

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012 IN THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ginny Mudrock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were members Frank Noll, Donna Hoffmeister, Joseph Murray, Damien Ossi, Willis Witter, Ruth Kastner, Valerie Elliott and Susan Gregersen.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: By a vote of 7-0, the minutes of the meeting of June, 2012 and September 20, 2012 were approved.

The Board welcomed Mr. Witter to the FPAB.

SUSTAINABLE LAND CARE POLICY: On a motion by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Ms. Elliott, the FPAB voted to support the draft SLCP on a vote of 6-1.

LETTER TO COUNCIL RE. TREATMENT FOR TICKS: This item was continuation of an issue posed by Mr. Murray. Points of discussion included the following:

- Concern with possible toxicity of pesticides to other populations.
- Goddard Space Flight Center studied impact on use of promethium on tick population which declined by 90% over a three year period.
- Promethium has a short half-life.
- While ticks are associated with various diseases, such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever, and Lyme disease, the actual threat to the public health posed by ticks in the preserve (and woodlands) has not been quantified because there has been no study of the concentration of ticks in the area.

On a vote of 7-0 the Board voted to table further discussion.

PUMPKIN WALK: Representing the pumpkin walk was Allison Bolten. Ms. Bolten described plans for the walk, which included a Zombie Run along the pumpkin walk trail. There was discussion about the impact of an additional activity such as the run along the pumpkin walk trail, on the preserve. Further, the zombie walk had not been previously discussed or approved, and such activities are considered incompatible with the forest preserve guidelines.

The Board agreed to the following:

1. Approve the proposed trail alignment for the pumpkin walk with Ms. Elliott conducting a pre-walk review, and Mr. Noll conducting a post-walk evaluation.

2. Disapprove the Zombie run, but allow for further discussion about such an event in conjunction with the 2013 event.
3. Move the pumpkin walk to Area D next year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze

Director

These minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0.