

## **GREENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 29, 2019

**PLACE:** DuPage County Forest Preserve Headquarters

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

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

**NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carrie and Ramon, Carol

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**

Welcome

Approved Minutes from the April 15 meeting

Summary of what the committee has accomplished in the last two weeks. Britney and Jim toured barn and Oak Cottage. Britney and Rachel toured Hidden Oaks. Diane and Rachel met with Kevin Maguire. All members of the committee attended the Architecture and Design Students from Naperville North Highschool and Naperville Central Highschool competition. Britney and Rachel presented the grant for Greene Barn awareness to the Village of Woodridge. Jim and Diane working on Phase 2, Britney and Rachel working on Phase 1. Jim met with Jeff Redick and Al Murphy.

Introduction of Daniel Hebreard.

**Daniel Hebreard:** His comments included...

Mr. Hebreard talked about the six pieces of property including Fullersburg Woods, Kline Creek, Danada House, St. James, Mayslake, and Graue Mill and stated that the forest preserve is moving toward education. The landfill money covers operating costs. The money to cover operating costs of the landfill will be gone in 20 years. \$9 million in bonding money needs to be spent. Operating funds for the barn are a big concern. Mr. Hebreard stated that as far as operating the barn

there would not be any financial support. Pres Hebreard mentioned that the idea had to be great. It could not be a duplicate of an environment or business already available. Mr. Hebreard opened the discussion up for questions. Questions included President Hebreard's interest in holding the forest preserve master plan high, how a partnership could be formed without more specific guidelines provided to the committee, and the acceptance of various partnerships including private, non-for profit, and public by the board. The Downstate Forest Preserve Act was discussed. Is this something that could be flexible, does it apply? Discussion about a long-term concessionaire agreement. Would that be something that the board would support?

**COMMISSIONER WHERLI'S REMARKS: Grant writing**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REMARKS:**

Committee members discussed and complimented high-school student's presentations and ideas during the ARCH competition.

Update from the committee on Phase 1 and Phase 2 mentioning potential partnerships and potential revenue, design and costs.

Discussion ensued about the interest in a partnership with a private entity. What that would look like and whether that would be in the best interest of the public, specifically the community members living in close proximity to the barn.

Continued conversation about the dynamics of having a high traffic venue at the barn.

Debate continued about community priorities and the BEST possible use of the barn given various opinions of the members of the committee and in light of the recent student competition and the results.

Gathering community leaders and influential people that support the committee's proposal drawing attention and weight to the concept.

A committee member suggested visiting a local food to table restaurant to be visited and glean info from.

**ADJOURN: 9:35**

