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*Total - Forest Preserve

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KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2016

I. Call to Order

President Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation

Commissioner Prochaska requested a moment of silence to honor the life and recent passing of Kendall County staff member, Suzette Sandford.

IV. Roll Call

Commissioners Cullick, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli all were present.

V. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

VI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

VII. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $8,899.84.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve claims in an amount not-to-exceed $8,899.84. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Flowers, Gilmour, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Abstain, Commissioner Gryder. Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 1, with one abstention.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

b. Kendall County Forest Preserve Finance Committee Meeting – July 28, 2016
Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Forest Preserve Commission meeting held on July 19, 2016, and the Finance Committee meeting held on July 28, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. Motion to Approve the Insurance Premium Renewal with Grubb & Son Insurance Group for Ellis Equestrian Center Program Participants and Volunteer Accident and Injury Coverage for an Amount Not-to-Exceed $1,009.00

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to approve the insurance premium renewal with Grubb & Son Insurance Group for Ellis Equestrian Center program participants and volunteer accident and injury coverage for an amount not-to-exceed $1,009.00. Seconded by Commissioner Cullick.

Commissioner Davidson entered the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Director Guritz reported that the District’s General Liability coverage deductible is $10,000.00. This policy covers volunteers and participants for costs incurred for up to $10,000.00.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli. Opposed, none. Abstain, Commissioner Davidson. Motion carried with by a vote of 8 to 1, with one abstention.

X. Motion to Approve a Proposal from Bryon Walters, Illinois Natural Areas Improvements for the Control of Common Reed (Phragmites australis) at Tucker-Millington Fen for an Amount Not-to-Exceed $1,500.00.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve a proposal from Bryon Walters, Illinois Natural Areas Improvements for the control of Common Reed (Phragmites australis) at Tucker-Millington Fen for an amount not-to-exceed $1,500.00 Seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

Director Guritz reported that Bryon Walters is able to complete the restoration project. This individual also assisted with the Maramech Forest Preserve restoration efforts, and comes highly recommended by the Illinois Natural Areas Commission.

Commissioner Purcell entered the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Abstain, Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried by a vote of 9 to 1, with one abstention.
XI. Executive Session

None.

XII. Other Items of Business

None.

XIII. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Cullick. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District
I. Call to Order

Chairman Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Gilmour, Prochaska, Purcell, and Flowers all were present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Purcell. All, aye. Opposed, none.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

V. Natural Beginnings Enrollment Updates and Proposed Policy Changes

Megan Gessler, Natural Beginnings Program Manager presented a report and update on Natural Beginnings Enrollment and year-to-date budget progress.

Megan Gessler reported on positive feedback on the program received from community members related to Natural Beginning student cognitive and social development. The program also received positive feedback through Megan Gessler’s Masters’ Degree program work with Dr. Sobel, a noted authority in early childhood education.

The program has one remaining opening with tours in progress to fill the open slot. The program budget is on track and should exceed net revenue budget projections for the year.

Director Guritz presented the spreadsheet report on year-to-date progress against the revised budget approved in January 2016.

The District received 53 registration payments, exceeding projections by $1,350.

The District also received $10,000 in deferred revenues from parents paying for the full year tuition with their first payment.

The Programming and Events Committee reviewed and discussed the spreadsheet report presented, noting that the 2016 second quarter revenue projection figure presented should be examined based on the current enrollments, with deferred revenue for full-year pre-payments backed out of the revised figure.
The Programming and Events Committee discussed the tuition increase for the upcoming 17-18 school year, and discussed policy changes for late payments.

Director Guritz and Megan Gessler cautioned that a significant increase to the tuition rates could impact enrollment, suggesting that a $50 increase would be appropriate until such time that waiting-list demand and reputation grows.

The Programming and Events Committee discussed the charge philosophy for the program. The draft FY 16-17 budget will be presented with a $75 tuition charge increase for both the 2-day and 3-day programs, with across-the-board salary increases of $1.00 per hour for all Natural Beginnings program staff members.

The Committee provided direction to return with an updated late payment policy that would increase the penalty for late payments, but allow a 5-day grace period to receive payment before incurring the late fee charge, which will be increased from $10 to between $15-25.

The Committee provided direction to present the FY 16-17 Natural Beginnings budget to the Finance Committee for review.

