

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT were members Chair Valerie Elliott, Vice-Chair Susan Gregersen, Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Jason Martin, Dr. John Paul Schmit, and Dr. Lauren Young. Mr. Joseph Murray and Mr. Damien Ossi were absent.

ALSO PRESENT was Erin Josephitis, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Public Works. Visitors present were Mayor Pro Tem J. Davis, Amy Knesel, Susan Barnett, Jean Newcomb, and Katie Pritchett.

OPENING ROUND: Vice-Chair Gregersen 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: Minutes of the June 29 meeting were approved by consent.

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Chair or Board Members will invite visitor comments after each agenda item has been discussed by FPAB. Visitors should submit FPAB-related discussion topics to the Chair in advance so they can be added to an agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

PUMPKIN WALK: Amy Knesel announced dates for the Pumpkin Carving on October 27 and Pumpkin Walk on October 28. FPAB will perform pre- and post-inspections of the Forest Preserve. Discussion comparing LED lights versus candles will be added to the next agenda.

DISCUSSION ON CENTRALIZING FILES: After discussing pros and cons of emailing Word documents, using Google Docs or Dropbox, Dr. Lauren Young volunteered to setup a Dropbox so that FPAB members can share updates more efficiently while working remotely on editing the Stewardship Guidelines.

REVIEW OF AMT FOREST PRESERVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT:

- SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION: The draft was reviewed and changes were made.
- SECTION 5 – INVASIVE SPECIES: Due to time limitations, it was determined to place policies in the Invasive Species and Trails sections at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Erin Josephitis, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent.