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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve District Committee Minutes  
March 24, 2015**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Committee met Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Gathertorium of the DeKalb County Legislative Center. In attendance were committee members: Mr. Metzger, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Turner and Superintendent Hannan. Mr. Brown and Ms. Haji-Sheikh were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Turner called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting. Mr. Oncken moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Polanco and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Turner called for a motion to approve an amended agenda. Mr. Oncken moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Polanco and the motion passed unanimously.

**MONTHLY REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Hannan began by noting that in the Committee monthly reports there was information related to the history of the Sannauk Forest Preserve. He had recently been contacted by resident David Kartz. They discussed his knowledge of the area from its time as a golf course in the 1920's and Mr. Kartz sent maps, plat books and other documents related to Sannauk.

Mr. Hannan then noted the next page of the monthly report that showed staff work at the Miller-Ellwood cabin. He also noted that the recent annual Maple Syrup fest at Russell Woods was well attended despite the fact the weather was not encouraging the syrup to run. He commented that the Natural Resources reports as well as the monthly forest preserve use reports are in the County Board packet.

He the noted that the annual Volunteer Activities schedule as well as the dates for Pete Olson's spring migration bird walks were available on the forest preserve website. He closed by noting that information signs are posted in areas the District does prairie and woodland management burns. He noted that will bring a film to the next meeting that explains why and how the FP District implements its burn management program for the new Committee members.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Turner asked if there were any Committee member comments. Hearing none, she proceeded to Executive Session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Turner then asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Oncken moved to take the Committee into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Emerson. A roll call vote was held with 5 Committee members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative and 2 absent.

Following the Executive Session, Mr. Oncken moved to return the Committee to public session, seconded by Ms. Polanco. A roll call vote was held with 5 Committee members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative and 2 absent.

After returning to public session, Mr. Metsker moved to allow Superintendent Hannan to open negotiations with the Conro family regarding a land acquisition for up to a maximum percentage above the forest preserve appraised value of the property in question, seconded by Mr. Oncken. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Oncken then asked about the pace of the demolition activities at the former Evergreen Village property. Mr. Emerson noted there would likely be information on that at the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oncken moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metsker. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anita Turner, Chairperson  
Forest Preserve District Committee  
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