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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve Operations Committee Minutes
May 24, 2022**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve Operations Committee met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Sycamore Forest Preserve's Lions Shelter on Sycamore, Illinois on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Members present were Ms. Mary Cozad, Mr. John Emerson, Ms. Maureen Little, Ms. Michelle Pickett, and Chairman Craig Roman. Mr. Patrick Deutsch and Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb were absent. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Forest Preserve District Superintendent Terry Hannan was present remotely via phone.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Emerson and approved unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Cozad moved to approve the April 26, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MONTHLY REPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Mr. Hannan shared that the Russell Woods Bridge Replacement Project is fully completed and the new bridge is open.

He added that there was a great turnout at Potawatomi Woods for the Boy Scout Spring Camporee. There were about 53 tents over a two-night span and about 200 scouts and leaders.

Forest Preserve District staff are keeping up with mowing at the various preserves and the Natural Resource Management crew are spraying weeds. Staff are also finishing up with their spring tree plantings and heading into summer maintenance mode, Mr. Hannan relayed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Little moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Emerson seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Cozad, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Little, Ms. Pickett, and Chair Roman. None were opposed and Mr. Deutsch and Ms. Mann-Lamb were absent.

The Committee entered back into their Open Meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Hannan also shared with the Committee that at the June Forest Preserve District Commissioners Meeting, he would like to recognize the Sycamore Lions Club for their 28 years of cleanup on the Great Western Trail and for their donation of the Lions Picnic Shelter and bench at the Sycamore Forest Preserve, where the Committee is currently meeting. The Committee agreed that would be a wonderful idea.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Picket and seconded by Ms. Little to adjourn the Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Roman, Chairman

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary