MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017 IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT were members Dr. Donna Hoffmeister, Susan Gregersen, Damien Ossi, Jason Martin, John Paul Schmit and Dr. Lauren Young.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development.

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: Minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting were approved with changes.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OUTREACH: Ms. Hoffmeister discussed the possibility of the FPAB sponsoring a table at the upcoming Greenman Festival. She asked for volunteers to staff the table.

REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL RE. AMT FOREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT: There was brief discussion of the draft report. It was decided to place the report on the agenda of the April meeting. Board members were asked to submit any changes to the report.

DISCUSSION OF A. MORTON THOMAS GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES, CHAPTER 12 – FOREST HEALTH (ECOSYSTEM HEALTH):   There was continued discussion of the revision to Chapter 12 of the Management and Maintenance Guidelines. It was agreed that Mr. Schmit would incorporate the edits made by the Board and would forward the revisions to the Board.

FOREST PRESERVE CLEANUP: The Board discussed scheduling for a forest preserve clean-up. May 20 was selected as the date and the clean-up will be focused in the South Preserve, south of the ballfields. Ms. Craze is to contact Ms. Jospehitis for coordination.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 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 8:39 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia Craze, Director

These minutes were