

MUSEUMS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Glenview Park District-Administration Building

1930 Prairie Street, Glenview, IL 60025

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Bill Casey called the meeting to order at 9:41 am and the roll was called.

Commissioners present: Dan Peterson, Dave Dillon, Dave Tosh, Angie Katsamakis, Bill Casey

Official Staff present: Executive Director Mike McCarty, Superintendent of Leisure Services Elsa Fischer, Director of Wagner Farm Todd Price, Director of The Grove Steve Swanson, Assistant Director of The Grove Lorin Ottlinger, Recording Secretary Tanya Trapani

Guests: Jen Roberts

Late Arrivals, Early Departure: None

Commissioners/Official Staff absent: None

2. AGENDA TOPICS

- a. Staff requested consideration of Resolutions 2017-11 and 2017-12 dedicating land to our existing Illinois Nature Preserve at Kennicott's Grove and creating an Illinois Nature Preserve at Air Station Prairie.

Director of The Grove Steve Swanson explained that the approval of these resolutions will start the process of adding land and buffer to the existing Illinois Nature Preserve at The Grove as well as create an Illinois Nature Preserve at Air Station Prairie. The proposed addition will formally protect the last surviving portions of a prairie grove. The proposed addition will also protect both the nature preserve and The Grove from further incompatible land uses along the southern and western border of the site. Director Swanson explained the process of becoming an Illinois Nature Preserve and the benefits it would provide. He noted that although the land protections would not be enhanced by becoming an Illinois Nature Preserve, it would prevent any pipeline or roadway from being built through either site. Commissioner Dan Peterson commended Environmental Education Coordinator Judy Ksiazek on her presentation about the history of the prairie. He questioned if the separation of historic prairie and developed prairie be reflected in the resolution and should the District be applying to become an Illinois Nature Preserve for the portion of the prairie that is not historic prairie and was once covered by a runway. Assistant Director of The Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that all 30 acres of the prairie are historical. Parts of it were suppressed but the soils and seed bank were still there and once the runways were removed, staff helped to bring back the conditions of the natural prairie.

Once the board has approved these resolutions, these parcels will be presented for consideration at the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission meeting in May. Following the

creation of the Instruments of Dedication, final approval will be solicited at the fall meeting in September. Minor changes in verbiage were recommended by the committee and will be implemented by staff with the assistance of Commissioner Peterson.

The committee endorsed the staff recommendation that Resolutions 2017-11 and 2017-12 be moved to the full board for approval, on the consent agenda.

3. Other

Steve Swanson introduced Lorin Ottlinger as the new Director of The Grove.

Executive Director Mike McCarty congratulated Director of Wagner Farm Todd Price and his team on Bacon Fest that was held over the weekend. Director Price shared flyers from the event and noted that 300 tickets were sold.

4. Matters from the Public

None

5. Adjourn

Chairman Bill Casey moved seconded by Commissioner Angie Katsamakias to adjourn the Open Session at 10:14 am. On Voice Vote: All present voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Daniel B. Peterson
Board President

Michael D. McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved this 25th day of May 2017