VI. Volunteer Program Management Solution – Signup.com

Director Guritz reported on the need to update the District’s volunteer management and tracking program. Director Guritz reported that the volunteer log-in program at Ellis crashed, and did not have a user-friendly tracking and reporting software for Ellis volunteers. The recommended online subscription service is SignUp.com, and carries a cost of $9.99 per month, or just under $120.00 per year.

The program allows for multiple administrators, which will allow all staff working with volunteers to utilize the system. Commissioner Prochaska also suggested the District confirm that online signature of waivers will stand up to scrutiny by law.

The Programming and Events Committee extended direction to allow staff to begin utilizing the system, and contact the company to receive school district rates for added utility and functions.

VII. Ellis Equestrian Center Pony Club Fees and Charges

Amy Martin, Equestrian Program Coordinator, presented fees and charges for the proposed Pony Club program. The program will meet year round, with tuition charged quarterly for concurrent enrollment in Ellis beginner lesson programs.

The Programming and Events Committee discussed the Pony Club curriculum. Amy Martin reported that she is working to meet with staff to gather ideas, but the program concepts are in place, expressing interest in starting the program in October. Commissioner Gilmour asked whether the curriculum would be prepared for presentation to the Committee in September. Amy Martin stated she would work to have the curriculum prepared for the September meeting, with program promotion beginning following Commission approval of fees and charges.
VIII. Lesson Horse Replacement Updates

Amy Martin, Equestrian Program Coordinator, reported on a possible lesson horse for purchase from Kathy Weiss of Homer Glen. “Candyman” is a 16-year old paint gelding. “Candyman” has an arthritic condition in the pastern joints, but this condition is treatable with twice yearly injections for a total additional care cost of $500.00 per year. Director Guritz stated that the current vet and farrier budget levels should be able to cover this additional cost. Amy reported that she plans to negotiate purchase for no more than $500.00. Amy reported that “Candyman” has a very good temperament and will be a great addition to the program.

If the purchase price is accepted by Kathy Weiss, a purchase agreement will be presented to Commission for approval.

IX. Fall Public Program Fees and Charges

The Programming and Events Committee reviewed the proposed fall public program fees and charges. Director Guritz reported on increased coordination between Emily Dombrowski and Amy Martin, and social marketing efforts that have increased public program registrations.

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to forward the fall public program fee schedule to Commission for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gilmour. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

X. General Use Ordinance – Review of Draft Revisions

The Programming and Events Committee reviewed the proposed revision to the General Use Ordinance. The draft was amended to clarify restriction of use of open areas and athletic fields by club, league, or sponsored team sports.

The Programming and Events Committee discussed the black-powder restrictions found within the General Use Ordinance. No changes were recommended at this time.

Commissioner Purcell made a motion to forward proposed changes to the District’s General Use Ordinance, as amended, to Commission for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

XI. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XII. General Discussions and Updates

Director Guritz reported on progress with integrating District business activities with the RecPro software solution. The software module, which will allow the District to accept online payments, will be purchased in early FY 16-17 for implementation over the winter months.

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XIII. Executive Session

None.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Aye, all. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District
I. Call to Order

Acting Finance Committee Chairman Wehrli presided over, and called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Wehrli, Davidson, and Gryder all were present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were offered.

V. Approval to Forward Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $10,484.76.

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to forward claims to Commission in the amount of $10,484.76. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson.

The Finance Committee reviewed the claims list.

The Finance Committee discussed charges presented in Claim #210 for Surface Elements, Inc. Director Guritz reported the purchase was for laminate flooring for the Ellis kitchen as part of the replacement of the custom refrigerator. Director Guritz reported that Barry Niles has extended volunteer support for framing of the recessed cabinet opening for the new refrigerator.

Commission discussed the Verizon charges. Director Guritz reported that charges include multiple cell phones and wireless internet service for Ellis, The Rookery, Harris, and the Hoover residence.

The Finance Committee discussed the linen cleaning fees. Director Guritz reported that this charge will be phased out per discussions held with the Programming and Events Committee.

The Finance Committee discussed the need to have vouchers present at the meeting in order to review specific receipts, particularly for credit card statements. The Finance Committee expressed concerns that the statements do not show specifically what was
purchased, and the voucher reports have limited space for descriptions. Director Guritz reported that the District staff assigns credit card charges to the various budget codes according to the purchases made, which is presented on the claims list. This amount balances out with the payment made to First National Bank. Director Guritz stated he would work to have copies of vouchers present for the meetings.

