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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Special Forest Preserve Committee Minutes
January 4, 2018**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve Committee met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Legislative Center's Freedom Room in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Little, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Brown. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and Mr. Porterfield were absent. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Others present were Terry Hannan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Roman, seconded by Mr. Bagby, and it was carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Mr. Hannan briefly reviewed the monthly reports and activities with the Committee Members. The November Monthly Report illustrated photos from the Sycamore Forest Grand Opening and the Frank O'Barski Memorial Bench Dedication. There were also photos from Boy Scout and Eagle Scout projects. The report also featured a recent article that was in the Daily Chronicle written by Barry Schrader that talked about his favorite trees. Natural Resource Manager Al Roloff was also featured in the article. The Northwest Suburban Astronomers 2018 Observations Schedule was provided along with photos from neighborhoods utilizing the Sycamore Forest Preserve and some prairie burns that took place in November.

Lastly, the Committee's packet included completed project lists, the Natural Resource Management Activities Report and the November forest preserve visitor figures.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

It was described that this is the exact same policy that was passed by the County Board last month to satisfy the Illinois General Assembly Public Act 100-0054 requirements. The only difference is that this policy would cover the Forest Preserve District and would supersede any previous policies that the District would have had in place regarding sexual harassment.

It was moved by Mr. Bagby, seconded by Mr. Roman and approved unanimously to forward the policy to the full Board of Commissioners recommending its approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hughes moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Land Acquisition. Ms. Little seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Roman and approved unanimously by voice vote to purchase approximately 142 acres (with a donation of 10 acres for a total of 152 acres) of the Stigliani property located adjacent to Potawatomi Woods Forest Preserve in Franklin Township.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Hughes and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Bob Brown



Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary