

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 AT THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ginny Mudrock at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT were Chair Mudrock and Board members Kastner, Ossi, Elliott, Hoffmeister and Gregersen.

ALSO PRESENT was Mayor J Davis, and Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) DUMPING REGULATIONS – The proposed changes to the dumping ordinance are under review by the City Manager and have not been submitted to City Council.
- b) REGULATORY SIGN – Ms. Craze was asked to find out if the sign would be available before the next meeting.
- c) ENTRANCE/IDENTIFICATION SIGN – The Board reviewed Mr. Ossi's final mock-up of the proposed plan. He included several leaf graphics for consideration for the sign. It was decided that Ms. Riddle could decide which leaf design to use. It was also decided that the color of the sign and the lettering should be identical to the standard city sign.
- d) FOREST PRESERVE BROCHURE – The Board tabled this item until the City Council approves the proposed names for the individual tracts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) STILT GRASS AT NORTHWAY – Mr. Ossi said that in his experience if you can gather a large enough group of people to remove the invasive, the removal can be as effective as use of herbicides. The Board asked for additional information from Ms. Riddle as to locations where stilt grass needs to be removed and find out when the grass is long enough to be pulled. It was suggested that a volunteer effort to remove stilt grass could be organized. Staff is to consult with Ms. Riddle.

- b) WALK OF PRESERVE – The Board scheduled Saturday, June 4 as the date for a walk of the preserve with Ms. Riddle. It was decided that any dedication be delayed until the fall.
- c) NORTH WOODS TRACT TRAIL EROSION – The Board expressed continued concern with the introduction on non-native materials, such as wood chips, to stabilize the trail, as has been suggested by Ms. Riddle. The Board also questioned whether the Management and Maintenance Guidelines would allow for such trail maintenance. Ms. Mudrock said that she would review the guidelines before the Board acts on this matter.
- d) BLUEBERRY HILL DIE OUT, MANAGEMENT AND INVASIVES CONTROL – This item was deferred until Mr. Murray could be present.
- e) BOARD MEMBERSHIP – Ms. Mudrock and Mr. Noll volunteered to write an article for the News Review to encourage interest in Board membership.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7 p.m.

There being no other business 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were approved by a vote 6-0.