

League of Women Voters
Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report

MEETING: Forest Preserve Commission of Kane Count

DATE: REPORTING: Darlene Bakk

ATTENDING: All except Mitchell, Neuberger, Lewis, Kunkel. Late were Kissane and Jones

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: YES *Trib, Daily Herald, Examiner, Chronicle, Beacon*

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES Some

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Bills, Bids and Business: Resolutions on following—all passed

- Accept bid for supply & installation of guardrails at Grunwald FP. \$16,648.00 Northern Contracting Inc. of Scyamore, IL
- Accept bid or installation of wells at Muirhead Springs & Grunwald Farms FP.\$32,600,00, K & K Drilling Inc., Yorkville
- Accept bid for supply and installation of shelters & seatwalls at Dick Young/Nelson Lake FP: \$128,990.00, Driessen Const. Co, St. Charles
- Accept bid for removal and installation of new Asphalt Trail & Screenings at Nelson Lake FP, \$455,245.00, Cooling Landscape Contractors, Cherry Valley, IL
- Resolution authorizing retention of services for Fitchie Creek FP parking lot and drive engineering. \$9,661.00, Engineering Enterprises, Inc. of Sugar Grove.

Intergovernmental:

- Authorizing Intergov agreement w/the St. Charles Park District for use of Primrose Property.
- Authorizing additional funds for retention of additional services for Phase I engineering plans for the Aurora Downtown bike trail.

Land Acquisition:

- Authorizing acquisition of lands by purchase or eminent domain of Michael Mendel property, in St. Charles Township.
- Authorizing acquisition of lands by purchase or eminent domain the Felician Sisters of America property, located in St. Charles Twp.
- Authorizing acquisition of lands by purchase or eminent domain the Dale Hartman property in Virgil Twp.

Ordinance

- For the annual budget appropriation.

- Amending “An ordinance fixing the salaries of certain employees of Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Titles of Employees with salary ranges are documented.

Other documents of interest:

- Memo from Jerry Culp (Planning & Development Manager) to Monica Meyers (Executive Dir) Summaries of progress on land acquisition, grants, projects, and master plan.
- Memo from Chief Emad Eassa, Dir. Of Public Safety monthly report, June 2007. This report lists by number and narrative various activities in forest preserve jurisdiction. Ie, total of 43 police reports taken. Additional complaints, arrests, ambulance assistance, suspicious subject, reckless driving, etc. were summarized. Numbers of citations/warnings issued and revenue generated: \$3,011.03 in court & traffic fine monies.

COMMENTS: Anyone interested in what’s going on with the forest preserve can get more information than the newspapers can report by attending these meetings. If you attend, make sure you get the whole package—the ones given to the reporters. If you need help, ask county board and League member Mark Davoust to help you.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

NEXT MEETING: Check Kane County website, calendar of meetings. See link