

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Finance Committee Minutes – February 8, 2018**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 8, 2018. 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 Mike Rummel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mike Rummel, *Chair*
Linda Pedersen, *Vice Chair*
Steve Carlson
Mary Ross Cunningham
Bill Durkin
Sandy Hart
Aaron Lawlor

Also Present:

Ann Maine, <i>President</i>	John Tannahill
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder
Mike Tully	Deb Boness
Steve Neaman	Christy Marantos
John Nelson	Andrew Osborne
Randy Seebach	Seleena Kuester
Nan Buckardt	Brittany Abrams
Jim Ballowe	Julie Gragnani
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Matt Norton (Corporate Counsel)

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

4.0 Public Comment – None

5.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and reported on a fee waiver granted by President Maine; and emergency purchases for equipment and to move the last of the museum collections from Lakewood to the General Offices. Education Director Buckhardt introduced new staff member Brittany Abrams.

6.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Cunningham, second by member Durkin to approve the minutes of January 11 and January 29, 2018. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and Chair Rummel circulated the minutes for signatures.

7.0 Correspondence – Chair Rummel advised the committee that he received a letter from the Barrington Area Council of Government (BACOG), requesting a dog exercise area be built at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve. This matter had been brought up at the January 29, 2018 joint committee meeting. Attorney Matt Norton explained his opinion that it would be unlawful for the District to construct a dog park at Cuba Marsh because the preserve is a dedicated Land and Water Reserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act. The District's agreement with the State provides that the District will not construct any buildings or any other structures on the site. Also, the recitals specifically state that both parties intend that the property will remain in the condition in which it is at the time the land and water reserve was granted.

Chair Rummel asked the committee's permission to offer BACOG up to 10 hours of the District's staff time to share their expertise and experience in building and maintaining a dog park. President Maine recommended that staff not get into recommending specific sites, but that general concepts would be acceptable. A general discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the committee to avail BACOG up to 10 hours of District staff time, and to have Mr. Kovach prepare a response to their letter.

8.0 Finance

8.1 Payment Approvals – None

8.2 Monthly Financial Report – Director Steve Neaman summarized the financial report for month ending December 31, 2017 and responded to questions from the committee.

8.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution adopting the Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan for an 18-month Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2019 - Director Neaman reviewed the revisions made at the joint committee review on January 29. Also, he explained a revised dollar amount in paragraph 5.1.2.a on page 7, which was changed from “\$1 to \$1.5 million” to “\$900,000”. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Cunningham 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.

8.4 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Fiscal Year 2018/19 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Kovach summarized the adjustments to existing projects, and projects that were added to the CIP. Staff responded to questions and a brief discussion ensued regarding grant cycles and natural resource projects with opportunities for donors. Motion by member Hart, 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.

9.0 Administration

9.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, as an addition to current Collective Bargaining Agreement – Mr. Kovach summarized the memorandum of understanding to address State-required testing when an officer discharges a weapon. Motion by member Durkin, second by member Cunningham 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.

10.0 Operations Committee

10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving a CompleteLink Discount Agreement for Telecommunications Services with AT&T Corp – Administration Director Kann summarized the contract, which is for a two-year period and includes a 6% discount. Motion by member Hart, second by member Durkin 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 Planning Committee – No items

12.0 Old Business - None

13.0 New Business - None

14.0 Executive Session - None

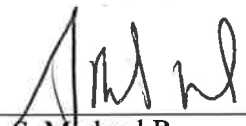
15.0 Next meeting: The meeting scheduled for March 1, 2018 will likely get canceled; the next meeting would be March 8, 2018.

16.0 Adjourn – Motion by member Cunningham, second by member Carlson to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED:

Yea Nay

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S. Michael Rummel, Chair

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Bill Durkin

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Linda Pedersen, Vice Chair

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Sandy Hart

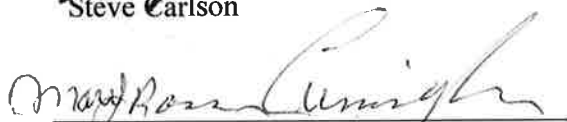
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