

**AGENDA**

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners  
County Board Room, County Building  
Thursday, January 19, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

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**PRESIDENT**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ITEM #1**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board and WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Congratulating The Emmy Award Winning Makers Of The Film Entitled “Operation Rhino”  
And Thanking Those Involved In Supporting The Residents Of Misericordia/Heart Of Mercy**

**WHEREAS**, a recent film created by the Chicago Zoological Society has won an Emmy Award; and

**WHEREAS**, “Operation Rhino“ captures the journey of a Brookfield Zoo rhino as it finds a new home at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy; Misericordia/Heart of Mercy opened in 1921 as a maternity hospital for women of meager means, both married and unwed, at 2916 West 47th Street in Chicago; today, located on Chicago’s North Side, Misericordia/Heart of Mercy supports more than 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities—some of whom also have physical challenges and medical issues—from diverse religious, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of “Operation Rhino,” Brookfield Zoo’s veterinary experts and rhino keepers orchestrated the special transport and met with Misericordia/Heart of Mercy residents to discuss rhino care and the conservation efforts underway to save these magnificent pachyderms, with Misericordia residents learning that Brookfield Zoo was the first zoo in the United States to successfully breed the critically endangered black rhino; and

**WHEREAS**, when Brookfield Zoo’s rhino came out of its special transport crate at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy, it was unveiled that the rhino was not real, but rather a ceramic rhino that had been in storage at the zoo’s Pachyderm House, and that the rhino would now be used at Misericordia’s Expressive Arts Studio. The expressive arts are an impactful and effective way that men and women with developmental disabilities can communicate and express their feelings; and

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**WHEREAS**, Misericordia/Heart of Mercy's residents then painted a beautiful mural of the Serengeti on the rhino and it was featured at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy's *Artist in All* event where it helped raise funding for Misericordia/Heart of Mercy. Just a few weeks later, Misericordia's resident artists traveled to Brookfield Zoo where they met a real live black rhino, feeding it fruits and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Chicago Zoological Society believe that the conservation movement must be inclusive of and inspire people from all income levels, communities and abilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Cook County, do hereby commend the creators of the film, "Operation Rhino," for highlighting how expressive arts can enrich the lives of men and women with developmental disabilities, for drawing attention to the need for greater rhino conservation efforts, and for reminding us all of the great work that organizations like Misericordia/Heart of Mercy are doing to support and advocate for those with developmental disabilities.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ITEM #2**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board and WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Honoring Ms. Cassie Hatzfeld,  
Friends of the Parks' "2011 Outstanding Forest Preserve District Employee"**

**WHEREAS**, each year, Friends of the Parks recognizes individuals and groups who have, in its judgment, most improved their local park or forest preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Cassie Hatzfeld has been recognized by Friends of the Parks as the "2011 Outstanding Forest Preserve District Employee;" and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Hatzfeld is a Naturalist I in the Department of Resource Management; and

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**WHEREAS**, Ms. Hatzfeld has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership by developing and coordinating a County-Wide Teen Service-Learning Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Hatzfeld is an invaluable member of the Education Section and has been instrumental during the stand up of the new Youth Education Outreach Team; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past year, Ms. Hatzfeld has coordinated over 300 workdays across numerous sites throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teen Service-Learning Program has allowed over 9,000 students to learn about the local environment while committing over 26,000 hours to the care and stewardship of the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, by building relationships with teens and teachers throughout the County, Ms. Hatzfeld has been able to connect new and diverse groups with the natural world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Ms. Cassie Hatzfeld on being recognized by the Friends of the Parks as the “2011 Outstanding Forest Preserve District Employee,” and do commend her diligent and successful efforts to energize and engage a whole new generation of Cook County citizens in the stewardship of our precious natural resources.

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ITEM #3**

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I, Chapter 16, Section 1-16-4 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

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**ITEM #3 cont'd**

**Section 1-16-4. – Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance**

- A. *Title.*** This division shall be known and may be cited as the “Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance.”
- B. *Purpose.*** The purpose of the Forest Preserve District Cook County Lighting Ordinance is to achieve effective and efficient lighting, while:
1. preserving the safety, security and well-being of Cook County residents and visitors;
  2. protecting natural flora and fauna;
  3. conserving energy and other resources; and
  4. allowing visual access to starry night skies.

Accordingly, it is the intent of this Ordinance to have Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments use lighting systems that minimize light pollution, light trespass and conserve energy while maintaining nighttime safety, utility, security and productivity.

- C. *Public and Private Partners.*** Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments shall strive to plan, design, operate and maintain their lighting systems, with public and private partners, in a manner that meets the guidelines and objectives outlined in this ordinance.
- D. *Applicability.*** The requirements of this Code shall apply to all new and replacement lighting on roadways, developments, properties, buildings or structures under the jurisdiction of Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments. Each Forest Preserve District of Cook County Department will create, enact and implement policies and procedures to meet the purposes of this ordinance in accordance with the guidelines set forth herein.
- E. *Severability.*** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or administrative agency, the invalidity of that provision or application shall not affect, impair or invalidate any remaining section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance or its application.
- F. *Conformance with Applicable Codes.*** All outdoor electric illuminating devices shall be installed in conformance with the provisions of the Cook County Code, the Cook County Zoning Regulations, the Illinois Compiled Statutes or any Federal Statute. Where any provision of any of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, or any Federal Statute, or any related County regulation conflicts with the requirements of this ordinance, the most restrictive shall govern.
- G. *Guidelines.*** In furtherance of this ordinance, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments will work to ensure that:

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1. All lighting fixtures and lamps shall be located, installed, directed, shielded and maintained to avoid light trespass and to eliminate direct light and/or glare on neighboring properties. To the best extent practicable, light emitted from outdoor lighting on Forest Preserve District property shall not cause the light level along any property line, as measured at a height of 60 inches above grade in a plane at any angle of inclination to exceed the maximum light level of 0.1 footcandles. For purposes of this section, "footcandle" is defined as "a unit of luminous flux."
  2. Lights that minimize the amount of electricity consumed (such as Low Pressure Sodium, High Pressure Sodium, Mercury Vapor or Light Emitting Diode) are to be installed, to the best extent practicable.
  3. Lighting directed upwards is to be eliminated, to the best extent practicable. When lighting flags, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments will strive to install lighting that is directed downwards, to the best extent practicable.
  4. All non-essential lighting is encouraged to be turned off after business hours and/or when not in use.
  5. Where practical, outdoor lighting installations are to include timers, dimmers, sensors, or photocell controllers that turn the lights off during daylight hours to reduce overall energy consumption and eliminate unnecessary lighting. Sensor activated fixtures should not be triggered by activity off the subject property.
  6. When selecting new outdoor lighting, the full cost of operation over the life of the fixture(s) should be considered. Substantial annual energy savings may be realized by using quality efficient fixtures. To the best extent practicable, all lamps installed must exceed 72 lumens per watt.
  7. Indiscriminate and excessive lighting should be avoided. Light should be directed only to where it is needed with appropriate intensity.
  8. On properties which are adjacent to or contain sensitive biological resources, any exterior lighting shall be limited to low-level lights and shields to minimize the amount of light entering any identified sensitive biological resource areas, to the best extent practicable.
- H. Exceptions.** This ordinance shall not apply if the Forest Preserve District of County Administrative Department finds that one or more of the following conditions apply:
1. The lighting is required by State, County or Federal law.

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2. The lighting is in use for a temporary purpose, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Special Events
  - b. Seasonal Decorations
  - c. Maintenance or repair operations
  - d. Other emergency lighting
3. The lighting is in use for construction activities intended to keep a roadway in serviceable condition. Lighting used for construction must only be erected during the period of construction and must be removed upon completion of construction activities.
4. The lighting is in use for the control of aircraft.
5. The lighting is located within a fountain, underwater or to illuminate the American Flag.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM #4**

Real Estate .....Meeting of January 19,  
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Rules & Administration..... Meeting of January 19,  
2012

Finance..... Meeting of January 19,  
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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE**

**ITEM #5**

Transmitting a Communication dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for 2012 projects identified in the attached "2012 Capital Projects Bid List." Approval at this time will allow the projects to be advertised as plans and specifications are available. All contracts requiring formal approval will be presented with their respective bid results to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

District (s): Districtwide