

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT was Ms. Terri Hruby, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development.

OPENING ROUND: Chair Valerie Elliott invited all present to check in and update the group with any items of interest. Dr. Lauren Young announced that she was relocating out of State and would be resigning from the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes. Added to the agenda was discussion of forest preserve easements and a briefing on the community meeting held by State Delegate Alonzo Washington on the SCMaglev Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of October 26, 2017 were approved by consent.

DOCUMENT SHARING – UPDATE ON BOX REPOSITORY: Dr. Lauren Young reviewed the work she completed on establishing a document box repository for the Board and offer to turn over administrative privileges.

FOREST PRESERVE EASEMENTS: Mr. Owen Kelley reviewed a map that he prepared that shows where the National Park Service holds scenic easements in the Forest Preserve. The Board discussed the how the easements reinforce why the SCMaglev project should avoid impacts to the Forest Preserve. The Board agreed that on the next meeting agenda should be drafting a letter that details all the reasons that the project should avoid the Forest Preserve including, but not limited to, scenic easements, historic designations, wetlands of special concern and Program Open Space financing. Ms. Hruby agreed to distribute an example of a draft letter that was provided at the SCMaglev community meeting held by Delegate Alonzo Washington.

DISCUSSION OF EXAMINING RESULTS OF LARGE-DIAMETER TREE SURVEY OF THE NORTH PRESERVE: Mr. Owen Kelly presented his survey work on large-diameter trees in the Greenbelt North Woods, and the Board discussed his findings.

DEFERRMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS: Due to time the remaining agenda items were deferred.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2017 at the Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Terri Hruby, Acting Director of Planning and
Community Development

These minutes were approved by consent.