

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee Meeting,  
Monday, August 29, 2016**

The Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee met Monday, August 29, 2016 at the Lake County Forest Preserves, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

- 1.0 **Call to Order** -With a quorum present, Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Mary Ross Cunningham, *Vice Chair*  
Chuck Bartels  
Steve Carlson  
Audrey Nixon  
Jeff Werfel  
Nick Sauer

**Also Present:**

Ann B. Maine, *President*  
Alex "Ty" Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Nan Buckardt  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Steve Neaman  
Mary Kann  
John Nelson  
Rebekah Snyder  
Andrew Osborne  
Gina Wedekind  
Maureen Clausen  
Russell Lissau, *Daily Herald*  
Nancy Schumm  
Adrienne Doherty

**Absent:**

Craig Taylor, *Chair*  
Brent Paxton  
S. Michael Rummel

- 2.0 **Pledge Of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3.0 **Addenda to the Agenda** – There were no addenda to the agenda.

- 4.0 **Public Comment** – Deferred to Item #9.2 on the Agenda.

- 5.0 **Executive Director Comments** - Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fred Fest on August 21; \$8,000 raised to support Grassy Lake restoration.
- After months of being suspended, the Recreational Trails grant for Lake Carina was awarded by IDNR, however, because of the grant suspension the project was moved to the unfunded list earlier in the year. IDNR has been informed that the District will not accept the grant.
- Recreational Trails grant for trail connection from Van Patten/Des Plaines River Trail to Pine Dunes/Millennium Trail was awarded; staff negotiating with the State regarding the scope of work.
- An OSLAD grant for Spring Bluff in the amount of \$263,700 was awarded in 2015 and the District signed the grant letter. Subsequently the grant was suspended by the State but is now active; this project had been placed on the unfunded list in the CIP. Discussion is needed to respond to the activation of the funding.
- Public Museum capital grant continues as suspended and should this grant ever be released, staff will try to negotiate with the State to recover some, or all, of the funds since the scope of work has changed.
- Summary of the Des Plaines River Trail Challenge.
- Chief Operations Officer Mike Tully elected to Board of Directors of National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) for 2-year term.

- 6.0 **Approve Minutes**

6.1 Approve Minutes from June 6, 2016 meeting. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Nixon. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

- 7.0 **Correspondence** – None

- 8.0 **Old Business** – None

9.0 **New Business**

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the transfer of cultural items from the Lake County Discovery Museum's collections to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Director Buckardt gave a summary of the Recommendation. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Sauer to approve the item as presented. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 For Information Only – Update on the Discovery Museum relocation project.

Public Comment: Nancy Schumm, Lake Barrington, Illinois; Concerns about Lakewood Discovery Museum; spoke in favor of the museum staying at Lakewood. Adrienne Doherty, Lake Bluff, Illinois; spoke on the importance of the history of Lake County and had questions about the forthcoming public meetings in regards to the Lakewood Forest Preserve master plan process.

Director Buckardt provided an update on the following:

- General background regarding the collections and building.
- Background on the relocation.
- The Museum operations for 2016-2017.
- Chief Operations Officer Tully gave an update on the buildings at Lakewood.
- Discussed the Lake County Forest Preserve correspondence with Landmarks Illinois.

10.0 **Department Reports**

10.1 Education Report - Director Buckardt, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting programs, projects, activities and exhibits.


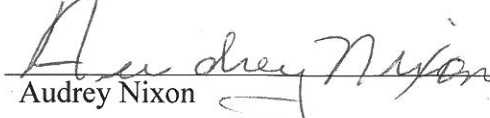
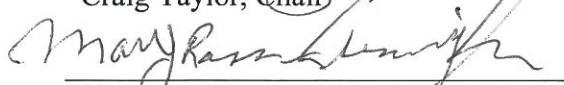
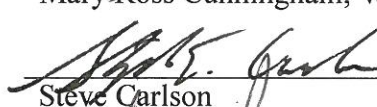


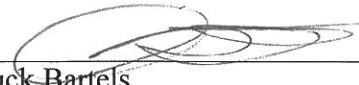
10.2 Public Affairs Report- Director Hamilton-Smith reported on what Public Affairs is promoting and/or has participated in within the District.

11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by Bartels, second by Carlson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing: Review of Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following votes: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. the committee went into executive session at 9:55 am and returned to open session at 9:56 am.

12.0 **Next Meeting** – October 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

13.0 **Adjourn** - With no further business; motion by member Carlson, second by member Werfel to adjourn. Voice vote had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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