Finance Committee Chair Cullick called the question. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

VI. Review of Financial Statements as of July 31, 2016

The Finance Committee reviewed the July 31, 2016 Financial Statements.

Director Guritz reported that the financial statements for the year show $40,000 in revenues for farm license agreements that was credited to the prior fiscal year.

The District has carried a positive balance over the entire fiscal year period.

The Finance Committee reviewed the Ellis House and Equestrian Center cost center programs.

Director Guritz stated that by and large the District is on track for the year, with all programs collectively achieving budget net projections for the year.

Director Guritz reported that the District will incur approximately $70,000 in Workers’ Compensation claims for the current year that will need to be paid back to Kendall County on a repayment schedule to be determined towards the end of the fiscal year.

The Committee requested that future reports include a summary of year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to budget for the District’s cost center groupings: Administration, Hoover, Ellis, Grounds and Resources, Education and Natural Areas Volunteers.

VII. November 8, 2016 General Election Referendum Question – Updates and Revised Ordinance Proposing an Increase in the District’s Operating Fund PTELL Limiting Rate and Tax Levy

The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed ordinance. Director Guritz reported that the ordinance had been reviewed by the State’s Attorney’s Office, bond counsel and Speer Financial to confirm limiting rate figures and extensions as stated within the final draft of the ordinance.

Director Guritz reported that the projection for the projected 2017 series refunding savings is just under $23 per $100,000 fair market home value. Finance Committee direction received was to explore opportunities for retaining a portion of the refunding savings. In
discussions with bond counsel, Lewis Greenbaum, the District is not able to retain savings generated through refunding of the referendum bonds. The District can secure new funding fully offset by the refunding by issuing limited tax obligation bonds, or by referendum to approve a new bond issuance, or increase in the limiting tax rate of the District’s General Fund. Issuing limited tax obligation bonds or referendum bonds would require repayment of principal with interest, which is funding lost compared to a tax limiting rate increase by referendum for the District’s general fund.

The question presented in the referendum ordinance and question, if approved by Commission and Kendall County voters, would increase the District’s limiting tax rate and extension for the upcoming levy by $0.95 cents per $100,000 fair market home value. Extending this figure over 10 years would cost the taxpayers an additional $9.50 offset by the $23.00 in refunding savings. In 10 years, taxpayer burden will be significantly reduced with the retirement of all District referendum-approved debt service.

The proposed question in the ordinance will slightly increase the District’s tax limiting rate and, by extension, generate an additional $125,000.00 in tax revenues for the District’s General Fund to be used for capital purposes. If the question is approved, Commission would be able to split the levy and establish a Capital and Development Fund, which in accordance with the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, would allow for implementing a 5-year capital budget for the District. After five years, unexpended Capital and Development funds would roll back into the General Fund.

Commissioner Davidson asked if the District has anticipated growth from new construction. Director Guritz reported that the FY 16-17 levy calculations include growth from new construction. The District’s tax limiting rate is scheduled to decrease in the upcoming fiscal year in accordance with the consumer price index, with total tax revenues projected to increase just under $10,000.00.

Director Guritz reported that the increase in the tax limiting rate provides an incremental increase for the upcoming year, and thereafter, the District’s total levy would again be subject to the PTELL limiting rate formula.

Commissioner Gryder stated that the increase in the first year would impact calculations moving forward. Director Guritz confirmed that this would be the case, but fluctuations after the first year in the PTELL limiting rate formula would dictate the District’s extension after the first year. That said, the initial increase would likely provide additional dollars coming into the District year after year.

Director Guritz reported to the Finance Committee that the District needs additional funding in order to support restoration projects in existing preserves, and to convert cropland cover to natural area. The District currently owns 750 acres in cropland production. Of the 750 acres in production, the District has sufficient funding to convert
150 acres with the remaining referendum bond proceeds. This leaves 600 acres of property remaining for conversion at a cost between $5,000 to $7,000 per acre, or $3,000,000 minimum in deferred restoration costs. The proposed limiting rate increase would help to provide seed funding to continue efforts to restore the lands purchased by the referendum bonds. At the same time, farm lease agreements account for approximately 15% of the District's operating revenues, roughly $160,000 that will be reduced as cropland areas are converted to natural areas. The additional funding that may be approved by the referendum question will allow the District to continue to make progress on converting the remaining agricultural areas to natural areas in fulfillment of both referendum and grant-funded acquisition mandates. Director Guritz also reported that as more lands come under management for natural areas with increased public access, District costs will continue to increase. Director Guritz cited the need for increased restoration activity in Maramech Forest Preserve, the District’s highest quality natural area, as additional justification for Commission approval of the proposed ordinance. Without additional funding to address the increasing threats to preserve areas from non-native exotic species, the District will fail in its mission to conserve species found in Kendall County’s natural areas.

