



**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Monday, October 3, 2016**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, October 3, 2016. The meeting was convened at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**Committee Members Present:**

Carol Calabresa  
Bill Durkin  
Sandra Hart  
Diane Hewitt  
Craig Taylor  
Tom Weber

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, President	Linda Pedersen
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder
Mike Tully	Debra Ramai
Randy Seebach	Helena Keller
Jim Anderson	Matt Norton, <i>Holland &amp; Knight</i>
Steve Neaman	Barb Thompson, <i>Lake County Audubon</i>
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Michael Gleeson
Nan Buckardt	
John Nelson	
Mary Kann	

**Committee Members Absent:**

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Chair Carter and Vice Chair Sauer, Secretary Ramai called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and called for a motion to nominate a Chair pro tem. Motion by member Taylor, second by member Calabresa to nominate member Durkin. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and member Durkin took over the meeting as Chair pro tem (Chair).

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Taylor led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None**

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Gleeson of Gurnee, Illinois addressed the Committee, requesting the District consider creating an archery range at Pine Dunes Forest Preserve. It was the consensus of the Committee to take the request under advisement from staff. Chair Durkin asked Mr. Gleeson to leave contact information on the Committee sign-in sheet so that somebody will be able to follow-up with him.

**5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

**Leadership, Sustainability, Conservation, Communication, Education and Outreach**

- ❖ As part of the pilot buckthorn eradication project, a total of 193 acres will be cleared of buckthorn and replanted with native seeds and shrubs on 53 acres at Middlefork Savanna and 140 acres of private lands managed by the City of Lake Forest, Glenmore Woods HOA, Knollwood Country Club and Lake County Division of Transportation, respectively. District staff submitted a grant application to the U.S. Forest Service's State and Private Forestry



Grant Program to support a 3-year restoration initiative. If awarded, the grant will supply \$233,029, which will be matched with a \$200,000 private donation, \$51,866 in District labor, and approximately \$10,300 from budgeted commodities and contractals.

Sustainability and Preservation Foundation

- ❖ The second annual Fall Classic fundraiser was held at ThunderHawk Golf Course on September 20, organized for the Preservation Foundation by board member and CDW executive Steven Braat. Approximately \$24,000 was raised to support Forest Preserve education programs.

Communication

- ❖ A Pokémon Go Interactive Map has been created to inform District Rangers and Customer Service staff where Poké Stops can be found within the forest preserves. The map allows the District to communicate to the creators when a site is inappropriate, and provides another avenue to connect to the public.

Conservation, Education and Outreach

- ❖ In partnership with Lake Forest College and several birding groups, Hawkfest 2016 will be held at Fort Sheridan on October 14 and 15. A family-friendly event will occur Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Blanding's turtle recovery work will be highlighted as a *Conservation Success Story* during the Ethel Untermyer Conservation Forum, to be held at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area on Sunday, October, 16.
- ❖ The District has been selected as a winner in the category of *Best Natural Area/Woodland Conservation* of the 2016 Chicago Regional Tree Initiative (CRTI) Urban Forestry Awards for its efforts in canopy thinning for oak regeneration, including a successful resident education campaign and efforts to work with partners (including residents) to eradicate buckthorn.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ With the announcement that Kip Kolkmeier will no longer be representing the District in Springfield, the District has been working with the County to secure legislative services through the Request for Proposal process. Nine proposals have been submitted.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2016**

Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Weber to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2016 meeting. Voice vote being had, 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 an Intergovernmental and License Agreement with the County of Lake for the construction and operation of a 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 mitigation bank and trail at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve. He provided details



of the mitigation plan, noting that the wetland bank will create 25.36 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 to be used 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 Hart, second by member Calabresa to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Control Clearing Phase 4 at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$51,709.75**

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

**9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Wetland Mitigation and Restoration Project at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$75,550.00**

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

**9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Control Phase 5 Clearing at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$128,940.00**

After review and discussion, motion by member Hart, second by member Calabresa to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval. Member Calabresa requested for staff to prepare a presentation of the project's progression for a future meeting.

**9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving Acceptance of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 319 Grant to fund the North Mill Creek Channel Restoration Phase 2 at Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve**

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

**9.6 Monthly Natural Resources Department Report**

Director Anderson reported on the buckthorn eradication project, including a second grant application submitted by the District to the ChiCal Grant Program, gave status updates on the U.S. Army Corps' project on the lakeshore at Fort Sheridan and the Des Plaines River dam removals. Mr. Anderson introduced an interactive map produced by staff that will contain information regarding ongoing projects in the forest preserves.

**10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**



12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2016.

13.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Committee, motion by member Calabresa to adjourn. Chair Durkin adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

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**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**  
 Monday, October 3, 2016

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