

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Council Liaison Ms. Judith Davis, and Peter May

OPENING ROUND: Co-Chairs Mr. Damien Ossi and 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 adjustments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of May 26, 2022 were approved with corrections.

MAGLEV UPDATES: Updates on the MagLev were shared.

SCIENCE FUND: GREEN MECHANICS REPORT 2021 - Peter May provided insight into Green Mechanics report for the deer exclosure study. The Board provided comments and questions.

CITY COUNCIL REQUEST: LABOR DAY TABLING - Dr. Donna Hoffmeister proposed having a table at this years Labor Day Festival information day. The Board provided comments and approved to have a table at this years event.

MASTER TRAIL PLAN: SECTION 5 FINAL REVIEW - Dr. Donna Hoffmeister provided the most recent draft of section 5 of the MTP. The Board provided comments and will continue further review.

MASTER TRAIL PLAN: SECTION 8 USE OF VOLUNTEERS - Ms. Jessica Stewart provided updates to section 8 of the MTP. The Board provided comments.

FINAL REVIEW OF THE STEWARDSHIP GUIDELINES - Ms. Jessica Stewart will compose a report to council on the changes to the Stewardship Guidelines.

STATUS OF PATHS BEHIND MOWATT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Dr. Bryan Bruns provided updates on the structures found in the Forest Preserve by the Mowatt United Methodist Church. The Board provided comments.

PUMPKIN WALK -The Board discussed the possibility of a pumpkin walk occurring this year and the status of the trails.

IN-PERSON MEETING IN SEPTEMBER? - The Board will be meeting virtually in September.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

CLOSING REMARKS: The Board shared final remarks.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were

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