

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 VIA VIDEO STREAM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, Dr. Peter Ian May, and Catherine Plaisant.

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 changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of December 1, 2022 were approved with adjustments.

MAGLEV UPDATES: The Board provided updates on the maglev.

2021/2022 EXCLOSURE REPORT: Dr. Peter Ian May reviewed the Deer Exclosure Report and provided interpretation. Board members asked questions and provided comments.

RAIL TIE BRIDGE REMEDIATION: Beth Novick introduced a proposal to remediate the rail tie bridge crossing near the Mowatt church. The board provided comments and will revisit after more information is collected.

NORTHWAY TRAIL CLOSURE: Damien Ossi presented the board with some options for addressing trail erosion along the trail entrances off Northway. Board members provided comments. Damien will provide this in a report form.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 pm via video stream.

ADJOURNED: 9:03 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kevin Driscoll, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were