10A consists of providing construction services to replace two (2) heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at Sand Ridge Nature Center. Additional time and funds are required to complete the scope of this agreement that was initially awarded through a competitive bid process.

After the equipment was ordered and delivered, All Chicago, Inc. ("All Chicago") discovered the equipment specified by HOH Associates, Inc ("HOH"), the design firm for the project, would not fit into the existing space and different equipment and additional modifications were required to replace the existing systems.

After extensive negotiations, Forest Preserves staff have agreed to an increase to All Chicago's contract in the amount of \$80,392.73 for costs incurred to order new equipment, make modifications to existing conditions to allow the re-designed systems to fit, and for charges incurred in the delay of the project, subject to reimbursement of \$47,852.97 for most of these costs by the design firm, HOH. In addition to an increase in the contract amount, the contract end date will also be extended to provide additional time to order the correct equipment, have it manufactured, delivered, and installed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0236. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0321](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** HOH Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Contract #74000005268 issued under RFP #17-80-86 for Professional Services for replacement of selective HVAC systems and inspection and evaluation of HVAC Systems at various locations throughout the Forest Preserves

**Original Contract Period:** 9/13/2018 - 9/12/2019; Administrative Extension 9/13/2019 - 9/12/2020; 1st Board Extension 9/13/2020 - 9/12/2021; and 2nd Board Extension 9/13/2021 - 9/12/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/13/2022 (retroactive) - 9/12/2023



**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$130,000.00

**Original Approval:** 9/13/2018, \$130,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000005268 issued under RFP #17-80-86

**Concurrences:**

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

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17

**Summary:** Additional time is required to complete work at one of the sites included in the original scope of work. HOH Associates, Inc. ("HOH") designed the replacement of HVAC equipment at Sand Ridge Nature Center but installation by the Forest Preserves' contractor, All Chicago, Inc. ("All Chicago"), was delayed due to discovery that equipment specified by HOH will not fit within the existing spaces. The discovery was not made until after the equipment was delivered to the contractor. After extensive negotiations, Forest Preserves' staff have agreed to an increase to All Chicago's contract, subject to reimbursement by HOH of \$47,852.97 of the increased cost and approval by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. (Board Item No. 22-0236) HOH's compensation under this Contract #74000005268 would not change; however, additional time is needed to allow HOH to continue with the project through construction completion at this last site.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0321. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0327](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Antares Golf Management, Inc. a.k.a Indigo Sports, LLC (formerly Billy Casper Golf), Reston, Virginia

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Golf course management

**Original Contract Period:** 8/1/2002 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Vendor has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves a \$450,000.00 annual fee plus a tiered percentage of gross revenue generated at the Golf Course including a revenue share of alcohol sales.

**Original Approval:** 7/9/2002

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A (Revenue Generating)

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is recommending an extension to its current agreement with its golf management vendor. The current agreement expires at the end of this year. The Forest Preserves intends to bid out for a new management contract for the golf courses. In the interim, an extension is needed for the current contract due to unavoidable delays in the concept plans process for Burnham Woods, River Oaks and Edgebrook.

Once the concept plan process is finalized, the Forest Preserves intends to spend significant time engaging community members and relevant stakeholders. Ultimately, the goal is to post the new golf course management RFP in the spring of 2023 to allow potential vendors to see the courses.

The proposed extension includes \$450,000.00 for capital improvements per year totaling \$900,000.00 over the extension term. The Forest Preserves will also continue to receive the same base fee and percentage of gross sales compensation as outlined in current agreement. The proposed amendment also changes the threshold for capital improvements from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 or more. Final amendment is subject to legal approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0327. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0357](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Wildlife monitoring and research services

**Original Contract Period:** 3/11/2014 - 12/31/2017; Board Approved Extension 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,440,000.00

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, \$640,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 9/12/2017, \$800,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$800,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$160,000.00, FY 2024 \$160,000.00, FY 2025 \$160,000.00, FY 2026 \$160,000.00, FY 2027 \$160,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002893

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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 has partnered with Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation since 2008 to conduct wildlife field research involving capture/release, data collection, sampling, monitoring, and analysis of wildlife activity. This work supplements the Forest Preserves' understanding of wildlife interactions within the urban environment and assists the Forest Preserves with tracking zoonotic disease transmission between wildlife and human populations. Information gathered through this work is shared throughout the health services community both locally and nationally, including but not limited to the Cook County Department of Public Health, Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation is considered a sole source vendor due to their unique expertise in wildlife research, local officing, access to regionally and nationally prominent biologists, as well as the length of their longstanding partnership with the Forest Preserves on various research projects, including the globally renowned Urban Coyote Project.

This contract was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 3/11/2014 (Board Item No. 14-0121), and subsequently amended on 9/12/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0228) to extend the program for an additional five-year term ending in 2022. The Forest Preserves now seeks to add up to \$800,000.00 in authority, bringing the total program costs to approximately \$2,240,000.00 since 2014.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0357. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0367](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Hey & Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services contract with Hey & Associates, Inc. to provide final engineering, permitting, bid package assistance, and construction administration assistance for a grant-funded hydrologic restoration project at Powderhorn Lake.

