

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Owen Kelley, Ms. Leeann Irwin, Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Dr. Bryan Bruns.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator.

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 November 15, 2018 were approved with changes.

REVIEW OF THE CIRCLE METHOD: The circle method for conducting meetings was reviewed by Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister.

MILLINGS UPDATE: The Board was updated on the status of the millings pile next to Northway Field by staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin. No millings will be added but the remaining millings will continue to be used for City maintenance until they are gone.

TRAIL CAMERA LETTER: A letter from the City attorney regarding trail cameras on City property was discussed. The Board decided to take no action. The following paragraph from the letter will be placed in the Stewardship Guidelines “Please be advised that no one is authorized to put any cameras on City property without the Council and/or City Manager’s approval. The placement of such cameras, legally, is considered as abandoned property and if those cameras become stolen or destroyed, it is the sole responsibility of the owner since the cameras should not have been placed at these locations. If the owner is seeking some legitimate purpose for the placement of a camera, then, such a request must be brought before the City Council and/or the City Manager for permission.”

WETLANDS: The Wetlands Section of the Stewardship Guidelines was finalized and approved by the Board.

STREAM NAME: The Board discussed how to name unnamed streams in the Forest Preserve. Ideas on how to involve the community with this project were raised. A formal plan on how to submit and decide on names will be discussed at a later date. Dr. Owen Kelley will write an article for the Greenbelt News Review on an unnamed stream in the north woods tract of the Forest Preserve giving a name suggestion and the historical significance of that name.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Executive Summary of the Stewardship Guidelines was discussed and edits made. Further discussion and editing will occur at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019 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 9:02 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent