

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD TUESDAY,
MARCH 29, 2011 AT THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

ALSO PRESENT was Mayor J Davis, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, and Assistant Public Works Director Lesley Riddle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Ms. Mudrock and seconded by Ms. Kastner, the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2010 was approved with change. On a motion by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Murray, the minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting were approved with change.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) FOREST PRESERVE IDENTIFICATION/ENTRANCE SIGN: Ms. Riddle was present to discuss options for the fabrication of the identification sign(s) for the Forest Preserve. There was an extended discussion about the size of the sign, graphics on the sign, content for the sign, location of the sign, and colors of the sign.

Ms. Riddle stated that the sign as depicted on Mr. Ossi's proposal could be fabricated, but it would need to be done by a professional sign producer. Ms. Mudrock stated she would prefer to have the sign manufactured in house, which Ms. Riddle stated could be done, but it would look like other identification signs located throughout the city. Mr. Ossi said he would be ok if the sign just included Greenbelt Forest Preserve and the name of the individual tract.

There was a discussion about the location for the sign which would be located somewhere along Northway. One suggestion was at the fork between the two parking areas, but that location was dismissed because the location was not within the preserve. Mr. Ossi suggested the sign be located at the trail head where the pumpkin walk started last year. This location satisfied the Board members.

The Board continued its discussion of design features which might be included on the sign. Ms. Riddle felt that several of the options which

involved the image or the outline of a tree would be time consuming if done in house, or expensive if commercial production was involved. It was finally decided that the outline of a leaf could be added to the sign, which would mark the sign with an image which is significant to the preserve. This met with the general agreement of the Board. It was further decided that no brochure box would be attached to the sign, due to maintenance concerns.

It was the final consensus of the Board that the recommended identification sign would be similar in design, size and construction to the city identification signs placed at city parks and facilities. The first line on the sign would state "Greenbelt Forest Preserve". A second line of text, smaller in size to the primary line of text would state the name of the individual preserve tract. There would be a city seal of appropriate size on the right of the sign and a stencil or hand painted leaf on the left side of the sign.

- b) REGULATORY SIGN – Ms. Riddle had a quote for the regulatory sign. It was decided to have one sign fabricated to approve the final appearance and then determine where the signs would be located.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) INVASIVE REMOVAL REQUEST – Mr. Murray asked the Board for support in the removal of phragmites and phisteria, both invasive plants found in the forest preserve, as part of an education program he was conducting. The location would be at the Northway Fields next to the gravel pile, and would be take place on two Friday's in May. Mr. Riddle agreed with Mr. Murray's proposal and offered to monitor the activity. Mayor Davis suggested that Mr. Murray obtain a permit for the activity. Ms. Craze said she would have a permit prepared. On a motion by Mr. Ossi and seconded by Ms. Kastner, the Board voted 6-0-1 with Mr. Murray abstaining, to support the proposal for Mr. Murray to remove invasive species in the forest preserve as part of an educational program and under the general supervision of Lesley Riddle.

Ms. Riddle noted that she was monitoring the growth of stilt grass, which may need be addressed this season or next season. Mr. Ossi asked about treatment of the stilt grass with an herbicide, to which Ms. Riddle replied that she needs to evaluate the use of herbicides in the control of invasives. It was suggested that this could be an item for a future Forest Preserve Advisory Board agenda.

- b) WALK OF PRESERVE – The Board scheduled Saturday, June 4 as the date for a walk of the preserve with Ms. Riddle. It was suggested that this be included as part of the Greenbelt Day weekend activities.
- c) MEMBERSHIP – Ms. Mudrock noted that the Board is one member short and suggested that Board members speak with friends about serving. It was suggested that a News Review article may help generate interest in the Board

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2011.

There being no other business, on a motion by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Murray, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Celia W. Craze
Director

| These minutes were approved by a vote 6-0.