

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

**I. Call to Order**

President Wehrli called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Kendall County Board Room.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Invocation**

Commissioner Prochaska offered an invocation for the meeting.

**IV. Roll Call**

Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli all were present.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

**VI. Citizens to Be Heard**

Sylvia Ragowski, ComEd External Affairs Manager for the Kendall County service area, introduced Ron Banner as a new point of contact.

Commissioner Purcell entered the meeting at 9:02 am.

**VII. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$21,731.53.**

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve claims in an amount not-to-exceed \$21,731.53. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Kendall County Forest Preserve Commission Meeting – September 6, 2016
- b. Kendall County Forest Preserve Programming and Events Committee Meeting – September 7, 2016
- c. Kendall County Forest Preserve Finance Committee Meeting – September 14, 2016
- d. Kendall County Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 14, 2016

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Forest Preserve Commission meeting held on September 6, 2016; the Programming and Events Committee meeting held on September 7, 2016; the Finance Committee meeting held on September 14, 2016, and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 14, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder.

All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

**IX. Motion to Approve a Proposal from Selective Insurance Company of America for Flood Insurance Coverage with a Limit of \$50,000.00 for Ellis House for an Annual Premium Amount of \$1,336.00**

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the proposal from Selective Insurance Company of America for flood insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,336.00. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

President Wehrli reported that this item had been reviewed by both the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole, and is required to receive FEMA reimbursement for Ellis House flooding damages.

Director Guritz requested Commission direction for the anticipated reimbursement and deposit. A consensus was reached to deposit proceeds into the District's capital fund.

Commissioner Flowers entered the meeting at 9:04 am.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Abstain, Commissioner Flowers. Motion carried by a vote of 9 to 1.

**X. Motion to Approve Winter Break Camp and Native American Field Trip Fees and Charges**

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the Winter Break Camp and Native American Field Trip fees and charges as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

**XI. Executive Session**

None.

**XII. Other Items of Business**

The Board of Commissioners discussed a letter of complaint received from Mark Jones of Minooka expressing concerns about the noise generated at Ellis House and Equestrian Center during wedding events.

Director Guritz reported that he had been in contact with the Jones family in late fall of 2015. The District completed sound meter testing during an Ellis wedding event to determine whether or not sound levels exceeded Kendall County noise ordinance thresholds. Although Ellis House is not subject to the ordinance, sound testing fell below nuisance thresholds. In response to the most recent letter, District program staff members been directed to improve directional signage for the preserve entrance for wedding events, and to direct sound speakers away from the Jones residence during wedding events.

Director Guritz reported that during a recent event, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office was contacted and investigated a noise complaint, concluding that noise levels were not excessive.

Commissioner Koukol complimented efforts on the improvements to the Stephanie's Garden – Nature Play Space area, noting that the new mud kitchen was already in use by Natural Beginnings children.

Commissioner Shaw commented that Natural Beginnings is a great program, and now has his third grandchild currently enrolled.

President Wehrli invited Commission to attend the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 8 at Hoover Forest Preserve, and the 5K and Family Fun Day at Ellis on October 29.

### **XIII. Citizens to Be Heard**

Bill Wilson of Cherry Road in Oswego, Illinois reported on trail mowing and vehicular encroachment (motor bikes) at Henneberry Forest Preserve during evening hours. Mr. Wilson recommended putting up additional preserve boundary signs.

Director Guritz reported that one of our challenges with Henneberry Forest Preserve is public and road access to assist with monitoring for encroachments.

### **XIV. Adjournment**

Commissioner Koukol made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz  
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District