

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Co-Chairs Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, and members Dr. John Paul Schmit, Dr. Owen Kelley, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Bryan Bruns, Ms. Jessica Stewart, and Ms. Leeann Irwin, remotely via video stream.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff liaison Horticultural Supervisor Mr. Jason Martin, Ms. Susan Barnett and Ms. Catherine Plaisant.

**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 February 25, 2021 were approved with changes.

**MAGLEV UPDATES:** Updates on the MagLev were shared.

**FOREST BATHING:** Ms. Susan Barnett shared information about a “Forest Bathing” event that will take place on April 24, 2021 in the Forest Preserve. The proper permits were filed and the Board approved of the activity.

**HAZARD TREES:** The Board did not object to a special case removal of a dead black locust tree and a diseased black cherry tree in the mowed area of the Boxwood Tract of the Forest Preserve because they are not in the forest and represent a safety hazard.

**COUNCIL WORKSESSION:** The Board discussed the Council Worksession that was held on March 1, 2021.

**TRAIL MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT:** A report to council regarding a trails management pilot project was drafted and edited. This report was approved and will be sent to council before the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** The Board shared final remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.