

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD AGENDA
JUNE 2, 2010

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM #1

Transmitting a communication regarding the District's efforts in assisting the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) identify the possible presence of Asian Carp species in the Little Calumet River. To be Received and Filed.

ITEM #2

Transmitting for Receive and File, the Forest Preserve District is awarding Department Commendations to the Sergeant and the Officers whose due diligence aided in the capture of the alleged offender:

Sergeant Robert Cusack
Officer Kenneth Aygeman
Officer O'Tearle Coleman
Officer Craig Gehring
Officer Ryan Harter
Officer Sheila Kreis
Officer Dennis Moore
Officer Jeremy Gilmore

ITEM #3

Transmitting for Receive and File, a communication regarding the 53rd Annual Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon. The canoeists with the fastest times finished the 18.5 mile course in just over two (2) hours. This is yet another example of the myriad of cooperative events that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County participates in.

ITEM #4

The District is pleased to announce that it will be holding its Fifth Annual Live Healthy Discover Nature (LHDN) event on Friday, July 9, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Daley Plaza.

LHDN enables the Forest Preserve District and its supporters to bring the Preserves to the heart of the city and educate the public how the Preserves enable the public to truly Live Healthy and Discover Nature throughout its almost 69,000 acres. It is respectfully requested that this item be received and filed.

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ITEM #5

The Forest Preserve District (“District”) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a land acquisition grant of \$128,000 by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (“Foundation.”) The grant is to be applied toward the acquisition of the 24-acre Dolton Avenue Prairie and represents 50% of the total purchase price of \$256,000. To be Received and Filed.

ITEM #6

On December 2, 1998, the District approved a 20-year extension to its Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District that formed NeighborSpace. This non-profit owns, leases and insures small parks, gardens, natural areas, river edges and scenic landscapes in the City of Chicago. As per the Intergovernmental Agreement, the President has appointed Commissioner Deborah Sims to serve on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors.

The extension requires that the District provide an annual appropriation to NeighborSpace in the amount of \$100,000.00. The funds would match the contributions of the City of Chicago and Chicago Park District.

It is respectfully requested that \$100,000.00 be disbursed to NeighborSpace for the District’s 2010 contribution. Funds are available in Planning and Development, C&D accounts: 598000-670060 and 608000-670060. Approval is recommended.

ITEM #7

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Illinois Nature Preserve’s Commission and to implement the Fen Protection Plan’s recommendations. Approval is recommended.

ITEM #8

Permission is requested to transfer funds not to exceed \$300,000 from the Corporate Fund Balance Account # 011000-410000 to the Contract Vegetation Management Account Number 013100-620337. The additional funding will be used for work that will include but not be limited to dead tree removal, hazardous tree removal, tree pruning, stump removal, trail pruning and storm damage clean up.

The District’s Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that \$300,000.00 is available in the Corporate Fund Balance account for transfer. Approval is recommended.

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ITEM #9

Permission is requested to issue an RFP for a document management storage solution to include software licensing and maintenance.

A document management system will give the District the capability of storing and retrieving documents electronically, leading to reduced environmental impact, reduced paper costs, and increased efficiency. Ultimately, all relevant documents currently in use by the District will be scanned electronically for storage and use.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that funding is available in account number 092010-660021. Approval is recommended.

ITEM #10

Permission is requested to issue an RFP for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to include licensing for finance and HR modules along with maintenance.

An updated ERP system will provide numerous benefits to the District, including multi-year budget forecasting; ability to load budgets upon approval by the board; on-line viewing of individual pay stubs; real-time budget to actual comparison; automated generation of monthly reports; ability to track fiscal year spending by vendor and department; and enhanced employee productivity.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that funds are available in Computer and Equipment account number 092010-660021. Approval is recommended.

ITEM #11

Requesting that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to advertise and solicit bids for the following items:

- Replacement of existing boat concession building (Busse Lake in Elk Grove) with a new prefabricated modular building
- Gravel for the repair of various multi-use trails (Districtwide)
- Renovation of Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Egger Woods Comfort Station, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, and Poplar Creek Wildlife Headquarters

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ITEM #12

Requesting authority to award a contract to Great Arc Technologies, Inc., 205 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1320, Chicago, IL 60606, for the development of a Smartphone Mobile Application for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. This interactive map will be available to all Blackberry and iPhone users and will include the necessary information and data that will provide the users with instant access to information relative to the Forest Preserves. The total cost of contract is \$157,538.

Funding source: Districtwide Enhancement Programs Acct. 019900-680020.

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ITEM #13

Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri, Sponsor, Commissioner John P. Daley and Commissioner Larry Suffredin submitting a resolution regarding fishing lines.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Cook County Forest Preserves is to preserve and protect the flora and fauna of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, both the Brookfield Zoo and the Chicago Botanic Garden do not allow usage of balloons on their facilities because balloons endanger wildlife and harm the land; and

WHEREAS, balloons are frequently brought onto District property and left there as litter or get caught in trees; and

WHEREAS, fishermen at District lakes often “cut line” and leave fishing line, weights, hooks, and lures in the lake to wash up on shore; and

WHEREAS, some fishermen “over cast,” and their fishing line, weights, hooks and lures become stuck in trees and have been mistakenly used by birds to create nests, which trap their young; and

WHEREAS, hooks and other fishing debris have been known to harm fowl and other wildlife in addition to compromising the health of District land and waters;

WHEREAS, current District policy does not specify a penalty or fine of any kind and relies primarily on the honor system to prevent littering; and

WHEREAS, the implementation and publication of a specific fine for such littering would provide incentive for people to better clean up after themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District implement a fishing license plan, with information regarding the dangers to wildlife from leaving fishing lines, weights, hooks and lures on the shore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District include information on picnic permits regarding the dangers to wildlife when balloons or kites and their strings are in groves, trees, and bushes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District advise the public of all of these dangers through information on the website, brochures, licenses, permits, and signage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district develop an ordinance regarding the willful disregard of these warnings, including specific fines for patrons who disregard the warnings given through such information.

Approved and adopted this ___ day of ___, 2010.

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ITEM #14

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ANTHONY J. PERAICA, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Commemorating World Environment Day at the Chicago Botanic Garden

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden will join the United Nations World Environment Program in celebrating World Environment Day on June 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, since it was first celebrated in 1972, World Environment Day has been hosted in different cities and focused on different themes, and in 2010, Kigali, Rwanda will host an international exhibition on the theme, "Many Species. One Planet. One Future"; and

WHEREAS, for the third year, the Chicago Botanic Garden will commemorate World Environmental Day with its own series of public events showcasing how people of all ages can protect the earth through awareness and action; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden is a world-class living plant museum that sits on 385 acres of Forest Preserve District land and is one of the District's green treasures; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden will offer a lecture on Chicago's water systems; demonstrations by Garden horticultural staff; family activities, plant give-aways and Garden Chef demonstrations at the Fruit & Vegetable garden; plant conservation scientist presentations at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center; ecologist tours of the three natural habitats at the Garden; garden pot recycling demonstrations in parking lot 4; and open house presentations of the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School featuring the Highland Park Green Kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County does hereby proclaim June 5, 2010 World Environment Day in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby recognize the outstanding educational work done by the Chicago Botanic Garden and encourage residents to participate in World Environment Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Forest Preserve District will post information about World Environment Day on its website.

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ITEM #15

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by Commissioner Gregg Goslin

HONORING CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden has forged a reputation as one of the world's premiere gardens and leads the way in research and teaching of plant science and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden is committed to conservation and the protection of the world's plants; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden weaves 24 diverse and unique gardens across its 385 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, the ever-changing gardens and landscapes require many hours of labor and attention as do the countless programs and educational opportunities provided by the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Garden could not be done without the hours and dedication of volunteers who work in every garden and every department throughout the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Garden's 2,300 volunteers account for over 105,000 volunteer service hours annually and the Chicago Botanic Garden will honor their most ardent volunteers at a luncheon in June who will mark their 5, 10 and 15 year milestone anniversaries at the Garden; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners does hereby extend their sincerest thanks to each of the much valued volunteers attaining their milestone anniversaries as volunteers at the Chicago Botanic Garden for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of work and dedication to the Garden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to each volunteer as a symbol of this boards appreciation for their selfless work on behalf of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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ITEM #16

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by: Gregg Goslin

PC Power Management

WHEREAS, PC Power management features can be used to automatically place monitors and computers into a low-power sleep mode after a pre-set period of inactivity; and

WHEREAS, a typical computer uses 50-70 watts when active and only 2-3 watts in sleep mode; and

WHEREAS, CRT and LCD monitors use around 60 and 35 watts respectively while active and only 1-3 watts in sleep mode; and

WHEREAS, touching the mouse or keyboard wakes up monitors and PCs within seconds, allowing users to resume work without delay; and

WHEREAS, simple policies, such as turning off monitors after 15 minutes of inactivity and suspending PCs after one hour, can generate both energy and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, reducing energy use is not only good for the environment, but measurable energy cost reductions also mean more efficient use of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency provides free resources and technical expertise to help estimate total energy savings and determine the best method for activating power management feature; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District Department of Information Technology is directed to develop a PC power management policy for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, including required sleep settings for monitors and computers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District Department of Information Technology report back to the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners on the details and implementation of the new PC power management policy.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #17

ZOOLOGICAL.....April 28, 2010

REPORT OF THE ZOOLOGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 28, 2010

The Honorable Members of the
Zoological Committee of the
Forest Preserve District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Zoological Committee of the Forest Preserve District met pursuant to notice WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010 9:45 a.m., at the West Mall Underwater viewing, at the South Gate of Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Chairman Peraica, Vice Chairman Murphy, Commissioner Daley, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Silvestri, Commissioner Steele-6
Commissioner Sims – nonmember

Absent: Commissioner Beavers, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Goslin-3

Chairman Peraica called the meeting to order. The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present.

Chairman Peraica opened the meeting with a welcome and brief comments and called upon Dr. Strahl for the zoo's presentation* to the committee.

Agenda:
Welcome
Chicago Zoological Society's CEO/President Report
Staff Presentations

Chairman Peraica called for public speakers. Mr. George Blakemore gave an oral testimony.

Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele moved adjournment of the zoological committee meeting.

Anthony J. Peraica, Chairman
Mary R. Gardner, Secretary

*power point presentation transmitted to all committee members.

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ITEM #18

FINANCE.....June 2, 2010

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is set for July 14, 2010.