

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT were members Chair Valerie Elliott, Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Dr. Owen Kelley, Mr. Jason Martin, Mr. Damien Ossi, and Dr. John Paul Schmit.

ALSO PRESENT was Ms. Terri Hruby, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development.

OPENING ROUND: Chair Valerie Elliott 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 November 30, 2017 were approved by consent.

DRAFTING OF OPPOSITION LETTER ON SCMAGLEV PROJECT: Mr. Kelley kicked off discussion by summarizing some of the protections afforded to the Forest Preserve, including Federal, State and Local. The Board worked on drafting a letter to be transmitted to City Council listing the various Forest Preserve protections starting with local and ending with Federal. The purpose of the letter is to detail all the legal protections that exist for the Forest Preserve.

DEFERRMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS: Due to the time, agenda item no. 5, Discussion of AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment, was deferred.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 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 9:00pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jason Martin, Environmental Coordinator

These minutes were approved by consent