

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, May 24, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT were members Chair Valerie Elliott, Vice-Chair Susan Gregersen, Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, Dr. Owen Kelley and Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Leann Irwin.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, and Greenbelt local Bryan Bruns.

OPENING ROUND: Chair Valerie Elliott invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of April 26, 2018 were approved by consent.

VOTING FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: The role of Chair and Vice-Chair of the FPAB was discussed. According to the FPAB bylaws an election should occur every year. It was agreed that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair should become Co-Chair positions. An election was held and Dr. Donna Hoffmeister and Mr. Damien Ossi were voted Co-Chairs.

FUND FOR SCIENCE AND ADDITIONAL SECTION 5 PARAGRAPH: The science fund proposal and list of projects was approved with changes. The additional cautionary paragraph to section 5 of the Stewardship Guidelines was approved with changes.

STATUS OF AMT FINAL REPORT: The Board was updated on the status of the AMT final report. AMT is incorporating some of the additions and changes that the Board recommended in the final report. No date has been provided for the completion of AMT's final report.

SECTIONS 8, 9, AND 10 OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: The Board began editing sections 8, 9, and 10 of the Stewardship Guidelines. Time did not permit the completion of this item. The staff liaison Jason Martin agreed to complete the edits and the Board will approve them at next month's meeting.

TRAIL DESIGNATION AND MAINTENANCE: This item was moved to the next month's meeting agenda.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works facility.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by the Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent