

DeKalb County Forest Preserve District  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve Operations Committee Minutes  
May 25, 2023**

The Forest Preserve Operations Committee of the DeKalb County Board met at the Sycamore Forest Preserve, Lions Shelter in Sycamore, Illinois on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Chair Roy Plote called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Those Members present were Mary Cozad, Meryl Domina, Benjamin Haier, Maureen Little, Terri Mann-Lamb, and Stewart Ogilvie. A quorum was established with seven Members present, none absent.

Others present included Forest Preserve Superintendent Terry Hannan and Recording Secretary Lisa Reser.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Cozad, seconded by Haier and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 Forest Preserve Committee Meetings.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REPORTS OF FOREST PRESERVE OFFICIALS**

Mr. Hannan presented a history of the Sycamore Forest Preserve, a 60-acre preserve of the former Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park that endured flooding for many years. Mr. Hannan reported the park is used very often by residents as well as families who come back to visit the place they used to live.

Mr. Hannan provided an overview of the connecting trails and pathways for the DeKalb/Sycamore area. This extension project now connects the DeKalb/Sycamore Trail, DeKalb Kiwanis Pathway, and the Great Western Trail. To view the map, please see Exhibit A.

Mr. Hannan handed out a report of forest preserve projects for the months of April and May 2023. Mr. Hannan reported that mowing season is in full force at all forest preserve picnic areas, playing fields and trails. Shelters and buildings are being painted. Road gravel and grading work has begun at forest preserves. Preliminary fence boundary work has started on the future G2K Trail. And finally, limestone resurfacing will begin soon on three miles of a DeKalb County section of the Great Western Trail. Also, Mr. Hannan reminded everyone of the many fun educational activities to join in on this summer, including the popular Camp Russell Woods for kids.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Forest Preserve Committee will be in recess for the month of June. The G2K trail corridor land acquisition resolution will be voted on by the Forest Preserve Committee at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, then forwarded to the Forest Preserve District Commissioners Meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. A closing will be set upon final vote of approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mann-Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Domina seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Reser.