

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee  
January 9, 2017 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, January 9, 2017. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*  
Sid Mathias, *Vice Chair*  
Paul Frank  
Sandra Hart  
Linda Pedersen  
Craig Taylor  
Tom Weber  
Jeff Werfel  
Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, *President*  
Diane Hewitt  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Steve Neaman  
Mary Kann  
Randy Seebach  
Jim Anderson  
John Nelson  
Nan Buckardt

**Also Present:**

Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Rebekah Snyder  
Ken Jones  
Rebecca Hegner  
Nick Huber  
Matt Ueltzen  
Julie Gragnani  
Debra Ramai  
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*  
Skip Goss  
Grant Farrell  
Barb Thompson

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Tom Weber led the pledge of allegiance.

**3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**4.0 Public Comment** – None

**5.0 Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Kovach distributed a report and commented on:

- Senate bill for real estate conveyance of Black Crown, Prairie Wolf and Oriole Grove will be re-filed;
- Bi-annual *Wild Things Conference* in February will feature three District staff as presenters;
- Level A accreditation was received from PDRMA's loss control award program;
- Half-way through the fiscal year, the Preservation Foundation has reached 59% of its goal for the Annual Fund; Executive Director Rebekah Snyder responded to questions;
- Distributed a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency stating that in their opinion, the District's rehabilitation project at the Fort Sheridan parade grounds meets the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and they concur in a finding of no adverse effect.
- 2016 Nursery volunteer program summary;
- Public Affairs recently claimed all forest preserve locations on Google Places, giving us the ability to update preserve information displayed on Google searches;
- The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's opinion is that Lakewood Farms does not have sufficient integrity for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
- Joint Committee meeting on January 30 at 8:30 a.m. at the Operations and Public Safety facility;
- Annual Volunteer Thank-You Breakfast on February 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Greenbelt Cultural Center.
- Attorney Norton will hold a Commissioner training session following the January 17 Board meeting;
- President Maine made remarks regarding the committee restructure.

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Hart, second by member Weber to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2016 joint meeting of the Planning and Restoration, and Land Preservation and

Acquisition Committee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**7.0 Correspondence** – Related to Mr. Kovach’s previous comments regarding the letter received from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, he distributed a copy of the book the District submitted to the agency along with other documentation.

**8.0 Old Business** - None

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 Recommend approval of Ordinance approving amendment to Intergovernmental and License Agreement with County of Lake for construction and operation of a Wetland Mitigation Bank and Multi-Use Trail at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve** – Mr. Kovach illustrated the project site on a map and summarized the amendment to correct Exhibit A so that the Licensed Premises matches the scope of the Work. There is no financial impact. Motion by member Mathias, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

**9.2 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Hydrologic Restoration Planning at Ray Lake Forest Preserve to Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$82,600.00** – Mr. Kovach illustrated the site on a map and summarized the project, noting that \$66,524 of the project will be funded by an Illinois Clean Energy Foundation grant. Natural Resources Director Jim Anderson responded to questions. Motion by member Wilke, second by member Werfel to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

**9.3 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to Contract with Integrated Lakes Management for Woodland Restoration at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, increasing the Contract Amount by \$19,924.00** – Mr. Kovach illustrated the site on a map and summarized the additional scope of work for removal and disposal of hundreds of dead ash trees. Director Anderson responded to questions. Motion by member Hart, second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

**9.4 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 to Contract with National Construction Rentals for Installation and Removal of Temporary Fencing at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, increasing the Contract Amount by \$3,295.56** – Mr. Kovach illustrated the site on a map and summarized the additional scope of work for a 5-month time extension on the rental fence that helps keep the public off the closed lakeshore portion where the USACE is using heavy construction equipment, and to protect and aid the establishment of newly installed plant material. Motion by member Frank, second by member Werfel to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

**9.5 Information Only – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Update** – Director Randy Seebach made opening remarks and noted that the first part of the budget process is to update the committee on the status of the CIP projects. Director Anderson summarized each natural resource project on the project status report distributed to the committee. Director Seebach then summarized each capital project on the report. The Directors responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. During discussion, member Frank left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.


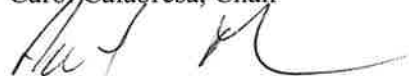





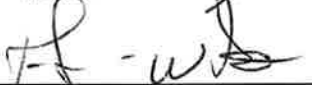
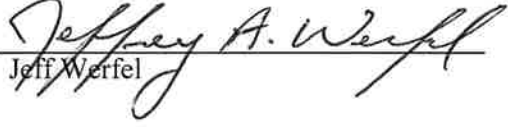
**10.0 Executive Session** – Motion by member Hart, second by member Pedersen to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition or lease of real property for the District and for the setting of a price for the sale or lease of District property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 2:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:57 p.m.

11.0 **Next meetings:** Joint committee meeting to review the CIP on January 30, 2017 at the Operations & Public Safety facility. Next Planning Committee is February 6, 2017.

12.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Calabresa declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

**Approved:**

**Planning Committee:**

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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