**Original Contract Period:** 4/21/2020 - 7/31/2022; Administrative Extension 8/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 6/20/2023

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$110,905.00

**Original Approval:** \$110,905.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$35,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2022 \$25,000.00, FY 2023 \$10,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51058.520830, 51051.520830, 51028.520830; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313, 51051.521313, 51028.521313; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts and Special or Co-op Program accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000007718 issued under Project #20-31-109

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment 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):** 4

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves is requesting authority to extend professional services contract #74000007718 with Hey & Associates, Inc. for final engineering, permitting, bid package assistance, and construction administration assistance related to the design, permitting, and construction of a water control structure and fish passage system connecting Powderhorn Lake and Wolf Lake. The Forest Preserves is also seeking to increase the amount authorized to be expensed under the contract by \$35,000.00 to account for supplemental engineering design services outside of the original scope of work, which were necessitated by unforeseen circumstances discovered during construction. Specifically, a utility pipeline was not located where it was expected to be based on recorded plans. These discrepancies required the project to be re-engineered to accommodate the actual location of the pipeline and resolve resulting regulatory/permitting issues.

Construction and engineering services for the project have been funded through a grant sub-awarded to the Forest Preserves from Audubon Great Lakes via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 2020 (Board Item Nos. 20-0169 and 21-0451). Construction services were solicited and approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/27/2021 per Board Item No. 21-0356. Project costs to-date total \$972,290.00 at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which has provided in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the project. The Forest Preserves proposes to contribute the increase referenced in this item, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00, as match to facilitate the completion of the project.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0367. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0375](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Chicago Botanic Garden ("CBG"), Glencoe, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend, amend, and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Plants of Concern program and associated ancillary services

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2017; Board Approved Extension 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$275,000.00

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, \$100,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 10/24/2017, \$175,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$375,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$75,000.00, FY 2024 \$75,000.00, FY 2025 \$75,000.00, FY 2026 \$75,000.00, FY 2027 \$75,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51031.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000002513

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has maintained a collaborative partnership with CBG since 2014 to administer the Plants of Concern (“POC”) program. The Forest Preserves is requesting to extend the contract for the Plants of Concern program for an additional five (5) years, at a rate not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year, in order to continue this beneficial research work as well as amend the scope of services to allow for expenses related to ancillary services such as seed collection, plant propagation, and banking of seed and/or herbarium specimens. These added services support the Forest Preserves’ mission to restore and preserve populations of rare plant species or other species identified as necessary for plant community enhancement in the Forest Preserves, based on information gathered through the POC program.

Plants of Concern engages citizen scientists to identify and monitor the Chicago region’s rarest plants, assess trends in their populations and provide important data used to conserve our rapidly declining floral heritage. The Forest Preserves’ work with the CBG allows for a dedicated intern to work specifically on Forest Preserves property in order to assess long-term trends in critical plant species, site biodiversity, and help inform Forest Preserves staff in their decision making regarding where to conduct restoration.

This contract was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 3/11/2014 (Board Item No. 14-0123), and subsequently amended on 10/24/2017 (Board Item No. 17-0267) to extend the program for an additional five-year term ending in 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0375. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0025](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Touhy Avenue over



North Branch of Chicago River for 0.266 acre or 11,587 square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT has requested three (3) permanent easements on the north and south side of Touhy Avenue and the Forest Preserves land immediately adjacent to the North Branch of the Chicago River. The project is proposed to improve aging bridge and road infrastructure, as well as improve pedestrian safety along Touhy Avenue.

As part of the planned bridge replacement, IDOT will expand the existing 5-wide sidewalk on the north side of the bridge to become a 15-foot sidepath to improve safety for North Branch Trail users crossing the bridge. The trail crossing improvements will also include ADA upgrades and replacement of a traffic signal that is currently the Forest Preserves' jurisdiction. The Forest Preserves is responsible for annual maintenance costs (currently exceeding \$5,000.00) as well as replacement costs for a new signal (valued at \$287,500.00). The Village of Niles has approved an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT to accept responsibility for traffic signal ownership, replacement and maintenance costs. IDOT is seeking donation of easements and waiver of tree mitigation and related fees due to the proposed trail safety and financial benefits to the Forest Preserves.

The area for the permanent easement is 11,587 square feet or 0.266 acre. IDOT indicates that twenty-three (23) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** Estimated \$31,200.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** Estimated \$81,850.00 (waived)

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 13

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 22-0025 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0368](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as

Licensors to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain natural gas pipeline on Lee Road, 1,039 feet of which is new replacement pipe and an additional 1,759 feet of existing pipe, all of which were included in License #279 issued in 1946.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$88,641.87

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00

**Additional Fee:** \$16,000.00. This fee is to support ecological work in Chipilly Woods.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$116,041.87 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.9635 acre

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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):** 14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 22-0368 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0369](#)

**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 Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain natural gas pipeline along Belmont Avenue and Forest Preserve Avenue, 1,085 feet of which is new replacement pipe and an additional 3,518 feet of existing pipe, all of which were included in license (#178) approved in 1949.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$145,825.07

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00

**Additional Fee:** \$25,000.00. This fee is to support restoration work at Che Che Pin Qua Woods and other locations in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$182,225.07 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 1.5851 acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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):** 8

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 22-0369 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0370](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

### **PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to amend a License granted to Village of Glencoe, Grantee, as approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0418) to locate, operate and maintain 1,085 linear feet of a 16-inch underground water main across Grove #1 in the Skokie Lagoons. The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to amend the license to add additional 16-inch water main as follows: (1) a second phase 505-foot line which was installed in 2021 under a Construction Access Permit; (2) a new third phase line (2,640 linear feet). The amended license would include a total of 4,230 linear feet of line under a new term of ten (10) years from the effective date of the amendment. The original water main was installed underground in Skokie Lagoons over forty (40) years ago under a 1980 license (#1193) that expired in the year 2000. The line has experienced frequent breaks in recent years, causing severe flooding on Forest Preserve land near Grove #1.

**Term:** Ten (10) years for all phases from the effective date of the amendment

**License Fee:** \$99,634.99 for Phases 2 and 3 (\$32,878.79 for Phase 1 was previously paid pursuant to License Agreement approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/17/2020, Board Item No. 20-0418)

**Additional License Fee:** \$6,874.66 license fee for additional two (2) year extension for Phase 1 and \$1,565.08 retroactive license fee for one-year for Phase 2.

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$119,474.73 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 1.4566 acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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):** 13

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0370. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0229](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

#### **PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Action:** Authorization to make final payment.

**Payee:** A.L.L. Masonry Construction Co., Inc., d/b/a ALL Construction Group, Cicero, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services for the Central Garage Building

**Fiscal Impact:** \$301,841.32

**Accounts:** Buildings 51027.560106 and 51009.560106

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009070 issued under Project #21-80-07

**District(s):** 1

**Summary:** Payment for work at the Forest Preserves of Cook County central garage building to address energy efficiency improvements as well as deferred maintenance work including the removal and replacement of the existing original windows, masonry repairs, and the abatement of asbestos containing

materials. 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. 21-0220).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0229. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (14)

**Present:** Arroyo (1)

**Absent:** Gainer and Sims (2)

[22-0334](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and ALMA E. ANAYA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Request:** Approve

**Item Number:** 21-0355 as amended by 21-0432

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

#### **Original Text of Item:**

#### **RESOLUTION CREATING THE FOREST PRESERVES' EQUITY, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, AND INCLUSION SITE NAME TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") and Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") recognize that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging and that names may have powerful and positive meaning for people and provide opportunities to promote community harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 17-0178 on September 11, 2018 to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities after a staff Naming Committee recommended correct and official names of all venues, following an exhaustive review to determine which names had been formally adopted by the Board in the past, were in common use, or had been abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 19-0354 on September 24, 2019 to adopt a Permanent Naming Policy to help safeguard the Forest Preserves' prestige and heritage; provide guidance and

direction in the naming and renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; ensure an inclusive, consultative, and transparent naming and renaming process that will engage the public and stand the test of time; and to govern all permanent naming and renaming opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves has a mission and values committed to being accessible and welcoming to all people and is seeking to ensure that sites do not commemorate an event or an individual whose actions perpetuated inequalities or supported the marginalization of people based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, or if the commemoration may be considered inappropriate or offensive; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby create the Forest Preserves' Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Advisory Task Force (the "ECSI Site Name Task Force") that will support the review of Forest Preserves site names and will advance the Forest Preserves' "Moving Towards Racial Equity" position paper adopted in July 2020 by this body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall meet as needed for eighteen (18) months (i.e., until January 27, 2023) ~~one year~~ and, with the assistance of Loyola University Chicago's Public History Program, shall, within said time period ~~one year~~, provide either a report that includes 284 Forest Preserves site names that have been reviewed with a racial equity, cultural sensitivity and inclusion lens or a report recommending how the Forest Preserves shall proceed doing so; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- a. The chair and vice-chair of the Board Real Estate Committee;
- b. The director and one (1) additional faculty member from the Public History Program at Loyola University Chicago;
- c. One (1) member of the Forest Preserves Conservation and Policy Council to be appointed by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council;
- d. The two (2) co-chairs of the Forest Preserves Naming Committee;
- e. Two (2) members of the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee to be named by the General Superintendent;
- f. One (1) member that sits on both the Forest Preserves' Naming and REDI Committees to be appointed by the General Superintendent;
- g. One (1) representative from the Friends of the Forest Preserves to be appointed by the executive director of Friends of the Forest Preserves;
- h. One (1) representative from the Illinois Environmental Council to be appointed by the executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council;
- i. One (1) representative from the Board or staff of the Forest Preserve Foundation to be appointed by the chair of the Forest Preserve Foundation Board of Directors; and,
- j. Up to three (3) additional representatives with appropriate experience in culture, history, natural history, sociology, urban planning, urban studies, or public policy to be appointed by the General

