I. Call to Order
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Present were: President Jeff Wehrli, Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, Matthew Prochaska, John Purcell, and John Shaw. Also present was Director Jason Pettit. There was a quorum.

III. Citizens to be Heard
No citizens asked to speak.

IV. Operations Reports
A. Ellis House & Equestrian Center – The committee reviewed the Ellis report. A number of improvements and repairs have been made to the grounds. The new barn manager, Bob Ellingson, has just started. Some hay will have to be purchased to get through the winter. Lessons and children’s parties have been busy.

B. Education Programs – The Supervisor of Environmental Education job has been posted, with applications accepted through December 31. The part-time staffers have been doing an excellent job taking care of programs. Summer camp preparations are underway and registration begins Friday.

C. Grounds & Natural Resources – The committee reviewed this report. Completed the boardwalk leading to the new bridge at Lyon FP. Removed a significant amount of invasive honeysuckle from Lyon and Young FPs. Installed new bunks at Hoover and moved in to new maintenance building.

D. Volunteer Program – The Natural Area volunteers cleared brush, monitored trails, and assisted with a prescribed burn. Reservations totaling over 1200 guests were held in November.

E. Director Report – Projects include the annual audit, grant reports, Baker Woods Trail project, winter edition of ‘Stepping Stones’ newsletter, and FOIA requests.

V. Finance Report
A. Financial Reports – Director Pettit briefly went over the year end finance report.
B. Capital Budget – The committee reviewed the capital budget.
C. Bills – The committee reviewed the bills and several questions were answered. Commissioner Cesich moved to forward the bills in the amount of $117,466.68. Commissioner Cullick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.
VI. Subat Forest Preserve Conversion
The committee discussed the swap of property required by the Eldomain Road project. The Forest Preserve District would receive 1.6 acres of property adjacent to Hoover Forest Preserve in exchange for 1.6 acres of Subat Forest Preserve. Approval has been received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and an MAI appraisal has been completed. Erica Spolar, a consultant working for the Kendall County Highway Department, answered several questions.

Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the land conversion and forward to the full Commission. Commissioner Koukol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VIII. Farm Licenses
The committee reviewed the current version of the farm license agreement used by the District and a spreadsheet showing the various sites being farmed. Many of the licenses will be brought to the Committee meeting in January for approval.

IX. Executive Session – Land Acquisition
Commissioner Gilmour made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Shaw seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of all yes, the motion was approved at 6:17 p.m.

Koukol made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Prochaska seconded the motion. All were in favor and Executive Session was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

X. Other items of business
There were no other items of business.

XI. Adjournment
Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cullick seconded the motion. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director