President Wehrli reported that the question was amended to provide the voters with greater insight into what the additional funds will be used to accomplish.

Commissioner Gryder stated that he was opposed to the Ordinance and proposed permanent tax increase, citing that the District has only just approved a balanced budget after several years of deficit budgets and transfer of interest earnings from the District’s capital fund.

President Wehrli asked whether Commissioner Gryder was opposed to the tax increase, or whether he was opposed to asking the voters their opinion.

Commissioner Gryder stated he was opposed to the tax increase, citing resident concerns over current tax rates.

Director Guritz offered a different perspective, stating that the District’s effort to conserve open space approved by the 2007 referendum exceeded public expectations through efforts to acquire 1,000 acres more land than would have otherwise been purchased with the support of millions of dollars in State and Federal grants. Additional funding is now needed to improve the land acquired and maintain the completed capital improvements in order to sustain these investments. Director Guritz stated that in the end his position is charged with doing the best job that can be done within the resources available. Right now, there is insufficient funding to accomplish the District’s mission and referendum obligations, and the quality of forest preserve natural areas is decreasing.

Commissioner Davidson acknowledged that Commission did not realize the scope of obligations that were being taken on as lands were purchased and facilities opened to the
public. Commissioner Davidson stated that he does not have a problem with asking the voters a non-binding question to help to gauge voter sentiment, but would not be in favor for a tax increase. This would be the right time to ask the question, with a large voter turnout expected.

VIII. FY 16-17 Budget Timeline Discussion

Director Guritz presented a report and overview of the District’s budget outlook and timeline for development and presentation to the Finance Committee and full Commission.

A flat budget is anticipated, with slight increases in projected surplus and contingencies anticipated, and with staff salary and marketing budget increases as afforded.

The District will need to put forward a plan for repayment of the Workers’ Compensation claims that will be owed to Kendall County projected at $65,000 for the year, with approximately half of this amount afforded for repayment in the current fiscal year, and half to be paid back in one or two years’ time.

Director Guritz reported that wedding events scheduled for 2017 are down for the year, with 6 events currently scheduled, with 8 or nine events needed to break even on the program.

The Finance Committee discussed insurance costs for the District. Director Guritz reported that with the District’s current claims record, the best strategy for the District is to pool with the Kendall County insurance plan.

IX. FY 16-17 Natural Beginnings Program Budget

Director Guritz presented the proposed budget figures for Natural Beginnings. The budget proposes a $75 tuition increase that would result in increased net gain over expenses of $17,682.00.

X. Executive Session

None.

XI. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XII. Other Items of Business

None.
XIII. Citizens to Be Heard

None.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson. All, aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Executive Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District
I. Call to Order

President Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Prochaska, Purcell, and Wehrli all were present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were offered by those present at the meeting.

V. Director’s Report

Director Guritz reported that a draft ordinance will be presented for discussion proposing a referendum question to increase the District’s PTELL limiting rate and tax revenue extension. This is the best approach for increasing District revenues offset by a portion of the savings resulting from the 2017 series refunding bonds.

The Maramech Forest Preserve floristic quality inventory is in process, with a new species documented, and invasive species threats encountered. The scope of restoration work scheduled for Tucker-Millington Fen has been completed with the contractor. Additional funds will be scheduled in the upcoming year to continue efforts in both nature preserve areas.

The Hoover Nature Play Space project is underway. All service line work has been completed. Efforts are now focused on finding a concrete contractor to build the mud kitchen pad and pour footings for the butterfly garden overlook play house, with hopes that the work will be completed by the end of October.

Forest Foundation Fall Fest planning is underway, with event sponsorship exceeding last year’s event.

KC Highway Department has requested District consideration for mitigating and planting 760 trees on District property. Discussion is underway on possible locations, with a major replanting effort considered for Fox River Bluffs under consideration.
Kendall County Highway will need a temporary construction easement at Hoover Forest Preserve for work to be performed on the Fox River Drive culvert. Additional soil erosion and stream water quality protection will be scheduled to address conservation of conservative species known to occur in the stream.

