



Preservation Foundation Committee of the Board

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 8:30 am

MINUTES

- 1.0 **Call to Order** – Chair Leutwiler called the meeting to order at 8:48 am
- 2.0 **Roll Call** – Secretary Carlucci called the roll with the following members present and/or via Zoom: Leutwiler, Heier, Hunter, Kirby, Kovach, Kyle, McKinney, McMillan-Wilhoit, Moore, Rummel, Shears, Vincent, Wasik, and Waynee. Members absent: Danks, Hough, Sahu, Tutty, and Young.
- 3.0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Leutwiler dispensed the pledge.
- 4.0 **Addenda to the Agenda** – Moved non-actionable items up, waiting for a quorum to be reached with tenth member arriving at the call of meeting at 8:48. Chair Leutwiler left meeting at 9:57, leaving only information only items, asking Andrea Moore to close meeting.
- 5.0 **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Rummel, second by Hunter to approve November 16, 2023, minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0
- 6.0 **Public Comment** – None
- 7.0 **Executive Director Comments** – Erika briefed the Board on the Executive Committee's work
- 8.0 **Reports of Standing and Special Committees**
 - Hunter gave a brief update on the Development Committee
 - Rummel gave a brief update on the Finance Committee
 - Leutwiler gave a brief update on the Executive Committee
- 9.0 **Correspondence** – None
- 10.0 **Unfinished Business** – None
- 11.0 **New Business**
 - 11.1 [Recommend approval of the establishment of a new endowment fund to support the management of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve](#) – Motion by Rummel, second by Hunter. Erika gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0
 - 11.2 [Recommend approval of the establishment of a new endowment fund to support the management of Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Lyons Woods Forest Preserve](#) – Motion by Wasik, second by Kyle. Erika gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0
 - 11.3 [Recommend approval of a \\$1,200 grant from unrestricted funds to create a new, education-centered habitat for the endangered Blanding's turtle on display at the Ryerson Welcome Center](#) – Motion by Kyle, second by Shears. Alyssa Firkus gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0
 - 11.4 [Recommend approval of a \\$3,000 grant to sponsor a Teacher Appreciation Day for 150 Lake County Educators in August of 2024](#) – Motion by Moore, second by McKinney. Alyssa Firkus gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0



11.5 [Recommend approval of a \\$45,000 grant over three years from unrestricted funds to the Chicago Botanic Garden for services in support of the Rare Plant Recovery Project](#) – Motion by Vincent, second by Moore. Pati Vitt gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0

11.6 [Recommend approval of a \\$114,804 grant over three years \(\\$38,268.00/year\) from unrestricted funds to hire two \(2\) Ecological Technicians for 900 hours per year to assist District staff with the collection of vegetation and wildlife monitoring data](#) – Motion by Kyle, second by Shears. Pati Vitt gave a brief overview. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 10, NAYS: 0

11.7 For Information Only: 2024 Events and Engagement Opportunities – Erika gave a brief overview.

11.8 For Information Only: FY23 Q4 Unaudited Financials – Erika gave a brief overview.

12.0 Closed Session – None

13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session – None

14.0 Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2024, 8:30 am – Joint Committee Meeting

15.0 Adjournment – Meeting called at 10:12 by Andrea Moore

Respectfully submitted:

JoEllen Carlucci
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 8/18/2024