

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
BOARD MEETING
Forest Preserve Headquarters
Special Call Meeting
March 2, 2026

PRESENT

Judy Barnard
Mike Eickman
Gloria Lind – Arrived at 5:39pm
Cheryl Maggio
Jerry Paulson
Emily Porter
Jeff Tilly

STAFF

Daniel Olson, Executive Director
Steve Chapman, Director of Finance
Vaughn Stamm, Director of Operations
Sarah Lorenz, Communications Coordinator
Mike Brien, Director of Natural Resources
Jody Kennay, Human Resources Manager
Kristy Knapp, Administrative Services Manager
Emily Wendlandt, Board Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Alex Mills

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, by President Jeff Tilly.

ROLL CALL Recording secretary Emily Wendlandt called the roll.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE Mike Eickman led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AWARDS, and PRESENTATIONS

The new Golf Manager, Bobby VanSistine, introduced himself to the Board. The Board welcomed Bobby.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Lightspeed Software for Golf – Daniel Olson presented to the Board the resolution to approve of Lightspeed for golf operations. Judy Barnard made a motion to approve of the resolution. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Purchase of Beverage Carts for Golf – Daniel Olson presented to the Board the resolution to approve the purchase of beverage carts for golf. Mike Eickman made a motion to approve of the resolution. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Professional Services Contract – Mike Brien presented to the Board the resolution to approve of the services contract for a hydraulic restoration project at Sugar River Alder. Judy Barnard made a motion to approve of resolution. **Motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION

Holt House RFP – Daniel Olson updated the Board on the Holt House and asked the Board for the following: a formal name of the building, to formally set the Historic Building Boundaries and the number of buildings or objects contained within, whether or not the Board desires to have a separate public meeting allowing comments and to appoint a committee of two Board members to work with the STHH committee.

Dan suggests to the Board to pass a resolution that states what they decide, so it can be submitted alongside the nomination and the Board agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board decided that going into closed session was no longer necessary.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED – Consent Agenda

Emily Porter made a motion to approve the following minutes: February 21, 2018 and October 24, 2018.

Jerry Paulson abstained.

Motion Passed.

Approval to Release, destroy meeting verbatim recordings – Judy Barnard made a motion to approve of the resolution. **Motion Passed unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

1. Eastern Bluebird Monitor Training over Zoom starting at 5:00pm on March 12th.
2. Budburst Monitor Training over Zoom starting at 6:00pm on March 18th.

Mike Eickman announced that the Sand Bluff Bird Observatory will open for the season on Saturday March 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry Paulson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM; **motion passed unanimously.**

Next regular Board Meeting– 5:30 PM Wednesday, March 18th, Forest Preserve Headquarters

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Wendlandt
Recording Secretary