

**MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

PRESENT were members Valerie Elliott, Donna Hoffmeister, Damien Ossi, Jason Martin, Joseph Murray, John Paul Schmit and Lauren Young. Ms. Gregersen was absent.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Director, Department 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were approved with changes.

REVIEW OF A. MORTON THOMAS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO CITY CODE AND MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES: The Board discussed changes to the City Code and Management and Maintenance Guidelines recommended by A Morton Thomas. Items discussed included:

- There should be a glossary of terms.
- The term stewardship is preferred to management and maintenance.
- Questions to consider with respect to commercial uses to include the nature of the use, the magnitude of the use and whether the primary purpose of the use is profit motivated.
- Permitted uses were discussed.
- Prohibited uses should be expanded in protection of vegetation.
- What are the differences between the terms non-native, invasive and exotic when referring to vegetation?
- How much road width is required for proper road maintenance?
- Resources of the forest preserve should be expanded to include reptiles, insects, soil, molds and fungi.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

CLOSING REMARKS: Final comments by Board members were shared.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were approved by consent.