

GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 1, 2019

PLACE: Forest Preserve District Headquarters, Wheaton, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Jenness, Chairperson, Troy Cooper, Jim Hill, Diane Sellinger, Britney Toussaint,

FPDDC PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mary Lou Wehrli,, District 5 Commissioner, Wayne Zaininger, St. James Farm site manager

NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Herb Nadelhoffer

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

- Welcome. Our next meeting is Monday, April 15th
- Committee members were reminded of the high-school architecture competition on April 24th at 8:30 a.m. at the Naperville Municipal Center.
- Members discussed the Village of Woodridge grant offering for community members/businesses/organizations who creatively honor the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the Woodridge Park District and the Village of Woodridge.
- Woodridge expressed interest in having the Ad Hoc committee host, via the grant, the above mentioned celebration at the Greene barn complex.
- This celebration may draw attention to the property, gain community involvement and excitement and may identify partnerships despite the fact that hosting is not a responsibility of the Ad Hoc committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS:

- Committee members reviewed the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee and concluded that any interested community members, which may include some Ad Hoc committee members, are free to work through the proper channels to gain permits, support and access for the Woodridge celebration.
- Committee members discussed any parameters or restrictions that should be noted before a commercial realtor presents commercial statistical/marketing information at the next meeting.
- Committee members voiced concerns about the amount of interest by some members of the Board of Commissioners regarding the Ad Hoc committee's work but we are moving forward knowing that our committee was established with reason and for a specific purpose.
- Questions were raised about the current status of the \$24 million dollars that was ear marked twenty years ago to support recreational enhancements to the Greene Valley and Mallard Lake Forest Preserves in response to the concerns expressed by community members living near the landfill(s).
- Committee members expressed concern/confusion over finances/partnerships and the

various expectations that would result from any lease agreements.

- Committee members reiterated their interest and support for the Power Point presentation highlighting outdoor “amenity” suggestions for the barn complex as previewed at the March 4th meeting.
- It was suggested that the committee members attend the Forest Preserve Board Meeting on April 2 to learn about the District’s long term funding.
- **ADJOURN:** 8:40 p.m.

Rachel:

-Residents should use trails and walk or bike ride to barn complex to avoid traffic congestion at complex intersection and on Greene Rd., in general.

Items to consider for exterior community gathering/building include:

-Low key, simple, and unique playground options for children

- Painted checkerboard tables and batchi ball
- stage/theater
- bonfire pit (cautiously placed)
- Adirondak chairs