BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 15, 2024

Commissioners present: Baker, Breen, Remhof, and Vincer.

Commissioners absent: Patterson.

Staff present: Bargren, Brown, Brunner, Dahlberg, deOliveira, Gerke, McCammond, Tucker, and Wombacher.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Director Tucker suggested deleting Agenda Items 14A-14C, Executive Session.

REMHOF MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. BREEN – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, REMHOF – YES, BAKER – YES, AND VINCER – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2024. PATTERSON – ABSENT, REMHOF – YES, BAKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND VINCER – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

President Vincer opened the floor to Shawn McCammond to discuss the financial reports. Shawn stated that the General Fund is status quo until the next tax drop is received. The Golf Fund is up $70k from this time last year. New and returning staff are being hired through May. Brief discussion followed.

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REMHOF MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 2024. REMHOF – YES, BAKER – YES, BREEN – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, AND VINCER – YES.

President Vincer noted that Exelon is still in discussions with the City regarding the installation of a sewer line to the plant. Exelon’s future status was discussed briefly.

It was suggested that the District needs a 5-year plan. Director Tucker stated that he would discuss this with staff at the next Department Heads’ meeting. He noted that suggestions of revenue generating facilities should be included in the plan i.e. primitive cabin rentals at He-Leo. He stated that we could use the golf course for more revenue generating events.

The potential disc golf course at Weld Park was discussed. Also discussed was that more of the District’s preserves should become Illinois Nature Preserves to protect them. Further discussion followed.

President Vincer noted that the next Efficiency Committee meeting will be July 15, 2024, at 5pm, just before the regular board meeting. He reviewed briefly what was discussed at the meeting prior to tonight’s regular meeting. The Efficiency Report that we are producing will be a great tool for the incoming director. Brief discussion followed.

President Vincer opened the floor to District Department Heads for their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administration Department-6:19-6:28pm-He discussed the patio projects at the Jarrett Center and clubhouse. Both projects are scheduled to be complete by May 15, 2024.

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Everyone is excited for the upgrades. Consultation on the irrigation system replacement has begun. It was suggested that there be a “rock clause” in the agreement with the contractor who installs the system due to the limestone that the course is on.

Janet Dahlberg, Education Department-6:28-6:36pm-She reviewed her report and photos.

Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-6:36-6:56pm-He reported that there was a statewide 4-H event in which the group planted 25 oak trees in the Heritage Farm savanna and next to a woodland on the Jarrett Prairie Preserve. He noted that May 4th is the work day scheduled for Commissioner Remhof’s volunteer group of runners.

Scott deOliveira and Jason Wombacher, Golf Operations-6:56-7:09pm-Scott reviewed his report and photos of the updated pro shop and concessions area. He also discussed the status of the patio project at the clubhouse.

Mike Brown, Golf Maintenance Department-7:09-7:24pm-He introduced Jon Bargren, a new employee who will be working in Golf Maintenance and Restoration. He reviewed his report and photos with the board. He discussed the possible purchase of an autonomous mower that was recently demonstrated on the course. He stated that it would save a lot of labor costs.

BREEN MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO DECLARE THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTED: 2000 JOHN DEERE 2500 TEE MOWER AND A 2011 TORO ELECTRIC WORKMAN CART. BAKER – YES, BREEN – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, REMHOF – YES, AND VINCER – YES.

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REMHOF MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:26PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BREEN – YES, PATTERSON – ABSENT, REMHOF – YES, BAKER – YES, AND VINCER – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Remhof, Secretary

Board of Commissioners

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