

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, February 22, 2018 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

PRESENT were members Vice-Chair Susan Gregersen, Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Mr. Damien Ossi, Mr. Joseph Murray, and Dr. John Paul Schmit.

ALSO PRESENT was Mr. Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator, Brian Townsend Assistant Director of Parks, Council Member Judith Davis, and Greenbelt local Bryan Bruns

OPENING ROUND: Vice-Chair Susan Gregersen 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 January 25, 2018 were approved by consent.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM: Mr. Townsend shared information on the Maryland Department of Agriculture mosquito control program in Greenbelt. This program includes larviciding and an adult mosquito monitoring program. The City of Greenbelt does not participate in the adult mosquito monitoring program. Mr. Townsend gave the Board literature to review and form an opinion on if the City of Greenbelt should participate in the adult mosquito monitoring program. The Board decided to discuss their opinion on the matter at their next meeting.

SPRING CLEAN UP: A spring clean-up was scheduled for March 17, 2018 at the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve.

GHI WOODLAND AND FOREST PRESERVE BOUNDARY PROJECT: Mr. Ossi updated the board on the latest attempts to map the boundary between GHI woodlands and Forest Preserve woodlands. How to mark the boundaries was discussed including where signs should be placed and who would be responsible for providing the signs.

FINALIZATION OF SECTION 5 INVASIVE SPECIES: This item was postponed until the next meeting.

AMT: No further information was available on the status of AMT's progress on the forest health assessment report.

TRAILS: A discussion on whether there should be officially recognized and maintained trails in the Forest Preserve was started, but the Board decided to defer any further discussion on the matter until all Board members were present at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent.