I. Call to Order
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call
Present by roll call and constituting a quorum was: Amy Cesich, Elizabeth Flowers, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw and Jeff Wehrli.

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

IV. Operations Reports
   A. Ellis House & Equestrian Center – The door and floor have been installed, storage container delivered. Concrete work to start soon. Amy Clever, the new Barn Manager, starts April 15.

   Commissioner Dan Koukal arrived at 5:35 pm.

   B. Education Programs – Registration for 2014-15 Natural Beginnings is full for one session and only 4 openings in other session. Many school programs upcoming in April and May.

   C. Grounds & Natural Resources – Last of snow removal and lots of spring cleanup duties in March.

   D. Natural Area Volunteer Program – Volunteers removed brush at Jay Woods FP and helped to spread native plant seed collected last year. The first ever Volunteer Open House at Hoover FP had a nice turnout and also included the Hoover and Ellis volunteer programs.

   E. Reservation Report – The committee reviewed the monthly report showing facility usage at the preserves and Historic Courthouse.

   F. Director Report – The Master Plan, land acquisition grants, barn manager interviews, finance restructure, and human resources audits were worked on.

V. Review of Quotes for Equipment Trailer
The committee reviewed a quote for an equipment trailer for use at Ellis House & Equestrian Center. The low quote for the trailer of $4925 was submitted by Atlas Bobcat. Commissioner Purcell moved to approve the purchase and forward to the FP Commission meeting. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.
Commissioner Lynn Cullick arrived at 6:12 pm.

VI. Marketing Study
The committee discussed an opportunity to have graduate students at Benedictine University perform a free marketing study for the District. Latreese Caldwell made the initial contact with the university. Commissioner Gryder moved to approve the marketing study project and forward to the FP Commission meeting. Commissioner Purcell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VII. Subat Forest Preserve – Eldamain Road construction temporary easements
The committee reviewed plans where the Kendall County Highway Department is requesting two temporary easements totaling 0.057 acres for the Eldamain Road project. Commissioner Koukol moved to approve the easements and forward to the FP Commission meeting. Commissioner Prochaska seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

VIII. Ellis House – Generator maintenance
The committee discussed options for a maintenance plan for the generator at Ellis House. Commissioner Flowers moved to approve a bi-annual maintenance plan for $425 by Lee Legler Construction, Inc. Commissioner Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

IX. Forest Preserve Committees Discussion
No discussion was held on this item.

X. Master Plan Discussion
The committee reviewed the first three sections of the draft Master Plan. The committee was satisfied with these sections, which are largely background information on the preserves and the natural resources of Kendall County. Additional sections of the plan will be brought to the committee over the next 2-3 months.

XI. Executive Session
No executive session was held.

XII. Other items of business
The committee briefly discussed the Kendall Township property on Legion Road that is available. There was no interest by the committee.
XIII. Adjournment
Commissioner Flowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Commissioner Prochaska seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director