Work to fully integrate RecPro to handle all District program registrations has been completed. The online module will be considered for purchase in the upcoming budget to allow for online registrations.

The District has completed hiring of two new individuals for assisting with grounds maintenance and rental event support at Ellis and Meadowhawk Lodge.

VI. Review of a Draft Ordinance Authorizing Placement of a Binding Referendum Question on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot to Increase the PTELL Limiting Rate and Tax Levy for the District’s Operating Fund to Support District Capital Projects

Director Guritz reported that the final draft of the ordinance was reviewed by the State’s Attorney’s Office, bond counsel and Speer Financial Inc. to confirm limiting rates and extension figures presented in the Ordinance.

Director Guritz provided an overview of direction received from the Finance Committee that resulted in the drafting of the ordinance for the purpose of generating additional tax funding offset by the projected tax savings that will be realized with the 2017 refunding bonds.

The 2017 bond refunding savings is projected at $1,816,000 translating to a $22.95 savings to Kendall County taxpayers with a fair market home value of $100,000, with the savings evenly applied between 2018 and 2024.

The proposed increase to the District’s General Fund limiting rate would result in an additional levy by extension equating to $125,000 translating to a $0.95 increase in taxes for Kendall County taxpayers with a fair market home value of $100,000.

The District’s referendum bond debt service is scheduled to retire in 10 years’ time, and when retired, will result in a significant increase in taxpayer savings.

Director Guritz stated that if the question is to appear on the November ballot, approval of the ordinance is needed at the August 16, 2016 Commission meeting.

Director Guritz reported previous refunding efforts in 2015 and 2016 have resulted in an additional $1.8 million in taxpayer savings.

The Committee of the Whole discussed the proposed ordinance.
President Wehrli stated that the proposed ordinance will let the taxpayers decide whether or not to extend the additional funding to the District.

Commissioner Purcell stated that the increase in the levy would be permanent. Director Guritz stated that after the first year, the District’s general fund limiting rate would be determined by formula, but the step increase would be calculated into future levy calculations. Director Guritz stated that in some years, limiting rate increases, but the limiting rate for the upcoming year is scheduled to decrease. Commissioner Purcell stated that while the limiting rate would decrease, the total tax levy is scheduled to increase.

Commissioner Purcell asked whether the Finance Committee had discussed posing a question to lower the District’s limiting rate to reduce tax revenues.

President Wehrli stated that this was not under consideration, and questioned whether this had been considered by Kendall County, citing that the District is the only agency to reduce taxpayer obligations twice in the past two years.

President Wehrli stated that he wants to ask the taxpayers to make the decision on whether or not the District should receive a portion of the savings presented with the next refunding opportunity.

Commissioner Gilmour stated that the District will need to work to educate the public on the measure, stating that most taxpayers will not understand what is being proposed, and that the District is only looking to increase their taxes, and that the District will have a very difficult time selling this to the public.

President Wehrli stated that we would be giving the back the savings to the taxpayers, and asking for a little bit of it back with the referendum question.

President Wehrli stated that if there is confusion, the question would fail, and that would be the end of it.

Director Guritz stated that typically, agencies have more time to explain their need and position. In this instance, time is short, but the referendum question is phrased to educate the voters about the need and how funding would be expended. Just having the question posed will help to educate Kendall County residents about the purpose of the District, with media coverage helping to explain the need and savings offset. Director Guritz added that with the District’s limited budget and outreach tools, voter education will be limited.

Director Guritz stated that whether or not the referendum question passes, it sends a message to the taxpayers that the District has funding needs to further support the mission, and helps set a level of expectation for what the District can, and cannot accomplish, within current funding limits.

Commissioner Gilmour stated that she disagreed that the voters will understand what they are considering, and why it is needed. Director Guritz stated that if approved, outreach would be supported by The Conservation Foundation, with the District preparing and disseminating fact sheets to increase voter knowledge.
Commissioner Prochaska stated that as the ordinance is written, if the referendum passed, the District would be increasing its tax levy for that year.

Director Guritz confirmed that this would be the case, but at any time, Commission could consider abatement of a portion of the levy, which is the best approach for reducing taxes without impacting the District’s limiting rate year to year. Once limiting rate is lowered, the District would be unable to increase the rate by law without an additional referendum.

Commissioner Purcell questioned the need for the additional funding. Director Guritz stated that this was discussed in the Finance Committee.

The District needs additional funding in order to support restoration projects in existing preserves, and to convert cropland cover to natural area. The District currently owns 750 acres in cropland production. Of the 750 acres in production, the District has sufficient funding to convert 150 acres with the remaining referendum bond proceeds. This leaves 600 acres of property remaining for conversion at a cost between $5,000 to $7,000 per acre, or $3,000,000 minimum in deferred restoration costs. The proposed limiting rate increase would help to provide seed funding to continue efforts to restore the lands purchased by the referendum bonds. At the same time, farm lease agreements account for approximately 15% of the District’s operating revenues, roughly $160,000 that will be reduced as cropland areas are converted to natural areas. The additional funding that may be approved by the referendum question will allow the District to continue to make progress on converting the remaining agricultural areas to natural areas in fulfillment of both referendum and grant-funded acquisition mandates. Director Guritz also reported that as more lands come under management for natural areas with increased public access, District costs will continue to increase. Director Guritz cited the need for increased restoration activity in Maramech Forest Preserve, the District’s highest quality natural area, as additional justification for Commission approval of the proposed ordinance. Without additional funding to address the increasing threats to preserve areas from non-native exotic species, the District will fail in its mission to conserve species found in Kendall County’s natural areas.

The additional funding will also continue allow the District to put forward matching grant funds to secure outside funding.

Commissioner Purcell stated that while the District has made great progress, he personally feels that not enough progress has been made to justify the increase to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Gryder echoed this sentiment.

Director Guritz stated that Kendall County Forest Preserve District carries what is likely the lowest limiting rate of all forest preserve districts in the State of Illinois.

Commissioner Purcell stated that Kendall County has one of the highest collective tax rates for any county in the State of Illinois.

President Wehrli stated that the ordinance presented will allow the taxpayers to decide whether or not to support the ballot measure.
VII. Review of a Proposed Revision to Chapter 4 – Section IX (Field and Team Sports) of the District’s General Use Ordinance

Director Guritz presented a redline version of the proposed revision to Chapter 4-Section IX of the District’s General Use Ordinance as amended by the District’s Programming and Events Committee.

The Committee of the Whole provided direction to move the proposed changes to Commission for approval.

VIII. Review of Fees and Charges for the Proposed Ellis Equestrian Center Pony Club

Director Guritz presented the fees and charges for a proposed Pony Club program for the Ellis Equestrian Center.

The Committee of the Whole provided direction to move the proposed charges forward for Commission approval.

IX. Review of a Draft Bill of Sale for Purchase of a Lesson Horse for Ellis Equestrian Center

Director Guritz presented a draft purchase agreement for the new lesson horse “Candyman.”

The Committee of the Whole provided direction to move the proposed purchase forward for Commission approval.

X. Executive Session

None.

XI. Other Items of Business

None.

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District
## Kendall County Forest Preserve District
### Tax Impact on Current General Obligation Debt

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**Notes**: (1) Assumes a home market value of $100,000 and includes the $6,000 homeowners exemption.
Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois
Refunding Analysis

Scenario 1 - NBQ Refunding of Outstanding 07 Bonds in 2017

### General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017

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### Refunding Statistics

- Estimated Present Value Savings: $1,677,437
- Refunded Principal Amount: $20,205,000
- % PV Savings: 8.30%
- Escrow Arbitrage: ($294,489)

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(1) Assumes estimated current market interest rates for a non-bank qualified transaction. Subject to change.
Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois
Refunding Analysis

Scenario 2 / Part 1 - BQ Refunding of a Portion of the Outstanding 07 Bonds in 2017

### General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017

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### Refunding Statistics

- Estimated Present Value Savings: $1,113,485
- Refunded Principal Amount: $9,205,000
- % PV Savings: 12.10%
- Escrow Arbitrage: ($144,444)

(1) Assumes estimated current market interest rates for a bank qualified transaction. Subject to change.
Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois
Refunding Analysis

Scenario 2 / Part 2 - Refunding of Remaining 07 Bonds in 2018

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Refunding Statistics
- Estimated Present Value Savings: $580,945
- Refunded Principal Amount: $11,000,000
- % PV Savings: 5.28%
- Escrow Arbitrage: ($18,050)

(1) Assumes estimated current market interest rates for a non bank qualified transaction plus 25 basis points. Subject to change.
# Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois
## Refunding Analysis

### Scenario Comparison

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**Estimated Present Value Savings:**

- Scenario 1: $1,677,437
- Part 1: $1,113,485
- Part 2: $580,945
- Total: $1,694,430

**Refunded Principal Amount:**

- Scenario 1: $20,205,000
- Part 1: $9,205,000
- Part 2: $11,000,000
- Total: $20,205,000

**% PV Savings:**

- Scenario 1: 8.30%
- Part 1: 12.10%
- Part 2: 5.28%
- Total: 8.39%

**Escrow Arbitrage:**

- Scenario 1: ($294,849)
- Part 1: ($144,444)
- Part 2: ($18,050)
- Total: ($162,493)
ORDINANCE NO. 08-16-001

AN ORDINANCE INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION TO INCREASE THE LIMITING RATE OF THE KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Passed by the Board of Commissioners this 16TH day of August, 2016

Published by the Board of Commissioners this 25TH day of August, 2016

Printed and published in pamphlet form by authority of the President and Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners

KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

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Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary
ORDINANCE NO. 08-16-001

AN ORDINANCE INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION TO INCREASE THE LIMITING RATE OF THE KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Forest Preserve District is governed by and operates under the powers and authority granted by the State of Illinois through the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/1 ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides the Kendall County Forest Preserve District the authority to extend a property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District desire to acquire, operate and maintain all forest preserve properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the acquisition, improvement, operation, and maintenance of forest preserve properties and facilities, the President and Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District desire to raise the limiting rate of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District property tax levy ("Limiting Rate"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18-190(a) of the Illinois Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-190(a), the Kendall County Forest Preserve District must obtain referendum approval to raise the Limiting Rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Illinois law, the President and Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District hereby desire to place on the ballot of the general election on November 8, 2016, a public question to be considered by the voters in the Kendall County Forest Preserve District regarding the raising of the Limiting Rate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Ordinance by this reference as findings of the President and Board of Commissioners of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District.
SECTION 2. Public Question on Limiting Rate. A public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, County of Kendall, State of Illinois, at the November 8, 2016 general election (or at the next available election permitted by the general election law) as follows:

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.00284% above the limiting rate, and be equal to 0.0235% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016, to improve, preserve and manage water resources; restore and protect forest preserve land along the Fox River; improve forests, watershed lands, and other natural areas; preserve and restore wildlife habitats; enhance flood control; construct and enhance trails, fishing access, bird watching and other recreational areas; and provide education programs, all in accordance with the purposes authorized by the Downstate Forest Preserve Act of the State of Illinois as amended, and with all expenditures subject to an annual audit?

| YES | NO |

The following supplemental information shall be included on the ballot in compliance with Section 18-190(a) of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, 35 ILCS 200/18-190(a):

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $545,148, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $670,301.

(2) For the 2016 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $0.95.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for the 2016 levy will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

SECTION 3. Filing. The Secretary of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District is hereby authorized and directed to file this authorizing Ordinance and other related matters with the appropriate election officials in accordance with applicable law.
SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

APPROVED this 16TH day of August, 2016.

AYES: (___)
NAYS: (___)
ABSTAIN: (___)
ABSENT: (___)

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Jeff Wehrli, President
Kendall County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Flowers, Secretary
Kendall County Forest Preserve District
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Kendall County Forest Preserve District
Education Department

September 2016 - November 2016

Featured Program:
"Take a Hike Day"
Family Hike

Date: November 19
Ages: All Ages
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve—Eagles Nest Pavilion
Time: 9:30-11 am
Price: $5 per person or $15 for a family up to 4, $2 for each additional family member

In recognition of "Take-a-Hike-Day" on November 17th, we are inviting everyone to come join the celebration and take a hike with us! Bring your binoculars and field guides, as there's no telling what we will find!

Register by November 17

September 8 - Toddling Naturalist – Nature Center Exploration Day
Ages: 1-3
Location: Kendall County Historic Courthouse—Laws of Nature
Time: 10-11 am
Price: $5
Come join us for a fun morning at our nature center. We will read a story, make a craft, and meet a couple of the animals that live at the nature center.
Register by September 6

September 16 - Babes in the Woods—Seeds on the Go
Ages: 4-6
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve—Eagle's Nest Pavilion
Time: 1-2 pm
Price: $5
Plants have been busy growing all summer long. As fall begins, many plants get help from animals to move their seeds. We’ll explore the woods to look for these fall travelers.
Register by September 21

October 20 - Toddling Naturalist—Nighttime Animals
Ages: 1-3
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve—Eagle’s Nest Pavilion
Time: 10-11 am
Price: $5
What animals come out at night? Come and explore the secrets of night as we touch furs and learn about our night friends.
Register by October 18

October 21 - Babes in the Woods—Batty about Bats
Ages: 4-6
Location: Hoover Forest Preserve—Eagle’s Nest Pavilion
Time: 1-2 pm
Price: $5
Did you know a single bat can eat over 600 insects in one hour? Come learn more about these amazing flying mammals through a story, craft, and activity.
Register by October 19
KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE
DISTRICT FALL PROGRAMS

November 17- Toddling Naturalist– Turkey Talk
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Price: $5
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From: Amy Martin, Equestrian Program Coordinator  
RE: Proposed Ellis Equestrian Center Pony Club  
Date: August 15, 2016

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BILL OF SALE

Property: “Candyman” (American Paint - Gelding)

Condition: As is, with an arthritic issue in the pastern joint. Approximate age: 16

Seller: Kathy Weiss  
16453 S. Parker  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Purchaser: Kendall County Forest Preserve District  
110 West Madison Street  
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

Date of Commission Approval: August 16, 2016

Conditions of Acceptance/No Warranty: For five hundred dollars ($500.00) consideration to be paid in hand following a ten-day trial period, the Seller, Kathy Weiss, hereby transfers, assigns and delivers any and all right, title and interest to the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, and the Purchaser, Kendall County Forest Preserve District, hereby accepts all right, title and interest in the Property subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Seller will transport and deliver the Property from the Seller’s stable, and Seller agrees to allow a ten-day trial period that shall commence on the first day following delivery to the Ellis House and Equestrian Center located at 13986 Mckanna Road in Minooka, IL 60447 on or around August 17, 2016.

2. Upon successful conclusion of the ten-day trial period, Seller, Kathy Weiss, is entitled to either receive payment in hand of $500.00 representing payment in full for “Candyman”, a 16-year old American Paint - Gelding, and the Purchaser, Kendall County Forest Preserve District, shall accept full and complete responsibility for property from the date the Property is accepted by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, or the Seller will accept the return and responsibility for transport of “Candyman” from the Kendall County Forest Preserve District’s Ellis House and Equestrian Center to the Seller’s stable.

3. The Seller is not a seller of horses and disclaims to the fullest extent authorized by law any and all warranties, promises, whether express or implied, including warranties of merchantability and or fitness for a particular use and makes no promises, warranties or other representations regarding the horse’s conditions at the time of transfer, and by accepting the Property after a ten-day trial period, the Purchaser accepts the Property “as is”.
4. The Seller on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns hereby forever waives and releases the Kendall County Forest Preserve District, its elected officials, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from any and all known and unknown claims, actions, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs and fees related in any manner to acceptance of this transfer or the condition of the Property at the time of the transfer.

Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Illinois

Kathy Weiss, Homer Glen, Illinois

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Jeff Wehrli, President           Kathy Weiss
To: Kendall County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners
From: David Guritz, Director
RE: Proposed Amendment of the District's General Use Ordinance
Date: August 15, 2016

During the July 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, Commission consensus was reached to amend Section IX of the General Use Ordinance to allow for the general public to engage in field and team sports within the open areas of District preserves.

The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Committee of the Whole and recommended for Commission approval as follows:

Chapter Four — Regulation of Sports and Games
No person shall upon or in connection with any Property of the District:

Section IX — Field and Team Sports:

| Play or engage in any club, league, or sponsored team sport, athletic event, outdoor or lawn games, or any such endeavor which by its nature requires restricts public use and access of open Areas or fields, except in those Areas designated by the Board as athletic fields or, if none are available, only in those Areas and for such a period of time determined by the Director— as defined by special use permit approved by the Executive Director, or other formal agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners, in order to ensure the safe and equal use of the Preserve by others. This does not restrict use of open Areas or fields by the public to engage in active and/or passive recreational games and activities that limit disturbances and impacts to forest preserve grounds and natural resources. |

Recommendation

Approve the proposed amendment to the General Use Ordinance as presented.