

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

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

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved by with changes.

FOREST PRESERVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT: Ms. Craze summarized comments and responses by the consultant to questions by the board. The Board continued discussion of the Forest Preserve Health Assessment:

- AMT needs to go out into the preserve and positively identify northern red oak.
- There was an overall sentiment that the information in the report was inadequate.
- Wants more detail as to why sample plots were selected.
- The question was asked if there was any value in the report.
- Suggested that the report should be looked at from the perspective of what information can be derived from it.
- There was a discussion of specific recommendations.
- The Board does not support in-stream mitigation.
- Will the investment in resources necessary to improve the FIDS be worth the return?
- It was decided that Board members would work on editing the Management and Maintenance Guidelines taking into account the recommendations of the consultant.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.