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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve Operations Committee Minutes  
May 28, 2019**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve Operations Committee met on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the Sycamore Forest Preserve's Veterans Shelter located at 955 E. State St., Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Stoddard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those Members present were Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Craig Roman, Mr. Jeff Whelan, and Chairman Paul Stoddard. Mr. Tim Hughes was absent and there was one vacancy on the Committee. A quorum was established with five present and one absent.

Others present included Terry Hannan.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. Roman, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 Meeting.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MONTHLY REPORTS & ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Hannan handed out and briefly reviewed the [April & May Monthly Forest Preserve Reports](#) with the Committee. He noted that since most people are aware now, he included photos of the Forest Preserve Committee touring the land of the potential future land acquisition site along the Kishwaukee River, formally known as the Oak Club Golf Course in Genoa, IL. The land survey and appraisal process will begin soon with the plan of a closing on a portion of the property in late 2019.

Mr. Hannan additionally reviewed photos of bird sightings around the County. Those birds included the Little Green Heron, Indigo Bunting, White Crowned Sparrow, and a male Cardinal.

Girl Scout Troop 33 planted trees on a rainy day at the Afton wetlands as part of their "Take Action Project" to help improve the wildlife habitat.

The report additionally showed local artists enjoying Sycamore Forest Preserve, which continues to be a very heavily utilized preserve, and an update on the Somonauk Trail, which is near completion, weather pending.

The Committee also received the National Resource Management Report highlighting the invaluable work the forest preserve stewards do for the District and all the preserves.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Hannan inquired if the Committee would like to take their next meeting down to Shabbona and meet with Dan Nolan of the Shabbona Pathways Committee. The Committee thought that was a great idea and agreed to have the meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Shabbona on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was also reminded that there will be not be a June meeting due to the County Board's Summer Recess in July.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mr. Porterfield, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Paul Stoddard

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Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary