

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Susan Gregersen, John Paul Schmit, Joseph Murray and Lauren Young. Mr. Ossi and Mr. Martin were absent.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

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

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION: Mr. Schmit and Ms. Young each provided a brief introduction and discussed their education, backgrounds and interests.

UPDATE ON FPAB FOREST PRESERVE CLEAN-UP EVENTS: There was a brief discussion of the Belle Point and Boxwood clean-up events.

UPDATE ON CONDITION OF 8 FOOT BUFFER AROUND COMMUNITY GARDENS: Ms. Craze advised that the clean-up would be done in two weeks. Members of the Garden Club were present and there was a brief discussion about other issues with the gardens, such as shading of the gardens, and the request to have the garden area formally designated to include gardens that have gone fallow.

DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: It was decided that FPAB would not sponsor an event.

DISCUSSION OF FOREST PRESERVE SIGNAGE: Ms. Craze reported that she had consulted with GHI but had not received an answer on placing the regulatory signs at the end of Plateau Place and Laurel Hill Road. Ben Fischler mentioned that he thought the right-of-way for the streets extended beyond the paved street, and it might be possible for the signs to be placed in that right-of-way. It was also suggested that the signs might be placed where forest preserve trails intersect GHI trails. Ms. Craze is to investigate the right-of-way designation.

FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT REVIEW: Ms. Craze stated that she had received a partial draft report earlier in the day. She was pleased with the content she had seen, but the report was not yet ready for public review. There was a discussion about scheduling review of the report, and Ms. Craze advised that her plan was to have a FPAB review with the consultant, then schedule a field trip, and then schedule a second review at another FPAB meeting. Timing was briefly discussed.

NEXT MEETING: It was suggested that the next meeting be rescheduled to May 19, 2016. Ms. Craze is to check for availability of a meeting room.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.