

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – January 8, 2024**

On Monday, January 8, 2024, the Planning Committee met at the Lake County Forest Preserve District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – With a quorum in the room, Chair Paras Parekh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and confirmed electronic attendance for member Esiah Campos via Zoom.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Paras Parekh, Marah Altenberg, Esiah Campos, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, and John Wasik. Absent: Carissa Casbon.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President	Steve Neaman	Alex Eichman
Paul Frank	Rebekah Snyder	Julie Gragnani
Ann Maine (via Zoom)	Mary Kann	Betsy Gates-Alford, Corporate Counsel
Alex Ty Kovach	Ron Davis	Paula Ali
Ken Jones	Alyssa Firkus	Debbie Boness
Kevin Kleinjan	Dan Stearns	Kim Mikus Croke
John Nelson	Pati Vitt	

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Hunter, second by member Altenberg to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- \$200,000 National Fish & Wildlife grant awarded for work at Lyons Woods;
- 2023 recap of fundraising results from the Preservation Foundation;
- 2023 recap of Online Native Plant Sale; Stewarding Healthy Landscapes program; Fall burn season; Dunn Museum history blog;
- New Brush Pile Burn notification procedure with interactive online map;
- December winter break attendance at museum; Fossil exhibit closes January 15 and Managing Healthy Landscapes opens February 10;
- Lake County History Symposium on January 18; 41st annual Profiles in Excellence event on February 4 with the theme “Music Roots”;
- Millennium Trail – Ethel’s Woods to Pine Dunes project has received funding of \$3.4 million from CMAP and TAP-L program;
- 2023 recap of golf gift card sales;
- Notecards designed and printed in Lake County are available for purchase in the museum gift shop;
- Winter issue of Horizons magazine is available online or in print this week.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Libertyville Township Road District for the Oak Spring Road Bridge Replacement at Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach showed the project on a map and explained that the Road District did not fully understand IDOT’s requirements and the IGA needs to be modified. Planning Director Kleinjan responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Amended and Restated Easement Agreement with the Village of Volo for a Multi-Use Path along Fish Lake Road at Marl Flat Forest Preserve – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach showed the project on a map and explained that the Road District did not fully understand IDOT’s requirements and the IGA needs to be amended. Planning Director Kleinjan responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Recreational Lease with Commonwealth Edison at Singing Hills Forest Preserve – Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Altenberg to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach showed the project on a map and explained that the current lease with ComEd needs to be renewed, it will be for a 10-year period, with an option for a 10-year renewal. Director Jones responded to questions and with a voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None


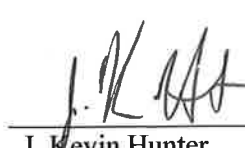
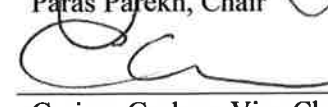
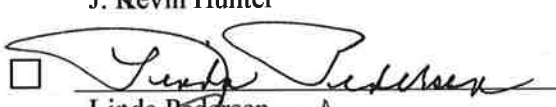
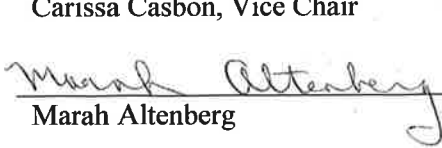
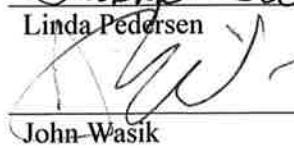
Committee member Campos and Commissioner Maine disconnected from Zoom at 1:25 p.m.

12.0 Closed Session –Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Pedersen to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:53 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Parekh adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
 Paras Parekh, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 J. Kevin Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Carissa Casbon, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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