Superintendent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair of the Real Estate Committee and the appointee by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council shall serve as co-chairs of the ECSI Site Name Task Force.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0334. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0358](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County Revenue Collection Process Audit

**Report Period:** August 2022

**Summary:** This audit was designed to assess the effectiveness of the internal controls currently in place over the Revenue Collection Process at the Forest Preserve District to ensure they are adequate and working as intended. Our audit consisted of reviewing and testing a sample of Revenue collected by the Forest Preserve District as well as Revenue collected and remitted to the Forest Preserve District by third party vendors.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 22-0358 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0376](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent



**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Reports (June 2022 and July 2022)

**Report Period:** 6/1/2022 - 7/31/2022

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the months of June and July of 2022. Payments total \$174,802.45 for June 2022 and \$80,098.60 for July 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to receive and file 22-0376. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0379](#)

**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:** 6/1/2022 - 7/31/2022

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of June and July 2022. 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 Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to receive and**

**file 22-0379. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0381](#)

**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:** 1/1/2022 - 7/31/2022

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to receive and file 22-0381. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0377](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 9/13/2022

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2022 to present: \$17,546.24

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$370,461.38

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0377. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0378](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

# **RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -09/13/2022

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: \$3,707,000.00  
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2022 to Present: \$606,125.54  
Legal Fees for 09/13/2022 to Be Approved: \$48,959.24

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0378. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0387](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

# **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 9/21/2022 - 10/18/2022

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

**Every Day, 9/21 through 10/30****Ice Age Giants, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

During the last major ice age, our human ancestors lived alongside enormous animals that made Earth their home for millions of years. This summer, Brookfield Zoo is unleashing more than 20 life-sized, animatronic re-creations of these giants that roamed North America and Eurasia before disappearing in a mass extinction about 10,000 years ago. Viewing is free with general admission.

**Wednesday, 9/21; 10am****Forest Therapy Walk, Busse Woods-South, Elk Grove Village**

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

**Thursday, 9/22; 6pm - 8pm****Autumnal Equinox, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Take in the colors of the season and learn about the cultural and ecological significance of the autumnal equinox. *Light refreshments will be available. Registration required.*

**Friday, 9/23; 12pm - 2:45pm****Bird Painting Step-by-Step: Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Sketch and paint a ruby-throated hummingbird. For beginners and experienced artists. *Materials provided. \$5 per person. Registration required.*

**Friday, 9/23; 6:30pm****Campfire Stories, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Enjoy a fun, interactive evening of storytelling by the fire with campfire treats. *Bring your own mug and enjoy a warm beverage. Registration required.*

**Friday, 9/23; 7pm****Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about nocturnal animals and more on a guided hike. *\$3 per person. Registration required by 9/20. Ages 6 and up.*

**Saturday, 9/24; 9:30am - 11:30am****Public Lands Day, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Give back to nature at Sagawau! Help improve the health of our Forest Preserves by removing litter or cutting invasive brush. Litter picking supplies will be available. *Tools and safety gear will be provided for invasive brush removal.*

**Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm****Party for the Preserves, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual Party for the Preserves! Enjoy family friendly activities with community partners, music, guided walks, nature activities, a local food truck and more. *Check out FPDCC.com for more information.*

**Saturday, 9/24; 12pm - 4pm****Community Powwow, LaBagh Woods, Groves 2-4, W Foster Ave, N Cicero Ave, Chicago**

Celebrate Native American culture while recognizing 'Every Child Matters' and National Public Lands Day. Enjoy a traditional Powwow, Native food, and listen to stories of culture from the area. Attendees are encouraged to wear orange. *Registration required. Call 773-509-2344.*

**Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm****Party for the Preserves, Schubert's Woods- Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights**

Celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual Party for the Preserves! Enjoy family friendly activities with community partners, music, guided walks, nature activities, a local food truck and more. *Check out FPDCC.com for more information.*

**Saturday, 9/24; 11am - 3pm****Party for the Preserves, Bunker Hill, Chicago**

Celebrate the Forest Preserves on National Public Lands Day at our annual Party for the Preserves! Enjoy family friendly activities with community partners, music, guided walks, nature activities, a local food truck and more. *Check out FPDCC.com for more information.*

**Sunday, 9/25; 1pm****Bees, Wasps & Hornets, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

These insects can be plentiful, and at times "pesky", this time of the year. This presentation will include life histories, local varieties, and some useful tips.

**Thursday, 9/29; 4:30pm - 7pm****Archery, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery.

**Saturday, 10/1; 12pm - 3pm****Camping Without Limits, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs**

Partnered with Adaptive Adventures, Camping Without Limits is an introductory camping experience that provides a rich and challenging outdoor adventure experience along with adaptive cycling, climbing, and kayaking for individuals with physical disabilities, their friends, and families.

