

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 08, 2025**

PRESENT: Committee members –L. Moreno, J. Woods, E. Sowards, D. Mielke, C. Layer.

ABSENT: R. Simmer, K. Swanson.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Todd Collins, Club House Manager; April Palmer, Auditor.

Dr. Moreno called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 3:32 PM on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in the club house of the Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan, Illinois.

E. Sowards, D. Mielke, C. Layer, L. Moreno, J. Woods.

TOTAL PRESENT 5

R. Simmer, K. Swanson.

TOTAL ABSENT 2

Dr. Moreno called for a motion approving the June Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Mielke moved to approve the June Committee meeting minutes. Mr. seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$782,014.74.

MOTION: Ms. Sowards moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$789,017.42. Mr. Mielke seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation.

MOTION: Mr. Layer moved to approve the transfers of appropriation. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the resolutions regarding the General Fund transfer of appropriations to Niabi Zoo Fund, additional appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund, and semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Mielke moved to approve the resolutions regarding the General Fund transfer of appropriations to Niabi Zoo Fund, additional appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund, and semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Mr. Layer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno made three calls for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the proposal for engineering services from IMEG for the repairs of the Great River Trail not to exceed \$13,800.00.

MOTION: Mr. Mielke moved to approve the proposal for engineering services from IMEG for the repairs of the Great River Trail not to exceed \$13,800.00. Mr. Layer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the proposal for engineering and administration services from IMEG for the electric vehicle charging grant.

MOTION: Ms. Sowards moved to approve the proposal for engineering and administration services from IMEG for the electric vehicle charging grant. Mr. Mielke seconded the motion.

Mr. Mielke asked if there was an estimate for completion of the project, and is there a plan for getting word out to the public.

Mr. Craver stated that since the opportunity for getting on the schedule for construction this year. It's likely to be end of next year before it's completed. Perhaps even a couple years since there are several locations that would receive the charging units. Announcement will be delivered in the standard way of the District, which is socials and press releases.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the 2025 District Park Plan.

MOTION: Mr. Mielke moved to approve the 2025 District Park Plan. Mr. Layer seconded the motion.

Mr. Craver stated that the plan had had an update, and things that had been accomplished have been removed. Staff took into account the surveys that had gone out to the public several months ago, which is great for grant applications.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno asked if there were any questions from the Committee on the routine reports.

There were no questions.

Ms. Palmer reminded the Committee that the District had reached the end of its fiscal year. There will be sixty days allotted to back date revenue and expenses that occurred in the 24-25 fiscal year. Outside Auditors will be starting their field work in September.

Dr. Moreno reminded the Committee that in August the Committee will be meeting at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, then called for a motion to approve all routine reports from the Director and Department Heads as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Layer moved to approve all routine reports from the Director and Department Heads as presented. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Dr. Moreno called the meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Submitted by: Cassie Sullivan
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