

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Co-Chairs Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, and members Dr. John Paul Schmit, Ms. Susan Gregersen, Dr. Bryan Bruns, Ms. Mary Ann Canter, Dr. Owen Kelley, and Ms. Beth Novick, remotely via video stream.

ALSO PRESENT: Staff liaison Horticultural Supervisor Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Stephanie Warner, Katja Pottschmidt, Amy Knesel, and Clara Kuehn and Keith Jahoda.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of August 26, 2021 were approved with changes.

MAGLEV UPDATES: Updates on the MagLev were shared.

PUMPKIN WALK: Amy Knesel briefed the Board on the plans for the pumpkin walk. There will be no pumpkin walk through the Forest Preserve as there has been in the past due to covid-19 and other logistical concerns.

TRAIL MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT: Dr. Bryan Bruns shared updates on the trail management pilot project.

MASTER TRAILS PLAN: The Board reviewed a draft of section VIII and edits were made.

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL: An area of the Forest Preserve with invasive plants at the end of Plateau P1 was discussed. The Board will write a report to Council on actions to be taken.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

CLOSING REMARKS: The Board shared final remarks.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Horticulture Supervisor

These minutes were approved by consent.