



PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Monday, June 6, 2016

The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2016. The meeting was convened at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair
Carol Calabresa
Bill Durkin
Diane Hewitt
Sid Mathias
Craig Taylor
Tom Weber

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Jim Anderson
Steve Neaman
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Nan Buckardt
John Nelson
Debra Ramai
Helena Keller
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*

Committee Members Absent:

Sandra Hart

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016 AND JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016

Motion by member Sauer, second by member Weber to approve the Minutes of the April 4 and May 2, 2016 meetings. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Kovach presented an update of District projects, news and upcoming events.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to consider providing the local cost share for a portion of the shared use path and sidewalk along U.S. Route 45 as part of the Millburn Bypass project, and to authorize execution of a Letter of Intent between IDOT and the District

On April 4, 2016, Director Seebach approached the Planning and Restoration Committee regarding the matter of funding a shared-use path and sidewalk along U.S. Route 45 as part of the Millburn Bypass Project. IDOT had proposed the District provide the 20% local share of engineering and construction of the Millennium Trail portion of the project, estimated at \$34.8k. The Committee agreed for staff to craft a Letter of Intent using caution that wording be concise as to what the District would be responsible for, with regard to potential cost overruns, while keeping in mind the importance



for the partner agencies and local communities to participate. At the April 7 Finance and Administrative Committee meeting, the committee consensus was for staff to negotiate further with the partner agencies to reduce the District's share of the funding and to consider dividing the responsibilities by jurisdiction. As a result of those additional negotiations, the partners agencies including the Village of Lindenhurst, the Village of Old Mill Creek and Lake Villa Township have proposed an alternative where the District's 20% share for engineering and construction would include only the portion of the shared use path adjacent to McDonald Woods Forest Preserve and split the 20% local share costs with Lake Villa Township for the proposed sidewalk adjacent McDonald Woods. The District's local share contribution is now estimated at \$16,221. The District would also provide long-term maintenance responsibilities for only the shared use path adjacent McDonald Woods Forest Preserve. Mr. Seebach added that the local cost share could be funded through the easement fees collected from IDOT for this project.

There was brief discussion, and it was the consensus of the Committee for staff to execute a Letter of Intent and negotiate an agreement with IDOT

8.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Village of Buffalo Grove for the Flood Control Reservoir Expansion and Public Access Improvements at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve

After review and discussion, motion by member Mathias, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for Public Access Improvements at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve to Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$220,765.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Sauer, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.2 Monthly Department Report

Director Anderson presented an update of Natural Resources' ongoing restoration projects and programs. Mr. Anderson then followed up with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming fiscal year's winter habitat restoration projects.

9.3 Presentation of FY 2016/2017 Winter Habitat Restoration Projects

This presentation served to answer the questions of why, where and how the District conducts habitat restoration, and what the results have been documented.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that conservation has been identified as a strategic direction as part of the District's 100-year vision, the goals of which are to 1) conserve nature as a landscape-scale, 2) prevent species loss, 3) develop data-driven conservation, 4) eradicate buckthorn, and 5) improve water quality. He listed the various habitat restoration programs in which the District participates with other conservation groups (i.e., Chicago Wilderness, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, Morton Arboretum): the Southern Des Plaines River Preserves Habitat Enhancement Project, the Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan, the Illinois Forest Action Plan, and the Biodiversity Recovery Plan.



The planned habitat restorations planned for the winter season, 2016-2017, he said, include the following 18 preserves for a total of 510 acres:

- ❖ Van Patten Woods
- ❖ Wadsworth Savanna
- ❖ Grant Woods-Northern unit
- ❖ Grant Woods-Southern unit
- ❖ Lyons Woods
- ❖ Sedge Meadow
- ❖ Greenbelt-Eastern unit
- ❖ Greenbelt-Western unit
- ❖ Kettle Grove
- ❖ Lakewood-Broberg Marsh
- ❖ Lakewood-Schreiber Lake
- ❖ Middlefork Savanna
- ❖ MacArthur Woods
- ❖ Grainger Woods
- ❖ Wright Woods Mitigation
- ❖ Elm Road Forest
- ❖ Prairie Wolf
- ❖ Ryerson Woods

The objective is to restore savanna, native shrubland, prairie, sedge meadow, oak hickory woodland, northern flatwoods, and mesic woodland through removal of invasive species such as buckthorn and honeysuckle.

Mr. Anderson continued on with examples of the District's past restoration efforts, and highlighted the results of habitat restoration with before and after images.

9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Professional Services for North Mill Creek Channel Restoration-Construction Phase II to V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois, in a Contract Price not to exceed \$285,272.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Sauer, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement between the Lake County Forest Preserve District and Continental Beeson Corner, LLC regarding Offsite Mitigation at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Mathias to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission to partially fund the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup's biological sampling project

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Mathias to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.



10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION





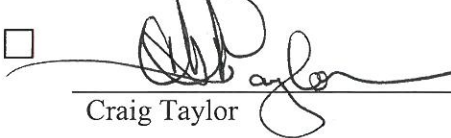

12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016.

13.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

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COMMITTEE:

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