I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation

Commissioner Prochaska offered an invocation for the meeting.

IV. Roll Call

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

V. Approval of Agenda

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

VI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. Forest Preserve Programming and Events Committee – August 5, 2015
b. Forest Preserve Finance – August 12, 2015
c. Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole – August 12, 2015

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Programming and Events Committee meeting of August 5, 2015; the Finance Committee meeting of August 12, 2015; and the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 12, 2015 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.
VIII. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $12,067.56.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the claims list in the amount of $12,067.56. Seconded by Commissioner Shaw.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

IX. Approval of a Proposal from Busted Knuckles, Inc. for a Tree Removal from Hoover Forest Preserve in the Amount of $200.00.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve a proposal from Busted Knuckles, Inc. for a tree removal from Hoover Forest Preserve in the amount of $200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Koukol.

President Wehrli stated that this proposal was discussed at the Finance Committee. As part of the discussion, it was suggested that the Commission extend authority to the District’s Director to approve expenses up to a certain dollar threshold. Commission instructed Director Guritz to include for discussion an item on the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting agenda to extend authority to the Director position to approve budgeted expenditures up to an approved threshold.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

X. Approval of Fees and Charges for Preschool Field Trip Programs

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the fees and charges for preschool field trip programs. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder.

Director Guritz stated that the fees and charges for the new preschool offerings proposed will exceed salary staff costs for program delivery and supplies. Approval is requested so the Environmental Education Coordinators can begin to market the new programs to area preschools.

Commissioner Purcell inquired into the duration of the proposed programs. Director Guritz stated that these are day field trips 1-hour in length.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.
XI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XII. Executive Session

Commissioner Purcell made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Executive Session called to order at 6:10 pm.

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. All, aye. Regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 pm.

XIII. Other Items of Business

President Wehrli reported on a meeting held at Hoover Forest Preserve with the stakeholders for Stephanie’s Garden. The meeting was very positive, and will provide exciting new directions for this project.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District