MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Valerie Elliott, Dr. Owen Kelley, Ms. Leeann Irwin, Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Dr. Bryan Bruns.

ALSO PRESENT was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator.

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of October 25, 2018 were approved with changes.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER ORDER: The Board was updated on which chapters of the Stewardship Guidelines were complete and which chapters were pending.

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION: Further edits were made to Section 1 Introduction of the Stewardship Guidelines.

DISTURBANCE: Further edits were made to the Disturbance section of the Stewardship Guidelines.

PUMPKIN WALK: The Board discussed the 2018 Pumpkin Walk. The muddy conditions and possible injury of a participant were raised and ideas on mitigating these issues in the future were discussed. Placing a contingency plan for bad weather or safety in the permit for the Pumpkin Walk was discussed due to similar issues occurring in the past.

WETLANDS: Further edits were made to the Wetlands Section of the Stewardship Guidelines. The stream restoration paragraph was discussed highlighting the pros and cons of stream restoration projects.

STREAM NAME: The Board discussed how to name an unnamed stream in the Forest Preserve. Ideas on how to involve the community with this project were raised.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Department of Public Works facility.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by the Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent