

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Valerie Elliott, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Dr. Bryan Bruns.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, and Greenbelt resident Ms. Amy Knesel.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of August 30, 2018 were approved with changes.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN WALK: Ms. Amy Knesel submitted the permit for the Pumpkin Walk to the Board for review. Ms. Knesel briefed the Board on additional Pumpkin Walks that will be held this year at Schrom Hills Park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Tract B in the Forest Preserve was proposed and approved as the site for this year's Pumpkin Walk at Northway. The Buddy Attick Park Trail was proposed as an alternative to the Forest Preserve for future Pumpkin Walks. This proposal will be discussed prior to scheduling next year's Pumpkin Walk. Ms. Knesel also briefed new Board members on the history of the annual Pumpkin Walk in the Forest Preserve. Board members volunteered to do a pre and post walk through to inspect the trail in tract B and clean up after the event.

SECTION 6 DISTURBANCES: Mr. Joseph Murray was not in attendance but his additional paragraph was submitted to the Board via email. The paragraph was discussed by the Board and edits were made. The paragraph with changes was approved and will be added to Section 6 of the Stewardship Guidelines.

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION AND SECTION 2 TRAILS OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES: The introduction and section 2 were compared to ensure consistency in their discussion of stewardship for each Forest Preserve tract. Edits were made to section 2 and further discussion is scheduled for next month's meeting.

FALL CLEANUP EVENT: The Board decided not to hold a fall cleanup event due to scheduling conflicts.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 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 9:08 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent