

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT** were members Co-Chair Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Co-Chair Mr. Damien Ossi, Ms. Leeann Irwin, and Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Valerie Elliot, and Dr. Bryan Bruns. All were present remotely via video stream.

**ALSO PRESENT** was staff liaison Mr. Jason Martin, Horticultural Supervisor, Ditte McInnes (Greenbelt Garden Club “GC”), Jennifer Stabler (GC), Melissa Mackey (GC), Larry Davis (Green Mechanics “GM”), Peter May (GM), Stephanie Warner (GC), Martha Tomecek (GC), Kelley Fleming (GM), Ben Fischler (GC). All present remotely via video stream.

**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 March 5, 2020 were approved with changes.

**UPDATES ON SCIENCE FUND:** Location of enclosures was discussed. A scouting trip will be scheduled with FPAB members and Green Mechanics personnel to determine the location of enclosures.

**COMMUNITY GARDENS:** Issues pertaining to the Forest Preserve and Community Gardens were discussed including shading issues from trees, invasive species, etc. Extending the existing buffer and reclaiming overgrown garden plots was discussed.

**ZONING REPORTS TO COUNCIL:** No updates.

**ADDING NEW AREAS TO FOREST PRESERVE:** The forested area of Schrom Hills Park and Greenbrier Park was proposed as areas to be added to the Forest Preserve.

**TRAILS PLAN:** The draft trails plan was shared. Participation and comment from the public was discussed.

**DNR STORMWATER GRANT:** Deferred to a future meeting.

**STREAM NAME:** Leeann got a contact to have a tribal person help name the stream.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.