**Saturday, 10/1; 1:30pm**

**Batty about Bats, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn all about our native bats and their interesting behavior. *Ages 10 and up.*

**Saturday, 10/1; 12pm - 4pm**

**Rain date, Sunday, 10/8; 12pm - 4pm**

**Fall Paddle Festival, Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Embrace the fall season with nature-based activities on and off the water. Participate in a canoe trip, guided hike, archery, pumpkin painting, nature play and more.

**Saturday, 10/1; 8am**

**Fishing Derby, Horsetail Lake, Palos**

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

**Saturday, 10/1; 7pm**

**Not Your Typical Pumpkin Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Why should the kids have all the fun? An adult only pumpkin carving night. *\$25 per person. Materials provided. Registration and payment required by 9/24. No refunds. Ages 21 and up.*

**Saturday, 10/1; 9am - 12pm**

**Fishing 101, Green Lake, Calumet City**

Join us for a fun day of fishing and learn about Green Lake's cultural and natural history. *All ages. Fishing license required for ages 16 and up. In partnership with Get Hooked LLC. Registration required.*

**Sunday, 10/2; 9am - 3pm**

**Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

We are celebrating our 57th Annual Arts and Craft Fair! Art, of all styles, will be sold by artists inspired by nature.

**Sunday, 10/2; 12pm**

**Chicago Voyagers Adventure Challenge, Busse Woods-South, Elk Grove Village**

Help get Chicago youth outside by participating in an adventure obstacle race for adults and youth of all ability levels. *Optional canoe rides available. Registration required. Visit the Chicago Voyagers website for more information.*

**Sunday, 10/6; 1pm**

**Fall Color Walk, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a leisurely nature walk to see the fall colors. *Family program. Registration required.*

**Thursday, 10/6; 8:30am**

**Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for local birds. *A limited supply of binoculars available for lending.*

**Friday, 10/7; 5pm - 7:30pm**

**Halloween Hoot 'n Howl, Keystone Park, River Forest**

In partnership with the River Forest Public Library and the River Forest Park District, join Trailside Museum staff for an evening of slightly spooky family fun featuring live music, pumpkin painting, native animals, marshmallows around a campfire and more. *Free.*

**Friday, 10/7; 5am - 8:30pm; Saturday, 10/8; 10am - 8:30pm; Sunday 10/9; 10am - 5pm**

**69th Annual Powwow, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago, join us to celebrate Native American culture and enjoy a traditional Powwow, native food, dancing, vendors, activities and more. *Rain or shine. Visit the American Indian Center website for information and pricing.*

**Saturday, 10/8; 10am**

**Orienteering Part II: Set the Course, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Learn how to use a map and compass, then test your skills on the orienteering course. *Ages 10 and up. Registration required.*

**Saturday, 10/8; 10am - 2pm**

**Family Fun Day! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Bring the whole family to spend time outside and have fun with cooperative games, nature scavenger hunts and more.

**Saturdays and Sundays, 10/8 - 10/23**

**Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy. Check out the creatures, creepy crawlers, and more in your costumes at this Halloween-themed event.

**Sunday, 10/9; 1pm**

**Ah, Nuts! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Look out below! Plentiful tree nuts are falling. Hike to discover what seeds trees produce and why they

are vital to the well-being of the woodlands.

**Sunday, 10/9; 7:30pm**

**Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *All ages. Please bring binoculars, limited pairs to lend. Registration required. Programa ofrecido en Español.*

**Wednesday, 10/12; 1pm**

**Senior Fitness Walks in Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Join other seniors for a moderately paced, 1-mile fitness walk in beautiful Thatcher Woods. Led by Roberta Jannsen, U of I Extension volunteer. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, 10/13; 6:30pm**

**Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 10/15; 10am - 1pm**

**Under the Canopy, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Explore Miller Meadow this fall with University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists for an offering of hikes, activities, and discovery.

**Sunday, 10/16; 10am - 3pm**

**Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun. Storytelling, beekeeping demonstrations, animal encounters, pumpkin painting, honey sales, activities and more! *Admission is free; there may be small fees for some activities and food. Parking for the event is at a nearby location. Free shuttles will be running throughout the event. Call for more information.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to receive and file 22-0387. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**ITEMS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

**A motion was made by Commissioner DENNIS DEER, seconded by Commissioner JOHN P.**



**DALEY, to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

[22-0262](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, Chapter 8 - DISTRICT FINANCES, Section 2 - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**1-8-2: - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES**

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K. *No Delegation of Power to Act for Expenditure Exceeding \$150,000.00:* The Purchasing Agent may authorize, without board approval, the following:

1. The award of a contract in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), subject to any applicable limitations on contract terms (see Section 1-8-2(L) below); and
2. ~~The expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).~~ The Purchasing Agent shall have the authority to approve purchase orders in an amount not exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to the same vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department without Board approval.

The Purchasing Agent may approve an amendment to a contract, without prior Board approval; subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That such amendment does not increase the original amount of the contract by more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or ten (10) percent of the original contract amount, whichever is

greater; and

- (b) If contract has not already been approved by the District Board of Commissioners, that the amendment does not cause the contract amount to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) during the term of the contract, as amended.

The Comptroller shall have authority to approve without Board approval the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). The Comptroller also shall have authority to approve without Board approval the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount greater than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) pursuant to the terms of a contract previously approved by the District Board and subject to any increase in the contract amount that the Purchasing Agent is permitted to make under this Section 1-8-2(K), provided that any such expenditures shall be included in the monthly Disbursements Report(s) provided to the District Board by the District's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 1-8-2(BB).

The Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners shall have no power or authority to delegate to any committee or other person or persons the "power to act," when such "power to act" shall involve the (i) the award of a contract in an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)), and/or (ii) the expenditure of public money to a single vendor in a fiscal year by a District Department in an amount exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) other than pursuant to a Board approved contract; except in the following instances: the payment of public utility bills; the payment of rent, pursuant to the provisions of a lease previously approved by the District Board; payment of insurance premiums; agreements and other documents necessary to carry out grant-funded projects or other board authorized transactions. Any action of the Board, or of any committee thereof, or of any other person or persons in violation of this section shall be null and void. No officer of the District, or other person shall incur any indebtedness on behalf of the District, unless first authorized by the District Board.

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*O. Purchase Procedure:*

1. Purchases of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less: Purchases of goods, supplies, or materials of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less in a fiscal year to a single vendor by a District Department may be made without obtaining competitive quotes or bids.

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BB. *Procurement and Disbursements Reports:* The District's Chief Financial Officer shall submit a report to the Board on a monthly basis listing the procurements that exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and do not require Board approval, including a list of each vendor from whom the District

makes such a procurement, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being encumbered, as well as the amount. The District's Chief Financial Officer shall provide a monthly report to the Board of the following:

1. Individual ~~individual~~ and total amount of disbursements made for contracts not approved by the Board involving any expenditure that exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) ~~and that do not require Board approval~~, including a list of each vendor to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment; and
2. Individual and total amount of disbursements made for contracts approved by the Board involving any expenditure that exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), including a list of each vendor to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the fund from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-0262. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

### COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

#### REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[22-0276](#)

#### PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to ComEd, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 2,585 feet of underground electric cable and 875 feet of pole-mounted electric cable along Dundee and Lee roads in Northbrook, Illinois. The cable will replace some existing line and add new line to improve access and response time to outages. The work would require removal of three smaller trees. No trail closures are anticipated.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$109,614.33

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**License Review Fees:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,900.00

**Additional Fee:** \$20,000.00. This fee is to support ecological restoration work in Chipilly Woods.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$141,014.33 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$1,655.77

**The area of the License is:** 1.1915 Acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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):** 14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 22-0276. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Present:** Arroyo (1)

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

[22-0290](#)

**REPORT**

**Department:** Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** June 2022

**Summary:** Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and file 22-0290. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

## **RULES COMMITTEE**

[22-0339](#)

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

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 5 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, SECTION 4-30 - PUBLIC TESTIMONY of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

4-30. *Public Testimony.* The Board encourages public participation in the legislative process. The following rules shall apply at any meeting of the Board and its committees at which public comment or testimony is taken:

- (a) *Public testimony at all meetings.* Subject to the provisions herein, public testimony will be permitted at all meetings of the Board, its committees and subcommittees. Any member of the general public may address the Board or any of its committees or subcommittees at any remote meeting required to be open to the public under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., as then in effect) in writing, or orally from a remote location by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection if permitted in the meeting notice.
- (b) *Authorization to speak.* Authorization as a public speaker or to provide written testimony to

be read into the record of a meeting of the Board, its committees and subcommittees shall be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, ~~municipality of residence~~, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary.

- (c) *Public comment period.* Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda, or at the discretion of the chair, but prior to final action by the meeting body as is practicable. ~~The public comment period during a remote meeting may be limited to written testimony which shall be read into the record by the Board Secretary.~~

- (d) *Germane subject matter encouraged.* Public testimony should ~~shall~~ be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda. ~~To preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency, the presiding officer may impose subject matter limits on public comment or testimony.~~

- (e) *Time limits.*

(1) Time limits for public speakers. Written public testimony or oral testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Responses to inquiries of the public speaker by the presiding officer or members shall not count towards any time limit. With leave, the presiding officer or members may extend a public speaker's time as desired.

(2) Overall time limit for public comment. All public comment shall be limited to sixty (60) minutes per meeting; provided that the Board President may allow a greater period of time for public comment subject to the consent of a majority of the Board, when doing so will not interfere with the conduct of business or the maintenance of order and decorum at the meeting.

- (f) *Prohibited behavior for public speakers.* Oral or written testimony shall not include the use of vulgar, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board. Failure to act appropriately; ~~failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting~~, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

- (g) *Disruptions of meetings prohibited.* Disruptions of meetings are prohibited. Disruptions include, but are not limited to:

(1) Speech or testimony by an individual after expiration of the time allotted for the speaker's public comment or testimony;

~~(2) Speech or testimony by an individual that is not germane to a specific item or items on the~~

~~meeting agenda;~~

- (~~23~~) Speech or testimony by an individual who has not been recognized by the presiding officer for public comment or testimony, who is speaking in a volume louder than a low, conversational level appropriate for communication between persons seated next to each other in the chamber, or whose speech is audible by others;~~or~~
- (~~34~~) Holding or placing a banner or sign during a meeting in a way that may endanger other individuals or that obstructs the free passage or view of others attending or viewing the meeting;
- (~~45~~) Verbal comments and testimony must be conducted in respectful speech with no personal attacks;
- (~~56~~) If an individual engages in disruption of the meeting, including, but not limited to, any of the actions described above, the presiding officer may rule the individual out of order and direct the individual to cease the activity and impose other reasonable conditions for the individual's continued presence at the meeting. If the individual does not immediately comply with the presiding officer's order, the presiding officer may direct the removal of the individual from the meeting. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, any individual ordered to be removed from a meeting is excluded from returning to that meeting, unless the decision of the presiding officer is overruled by a majority vote of those members in attendance. Any two (2) members may place before the body the question of whether to permit the individual to return to the same meeting;
- (~~67~~) If an individual is removed either from two or more committee meetings within a fifteen-day period or from two (2) or more consecutive meetings of the Board, the Board President or Committee Chairperson may exclude the individual from participation in public comment or testimony periods at future Board or committee meetings;
  - a. The Board President or Committee Chairperson shall notify the individual in writing of the type of exclusion, the specific reasons for the exclusion and the specific terms and length of the exclusion;
  - b. The notice of exclusion shall advise that the individual may submit written comments to the ~~Clerk~~ Board Secretary for distribution to the Board members at future public comment or testimony periods;
  - c. The notice of exclusion shall be filed with the ~~Clerk~~ Board Secretary, who shall post it on the door to the Board chambers and on the Board's web page, provide a copy of the notice to Board members and mail the notice to the individual's last known address, if any. The notice is effective when posted. The exclusion order shall

remain posted on the door to the chambers for the duration of the exclusion period.

- (78) In determining the scope and length of an individual's exclusion, the Board President or Committee Chairperson may consider the seriousness of the disruptions to the orderly conduct of the meeting, the number of disruptions in which the individual participated and other reasons deemed relevant by the President.
- a. The Board President or Committee Chairperson may issue an exclusion from future participation in public comment or testimony periods for up to twenty-eight (28) calendar days.
- b. At the next regular meeting of the Board, following the filing and posting of the exclusion notice, the exclusion order may be overruled or modified by a majority vote of those Commissioners in attendance. Any two (2) members may place before the body the question of whether to overrule or modify the exclusion decision.
- (89) Any individual excluded from participation in future public comment or testimony periods may appeal the exclusion by submitting a written appeal to the ~~Clerk~~ Board Secretary within five (5) calendar days after the exclusion notice is posted. The ~~Clerk~~ Board Secretary shall distribute copies of the appeal to all Board members. The Board shall consider the appeal at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if any two (2) members place it before the body. The individual's exclusion from public comment or testimony periods shall remain in effect during the Board's consideration of the appeal.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to defer 22-0339. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0400](#)

#### **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regularly meeting held on 7/26/2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 22-0400. The motion carried by the following vote:**



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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

## **REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

[22-0313](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TO THE VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, an Illinois Special District (“District”), is the owner of real estate located in River Grove, Cook County, Illinois, legally described on Exhibit A (“District Real Estate”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of River Grove, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois (“Village”), desires to obtain title to the District Real Estate for the public purpose of improving the land to the extent permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Real Estate is located wholly within the corporate limits of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.* authorize and encourage the intergovernmental cooperation set forth in this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.* provides statutory authority for one municipality to convey title to real estate to another municipality when the territory of the transferor municipality is at least partly within the corporate limits of the transferee municipality and it is necessary or convenient to use, occupy or improve real estate held by the transferor municipality in the making of any public improvement or for any public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.*, this Resolution is conditioned upon the Village adopting an Ordinance which declares that it is necessary or convenient for the Village to use, occupy or improve the District Real Estate for the aforementioned public purposes and the Ordinance shall further declare that the Village is authorized by law to receive title to the District Real Estate and will accept any transfer of title to the District Real Estate made by the District to the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that the transfer of the District Real Estate to the Village is in the best interests of the District and the District's Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs that such transfer shall proceed as set forth in the instant Resolution notwithstanding the terms, conditions and procedures of Title 2, Chapter 5 Code of Ordinances of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has agreed to purchase the District Real Estate for the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the District adopts this Resolution, by a vote of two-thirds or more of its members, which Resolution authorizes the conveyance of the District Real Estate to the Village pursuant to its statutory authority, including the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:**

The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

**Section 2:**

The President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the District, a quit claim deed conveying the District Real Estate to the Village, subject to any covenants, conditions and restrictions contained therein, which quit claim deed shall be attested and delivered by the appropriate District officials.

**Section 3:**

The President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent of the District are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all other documents or instruments and take any and all steps necessary or desirable to effectuate such conveyance.

**Section 4:**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

**EXHIBIT A**

**DISTRICT REAL ESTATE**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

LOT 90 OF VOLK BROS.' CAREY ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF LOT 3 (LYING NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE) IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE WEST

HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE 3RD PRIME MERIDIAN, ALSO OF BLOCK "G" IN TURNER PARK CITY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S DIVISION, ALSO PART OF LOT "A" IN WILHELMINA SCHMIDT'S CONSOLIDATION OF PART OF LOT 3 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF LA FRAMBOISE'S RESERVE, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 6,786.65 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.1558 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

PIN: 12-26-300-013-0000

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 22-0313. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

[22-0324](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 6 - WEAPONS of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and the following Code is substituted in its place:

#### **3-3-6: - WEAPONS.**

##### *A. Firearms Possession:*

1. General. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall enter into or upon any preserve carrying a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm of any kind.
2. Concealed Weapons. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry or wear under their clothes, or concealed about their person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, bowie knife, dirk knife, or dirk razor, dagger, slingshot, metallic knuckles or other dangerous or deadly weapon in or upon any preserve.
3. Prohibited Places. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry a concealed firearm in the following areas of the District:

- i. any playground or Nature Play Areas;
  - ii. any building or portion of any building under the control of the District;
  - iii. any public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires the issuance of a permit from the District, provided this prohibition shall not apply to a valid concealed carry licensee who must walk through a public gathering in order to access their residence, place of business, or vehicle;
  - iv. any zipline, adventure course, or amusement park on District property;
  - v. any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a zoo or museum on District property;
  - vi. any building under control of a private party on property owned by the District so long as authorized signage is conspicuously posted pursuant to 430 ILCS 66/65(d).
4. Intoxication. No person may carry a concealed weapon about their person on District property while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or combination of compounds, or any combination thereof, under the standards set forth in subsection (a) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5/11-501].

*B. Firearms Permitted:*

1. Law Enforcement. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) above shall not apply to any police officer of the District, County or State, or other peace officer carrying such firearms as may be necessary in the discharge of their duties as such officer, or to members of the armed forces of the United States while enroute and in uniform, nor shall it apply to any person summoned by any of such officers to assist in making arrest, or preserving the peace, while such person so summoned is engaged in assisting such officer.
2. Permit. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1) and (2) above shall not apply to those persons who are lawfully carrying a firearm pursuant to a valid license issued pursuant to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/1 et seq.) or pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (18 USC § 926B or 18 USC § 926C).
3. Parking Area. It shall not be a violation of Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) for any person with a valid concealed carry license to carry a concealed firearm about their person, in a vehicle, or properly stored in their locked vehicle in a parking lot of a prohibited area so long as that license holder complies with 430 ILCS 66/65(b).

- C. *Possessing Replica or Toy Firearms*: No unauthorized person shall at any time bring into or upon any preserve, nor have in their possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere within the Forest Preserve District, any toy firearm, air rifle, air gun, water gun, toy cannon, or any water cannon, slingshot or bow and arrow or any gun that discharges projectiles either by air, spirit, explosive substance or any other force, except where the General Superintendent issues a permit for an appropriate demonstration.
- D. *Confiscation of Weapons*: In addition to all other penalties, weapons found in violation of Subsection A. of this Section shall be ordered forfeited to and confiscated by the Forest Preserve District.
- E. *Penalty*: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve as amended 22-0324. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

[22-0341](#)

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

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 1 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

#### **3-3-1: DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

A. The following shall constitute disorderly conduct:

1. All persons who make, aid, countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace or diversion tending to a breach of the peace within the limits of any forest preserve;

2. All persons lodging in or found at any time in areas that the General Superintendent has designated as prohibited from public access;
3. All persons who shall willfully assault another while in any forest preserve or be engaged in or abet or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance in any forest preserve;
4. All persons who stand, loiter or stroll about within any forest preserve waiting or seeking to obtain money or other valuable things from others by trick or fraud or to aid or assist therein;
5. All persons that shall engage in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain money or other valuable things in any said forest preserve or who shall aid or abet or in any manner be concerned therein;
6. All touts, ropers, steerers or cappers so called for any gambling room or house who shall ply or attempt to ply their calling within any forest preserve;
- ~~7. All persons who shall have or carry any firearm, dirk, brass knuckles, slingshot or other dangerous weapon concealed on or about their person;~~
78. All persons who shall have or carry a knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or a ballistic knife, which is a device that propels a knifelike blade as a projectile by means of a coil spring, elastic material or compressed gas;
89. All persons who are bare-chested while on Forest Preserve District golf courses or golf driving ranges, and all persons who indecently expose themselves while on Forest Preserve property;
940. All persons who appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other drug, not therapeutically administered, to the degree that ~~he/she~~ they may endanger ~~himself/herself~~ themselves or other persons or property, or disturb the peace of persons in ~~their~~ his/her vicinity;

shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct.

B. Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 22-0341. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Absent:** Sims (1)

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

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