

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee  
October 3, 2016 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee met on Monday, October 3, 2016. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum of the Committee present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

**Committee Members**

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*  
Steve Mandel, *Vice Chair*  
Linda Pedersen  
Tom Weber (10:40 a.m.)  
Jeff Werfel  
Terry Wilke

**Absent:**

Bonnie Thomson Carter

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, *President*  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Randy Seebach  
Ken Jones  
Steve Neaman  
Mary Kann

Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
John Nelson  
Rebekah Snyder  
Jim Anderson  
Julie Gragnani  
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*  
Russell Lissau, *Daily Herald*

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

**3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – Motion by member Mandel, second by member Pedersen to add Executive Session as the new item #11.0 on the agenda. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

**4.0 Public Comment** – None

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

- Grant application submitted to US Forest Service for Middlefork Savanna buckthorn project;
- Preservation Foundation Fall Classic fundraiser at ThunderHawk Golf Course on September 20;
- Pokémon Go interactive map containing “stops” & “gyms” in the forest preserves;
- Hawkfest 2016 on October 14-15;
- Ethel Untermyer Conservation Forum on October 16;
- 2016 Chicago Regional Tree Initiative Urban Forestry Award;
- Working with County on an RFP for legislative services.

**6.0 Approve Minutes** – Chair Calabresa circulated the Minutes from August 29, 2016, open and closed sessions, for signature approval.

**7.0 Correspondence** - None

**8.0 Payment Approvals** – Chair Calabresa circulated the July, 2016 Holland and Knight invoice for signature approval.

**9.0 Old Business** – None

**10.0 New Business**

**10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution to purchase approximately 10.9-acre property in Vernon Township known as the County of Lake, Trustee property for \$1.00 as an addition to Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve** – Executive Director Kovach summarized the background, noting that the County Clerk's office notified the District that the County of Lake, Trustee was the owner of this property, which the District mistakenly believed it owned, and inquired whether the District wished to acquire the property. The error dates back to 1976 when the District acquired 6 parcels, and one of the six parcels was omitted when the tax exemption application for the purchase was prepared. Ken Jones provided additional details. Per the terms of the County's Green Book bid process, the District placed a sealed bid of \$1.00 for the parcel, which the County accepted. Once the District pays for the property, the County will issue a quit claim deed and the District will regain ownership.

Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Intergovernmental and License Agreement with County of Lake for Construction and Operation of Wetland Mitigation Bank and Multi-Use Trail at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve – Director Randy Seebach summarized the details of an agreement with Lake County for creation of a wetland bank and trail at Buffalo Creek. He provided details of the mitigation plan, noting that the wetland bank will create over 25 acres of wetland credits to be used as needed by LCDOT, the District and other public agencies. The District will receive 2.36 acres of mitigation credits for future District projects, and the County requested permission to sell or allow the use of up to 10 acres of wetland credits that are not used by either the County or the District, to or by other public agencies. Mr. Seebach responded to questions, followed by a motion by member Pedersen, second by member Mandel to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.

10.3 Recommend approval of Ordinance approving acquisition of land at Lakewood Forest Preserve from the Village of Wauconda –The District will receive 1.9 acres on Grand Blvd. in exchange for 0.35-acre parcel located south of Gilmer Road and west of Liberty Lakes Blvd., adjacent to the Village’s existing water tower site. The District will pay the closing costs. The Ordinance approves the acquisition of the land from the Village. 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 and Administrative Committee.

10.4 Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing Conveyance of District Land to Village of Wauconda – In conjunction with item 10.3, the Resolution authorizes the District to convey its 0.35- acre parcel to the Village of Wauconda. Motion by member Mandel, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.


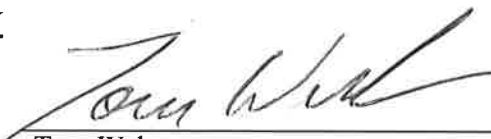
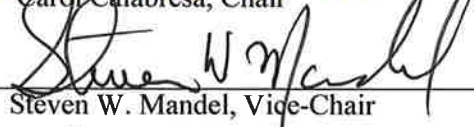
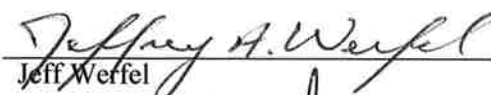

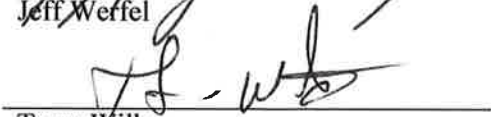
**11.0 Executive Session** – Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Wilke to go into executive session for the purpose discussing land acquisition matters. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 10:48 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:12 a.m.

**12.0 Next scheduled meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2016.

President Maine provided details she learned during a recent meeting with AbbVie officials regarding their community activities in the city of North Chicago.

**13.0 Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Calabresa declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Approved:

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