

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee
December 4, 2017 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, December 4, 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 9:42 am. President Maine asked that the Minutes reflect that member Paul Frank was unable to attend due to the meeting being rescheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Carol Calabresa, Chair
Sandy Hart
Linda Pedersen
Craig Taylor
Tom Weber
Jeff Werfel

Absent:

Paul Frank
Sid Mathias
Terry Wilke

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President
Chuck Bartels
Steve Carlson
Mary Ross Cunningham
Michael Danforth
Diane Hewitt
Judy Martini
Vance Wyatt
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Steve Neaman
Jim Anderson
John Nelson
John Tannahill
Mary Kann

Also Present:

Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Nan Buckardt
Ken Jones
Rebekah Snyder
Sue Hawkins
Allison Frederick
Jeanna Martinucci
Jackie DeMasi
Brett Peto
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton
Richard Riley, *Central States Tower*
Jonathan Meyer, *Village of Volo*
Steve Henley, *Village of Volo*
Barb Thompson
Colleen Malec

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** –Commissioner Chuck Bartels led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None
- 4.0 Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- 5.0 Executive Director Report** – Public Affairs and Development Director Katherine Hamilton-Smith introduced the new Public Affairs division staff in attendance. Executive Director Kovach reported on the following, and staff addressed questions on:
- workers compensation costs trend during the last three years;
 - farm license income during the last three years;
 - the Spring Bluff Chiwaukee Prairie Joint Burn project;
 - a Progress Update on the 2008 \$185 million referendum;
 - Middlefork Bridge and trail connection project is complete;
 - Expansion of the District's social media messaging;
 - CSO Tjarksen's investigation of lost wedding ring and subsequent return to owner;
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Werfel, second by member Hart to approve the open and executive session minutes from November 6, 2017. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.
- 7.0 Correspondence** – None
- 8.0 Payment Approvals** – None

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Policy direction regarding Central States Tower's request to site a cell tower at Countryside Golf Club following the open house and public input process - Executive Director Kovach gave an overview of the request from Central States Tower to place a cell tower within Countryside Golf Course, and the subsequent discussions, open house, and public input period. At this point, staff's recommendation is not to proceed, based on 1) there is not a convincing argument that there are no other options for locating the tower; and 2) the public input received was all in opposition except for two residents. Mr. Kovach was looking for more of a balance showing more public support and acknowledging the need for additional service in the area, and that did not happen. He asked the committee for policy direction and a general discussion ensued. Member Pedersen agreed with staff; member Weber noted that the cell tower representatives should improve their public outreach in the future to gain more support. Member Taylor was opposed based on the public input and felt a different design could be considered in the future. Mr. Kovach replied that cell tower requests should be considered on a case by case basis. Member Hart agreed with member Pedersen. Member Werfel felt the process was correct and each request should be individually considered. Chuck Bartels, Commissioner District 10, was opposed, saying it would be an eyesore for too many residents, but thanked Mr. Kovach for the work put into the request. President Maine thanked the committee and public and noted that the committee looked at this request as a utility and the people who would have benefitted the most from it felt it was not needed.

Richard Riley spoke on behalf of Central States Tower. He said there is no other open land available in the area, and felt the tower should be located at the maintenance building at Countryside. He showed the sight lines with a tower in place, and showed examples of towers disguised as trees; he suggested using this design as an alternative even though they are more expensive. He felt that if the aesthetics are changed, the issue would go away. Chair Calabresa concluded that the committee's direction to staff was not to proceed.

9.2 Policy direction regarding the Village of Volo's notification that it intends to install lighting improvements within the Millennium Trail at Singing Hills Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach noted that this item was deferred from the last meeting to await comments from the District's insurance carrier (PDRMA). They have weighed in and found no inherent risk associated with this beautification project. Staff recommended allowing the lighting provided that 1) the Village send the District a formal letter stating the intent for the lighting is for beautification only and not for night trail use; 2) a timer will be installed to turn the lights off at a mutually agreed upon time; 3) the Village will reimburse the District for costs to install additional signage; 4) the Village will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs associated with the lighting; and 5) the above conditions will be included in an amendment to the easement agreement between the District and the Village that granted the Trail Easement (New Business Item 10.1). A general discussion ensued and there was no opposition, but questions were addressed regarding how late the lights will be on. Mayor Henley replied that the lights would not be on late into the night, and the nearby sled hill will not be lit. They will work with District staff to agree on the time. Chair Calabresa stated that the committee reached consensus to proceed.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Easement Agreement with Village of Volo regarding the Millennium Trail - Motion by member Weber, second by member Hart 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.

10.2 Recommend approval of Ordinance approving Rules of the Planning Committee as amended – Mr. Kovach explained the amendments to the Rules recommended by the auditors regarding obtaining appraisals and specific values for each building. Motion by member Hart, second by member Weber to approve the Rules of the Planning Committee as amended. Motion by member Werfel, second by member Weber to

defer the previous motion to approve to the January 8, 2017 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion to defer passed unanimously.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution approving conveyance of approximately 131-acre Black Crown Forest Preserve to the State of Illinois in exchange for the State’s conveyance of its partial interests in Oriole Grove and Prairie Wolf Forest Preserves – Mr. Kovach explained that the resolution is the next step in the process to show the State the District’s approval of the land exchange, and to allow the District’s Counsel to work with IDNR’s Counsel to either terminate or amend the existing agreements related to the Oriole Grove and Prairie Wolf sites. Motion by member Weber, 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.

10.4 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Agreement with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain Habitat Restoration Project funded by Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$117,340.40 – Mr. Kovach showed the location on a map and Natural Resource Director Jim Anderson briefly summarized the project. The District will administer the grant funds and project management will be by WDNR. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Taylor 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.









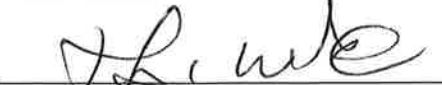
10.5 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Agreement with Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain Habitat Restoration Project funded by Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$245,000.00 – Mr. Kovach noted that like item 10.4, the District will administer the grant funds and project management will be by IDNR. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Hart 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.

11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by member Weber, second by member Werfel to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property, and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The Committees went into executive session at 10:37 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:57 a.m.

12.0 **Next scheduled meeting:** January 8, 2018

13.0 **Adjourn** – Chair Calabresa adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Approved:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
 Carol Calabresa, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Sidney Mathias, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Paul Frank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Sandra Hart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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