

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 20, 2010**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Committee met Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the County Administration Building, Conference Room East at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were committee members, Ms. Fauci, Ms. DeFauw, Mr. Newport, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Augsburger, Mr. Walt, Mr. Gudmunson and Superintendent Hannan. Ms. Turner arrived after the meeting had begun.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fauci called the meeting to order and then asked if there were any changes to the March 16, 2010 minutes. Mr. Augsberger moved to approve the minutes as noted, seconded by Ms. DeFauw and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Fauci asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Walt moved to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and the motion passed unanimously.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Fauci noted that the tree planting went very well on Saturday even though the attendance was lighter than hoped for. Mr. Hannan noted that 200 trees were planted by volunteers at the Afton addition and the Lion's club cleaned up a three mile stretch of Route 64. Many other Spring volunteer efforts such as trail clean ups, tree, prairie and wetland plantings by the DeKalb Kiwanis, NIU volunteers, scouts, Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary and others. (see photos in monthly report).

FOREST PRESERVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Hannan noted that he would be passing out the annual renewal of the PDRMA coverage for the District. He noted that PDRMA insures approximately 140 park districts and 8 Forest Preserve Districts in Illinois. He noted that the District recently sponsored chain saw safety training at the MacQueen Preserve and the some of the large logs that were cut will be used for the Ellwood - Miller Cabin restoration.

Also the District may bid out path improvements for parts of the limestone path on the Great Western Trail. The trail was paved with limestone screenings over 25 years ago and needs work.

He then indicated that the Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary may be attending, but had not yet arrived. The Kishwaukee Sunrise 8k run and 2 mile walk is May 15th at Potawatomi Woods. He noted that he had no further reports and that staff reports are included in the monthly packet.

Mr. Hannan noted that the annual Forest Preserve audit had been completed by Sikich LLC. He will provide the audit package to the committee members for review at the May meeting.

Mr. Hannan then noted that Ms. Doty had sent a letter she had received from a teacher, Susan Mullins. She noted that she was extremely impressed by the work done by Ms. Doty and the staff of the Natural Resource Center.

Mr. Hannan then noted that he had also recently invited to an Earth Day activity at Wright School in Malta to talk about conservation and our environment to students. Mr. Hannan gave out trees to the students to plant at home and at their school.

LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Ms. Fauci then asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Turner moved the Committee into executive session for the purpose of discussing current information on District land acquisition, seconded by Mr. Walt.

Following the Executive Session, Mr. Anderson moved to return the Committee to public session, seconded by Ms. Turner. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed with 7 Committee members voting in the affirmative and none in the negative and one absent on the land acquisition proposal and to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Augsburger moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Turner and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fauci, Chairperson
Forest Preserve District Committee
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