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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 21, 2014**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center Wednesday, May 21, 2014. President Metzger called the meeting to order and the Secretary called the roll. Those Commissioners present were Mr. Reid, Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. O’Barski, Mr. Oncken and Mr. Pietrowski. All twenty-four County Forest Preserve District Commissioners were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Ms. Fauci moved to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2014. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Metzger asked for a voice vote on the approval of the Minutes. All Commissioners present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the Agenda and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Metzger asked for a voice vote on the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Claims for May 2014**

Motion

Ms. Fauci moved to approve the claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$63,656.83. Mrs. Fullerton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Metzger asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the claims. Those Commissioners voting yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. O’Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski and President Metzger. All twenty-four Commissioners voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh shared The DeKalb County Forest Preserve, KishHealth System, the Kishwaukee Family YMCA, Live Healthy DeKalb, the Illinois League of Cyclists, and the DeKalb County Convention and Visitor's Bureau will participate in a new program "PEDAL PAL" which was launched last Friday. She explained that PEDAL PAL is a way for local businesses, park districts, forest preserves, municipalities and others in DeKalb County to promote cycling by placing a decal on their establishment which signifies that they are bicycle friendly. Each location that displays the decal agrees to allow passing cyclists to come in and get a drink of water, use the bathroom and/or use the phone in case of emergency. Businesses that display the PEDALPAL decal will be included on the PEDALPAL.org website as locations that are bicycle friendly.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh also shared that she will be bringing the Bike Friendly Agenda and recently passed resolution to the Regional Planning Commission Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> to help build on to the bike calendar.

Ms. Fauci announced that she would like to revisit an old problem that the Forest Preserve Districts have dealt with and that is a problem with visitors not leashing their dogs. Ms. Fauci indicated that there have been a numerous number of complaints regarding dogs especially in Afton Forest Preserve.

Mr. Hannan handed out a press release regarding leashing dogs in the County's Forest Preserves which stated:

*Leashing your dog while in preserves protects your pet, other trail users and our wildlife. By limiting your dog's leeway you'll keep them from harm. Off leash dogs are easily distracted and could chase people, and wildlife, run into traffic, into poison ivy or tick infested brush.*

*Wildlife that fall prey to dogs are removed from the food chain, which means less food for wildlife. Even without direct contact, a dog's scent causes defensive reactions in wildlife. This drains the wild animal's energy, putting it at risk for malnutrition and predation.*

*Most of all, leashing your dog demonstrates respect for other preserve visitors. Many people do not welcome advances by unfamiliar dogs. You may know your dog is friendly but others don't.*

Ms. Fauci reminded patrons that having dogs in Forest Preserves are a privilege and they have had to revoke other privileges in the past due to non-compliance.

Mr. Hannan and DeKalb County Animal Control Warden, Dan Berres was present to speak on the dog issues in the Forest Preserves.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### Motion

Mr. Oncken moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tyson seconded the motion.

### Voice Vote

President Metzger called for a voice vote on the adjournment. All Commissioners voted yea.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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President, DeKalb County Forest  
Preserve District Commissioners

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Secretary, DeKalb County Forest  
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