

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2008**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Committee met Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the East Conference Room of the County Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were committee members, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Turner, Ms. DeFauw, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Rosemier and Mr. Anderson as well as Superintendent Hannan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Fauci began by asking if there were any changes to the October 14, 2008 minutes. Mr. Rosemier moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. DeFauw and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Fauci asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the agenda. Ms. Turner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lyle and the motion passed unanimously.

**WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Ms. Fauci noted that there were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING: FY2009 BUDGET AND LEVY**

Ms. Fauci opened the hearing for the purpose of allowing public input into the FY2009 budget and levy of the Forest Preserve District. It was then noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

Ms. Fauci then asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee members. Mr. Rosemier commented that it appeared to be a very well thought out budget. Ms. Turner then moved to accept the budget and forward it to the full Board of Commissioners for their approval, seconded by Ms. DeFauw and the motion passed unanimously.

**FOREST PRESERVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hannan reminded the Committee that the monthly reports were included with their packets. He noted that the District had received a \$10,000.00 grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation to assist in the relocation of the Ellwood cabin. He further noted that the check for the 50% matching OSLAD grant for the Afton addition had finally been received and deposited.

Mr. Hannan then reported that he would be bidding out the 2009 construction bids for phase three of the Afton wetland mitigation at Afton during the month of December. He reminded the Committee that phase three consisted of 9 to 10 remaining acres located near McGirr Road. He closed by noting that there were also approximately 13 acres remaining to phase two, and that future mitigations were currently pending.

Mr. Hannan then expressed his thanks to the Committee for their time, effort and valuable contributions during the past two years. He commented that he is very grateful for the Committee's support and expertise.

Mr. Rosemier asked if he might still be able to be kept abreast of Committee activities after ending his term. Mr. Hannan replied that should be possible. Mr. Hannan commented that such a request reflected the dedication and genuine concern for the Forest Preserve District.

The report from the Natural Resources Center director, Peggy Doty was then presented and it was noted that in September and October over 900 students and 100 class leaders had been served by the Education Center. Mr. Hannan concluded by noting the dates and times for upcoming volunteer activities throughout the Preserves.

Mr. Rosemier asked if the IDNR would again be culling and testing the deer population for Chronic Wasting Disease in the Preserves. Mr. Hannan responded that the IDNR had asked if the District would be open to their return to Potawatomi Woods and MacQueen and having received an affirmative answer, were likely reviewing the size of the deer herds and CWD control effectiveness to determine when and how large of a project would need to be undertaken.

Ms. Fauci asked about if there were any new updates on the Emerald Ash Borer project that had been going on in the County. Mr. Hannan replied that while there were still reports of occurrences of the Borer in S.E. Wisconsin and surrounding counties in N.E. Illinois, DeKalb County appeared to be safe so far.

#### **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Ms. Fauci asked if there were any Committee member comments. Hearing none, she proceeded to the Chair's Comments.

#### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Ms. Fauci took the opportunity to thank the Committee for their good work and service over the past years and noted that some of the highlights of their activities were the passage of the land acquisition referendum, the acquisition of the Afton Addition and the closure of the debt for the Potawatomi Woods acquisition.

Mr. Rosemier commented that he felt he had grown by his cooperative work with the Republican party members on the Committee.

Ms. Fauci concurred that the cooperation of the various party members, in an open and respectful governing environment had allowed the Committee to make great strides. She closed by noting that a cooperative, bipartisan environment-focused on the needs of the constituents can indeed make all the difference.

### **LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Prior to the beginning of the discussion, Ms. Fauci asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Turner moved the Committee into executive session for the purpose of discussing current information on District land acquisition, seconded by Mr. Rosemier. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed with 6 Committee members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative and 1 absent. Following the Executive Session, Ms. Turner moved to return the Committee to public session, seconded by Ms. DeFauw. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed with 6 Committee members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative and 1 absent.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Turner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lyle and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fauci, Chairperson  
Forest Preserve District Committee  
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