

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014

The meeting was called order at 7:05 PM.

Present were Chairman Robert Snyder and board members Donna Almquist, Donna Hoffmeister, Damien Ossi, Willis Witter, Yoni Siegel, Joseph Murray, and Valerie Elliot. Boardmember Susan Gregersen was absent.

Also present were Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, Bill Orleans, Bill Rich, and Jason Martin.

The agenda was approved without change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 22, 2014 minutes were approved with changes by a vote of 7 – 0 –1. The minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting were discussed and approved with changes by a vote of 6 – 0 –2.

BELLE POINT PLAYGROUND: Ms. Craze described the project to install a playground at the Belle Point subdivision. Mr. Murray suggested that the installation of the playground was a non-issue because the playground was provided for in the in the Management and Maintenance Guidelines, as well as the Forest Preserve legislation. Mr. Snyder suggested that the playground should be put on private land instead of the Belle Point preserve location.

There was a short discussion about the approval of the playground in the forest preserve article and the management and maintenance guidelines as well as other options for citing the playground. The Board declined to take further action on this item.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL NATIONAL RESOURCES FOREST PRESERVE ASSESSMENT: Mr. Snyder asked why the Greenbrier park was not included in study. Ms. craze respond because it was not in the preserve and not part of a larger park or wooded area.

During discussion questions were asked regarding the terminology used in the report and whether or not the DNR report was a forest preservation report or a forest management report.

There was additional discussion regarding the sections of the report which addressed invasive species. Mr. Witter suggested that the city conduct monthly volunteer groups to pull invasive plant is targeted areas. There was extensive discussion on different types of invasive species, how such invasive species might be managed, the source of the invasive species and the importance of education and continued management.

No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting date was set for September 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0.