

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee
April 3, 2017 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, April 3, 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 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Carol Calabresa, Chair
Paul Frank
Sandy Hart
Linda Pedersen
Craig Taylor
Tom Weber
Jeff Werfel
Terry Wilke

Absent:

Sid Mathias, Vice Chair

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President
Judy Martini
Audrey Nixon
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Steve Neaman
Jim Anderson
Nan Buckardt
Mary Kann
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
John Nelson
Ken Jones

Also Present:

Rebecca Hegner
Rebekah Snyder
Deb Ramai
Matt Norton, Legal Counsel
Julie Gragnani
Darrell Blenniss
Brandon Celayu
Amrou Atassi
Barb Thompson
Skip Goss
Michael Gleeson
Gordon Hockett
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Taylor 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 – Executive Director Kovach distributed and summarized his report, including: grant received from US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; favorable bids for access improvement projects; Near Miss safety program; conversations resulting from the Insider newsletter; upcoming budget review meetings; the Preservation Foundation's 10th anniversary celebration on July 22 at the Adlai Stevenson Historic Home; Independence Grove marina opening April 15; YCC lottery on April 29; joint committee meeting on May 1 to review and approve proposed budget and other items. Mr. Kovach responded to questions.

6.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Wilke, Second by member Hart to approve the open and closed session minutes of March 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 – The Holland & Knight legal bills for December 2016 and January 2017 were circulated for signature approval.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Letter of Intent with Waukegan Port District regarding proposed expansion of runway at Waukegan National Airport and for potential transfer of fee simple and permanent easement interests at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve– Mr. Kovach summarized the terms of the letter of intent and noted that the Waukegan Port District has signed the letter. The next step would be to present it to the full Board for their approval. Negotiations on the IGA are to begin within 30 days of signing the letter

with a completion deadline of 180 days from signing. Motion by member Taylor, second by member Frank to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Kovach reviewed the exhibits attached to the letter and responded to questions. Following discussion, voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) erase Verbatim Recordings in Accordance with The Open Meetings Act and the District's Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records – Motion by member Hart, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Policy direction regarding request from Lake County Public Works Department, representing Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA), to consider routing of proposed Lake Michigan water line extension at Fish Lake Road and Gilmer Roads adjacent to Singing Hills Forest Preserve, and to authorize negotiation of an Intergovernmental Agreement– Mr. Kovach summarized the project on a map, noting that the agency is preparing preliminary plans to extend Lake Michigan water to the villages of Wauconda and Volo. The route will require temporary and permanent easements along the Millennium Trail and at Singing Hills Forest Preserve. Darrell Blennis, Executive Director CLCJAWA, and Brandon Celayu, Project Engineer, introduced themselves and responded to questions. Mr. Blennis clarified that the project is not a Public Works project; it is being undertaken by CLCJAWA. President Maine added that staff should look at what can be done to improve the conditions and restoration of the trail to make it safer. Mr. Blennis noted that a potential alternate route would pass through the residential subdivision with multiple driveway crossings; the route along the Millennium Trail will be less expensive and less disruptive to install. The pipe will go directly under the trail and there should be minimal impacts to tree roots. After discussion the consensus of the committee was to proceed with negotiating an intergovernmental agreement, with heavy oversight by District staff during the process. Mr. Blennis provided additional details on the overall project as it relates to forest preserve property.

10.3 For Information Only: Removal of a portion of the green loop trail and three boardwalks to address public safety concerns, eliminate environmental impacts, and reduce operational costs at Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve – Using a map Mr. Kovach pointed out a portion of the existing loop trail and its boardwalks are in disrepair and no longer safe. The larger boardwalk is very close to the ground and prevents vegetation from growing, which has caused erosion issues. The boardwalks and 1-mile section of wood chip surface are difficult and costly to maintain. Staff determined that this portion of the trail and its boardwalks need to be removed, as the estimated \$250,000 to replace the boardwalks cannot be justified due to light use of the loop. Better signage will be put up to curtail equestrian use in the area. The most scenic portion of the loop will be retained and enhanced by adding an overlook of the Des Plaines River floodplain. Director Tully responded to questions.

10.4 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Construction of Millennium Trail along Russell Road adjacent Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve to Campanella & Sons, Inc., Wadsworth, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$749,865.71 - Mr. Kovach summarized the project on a map and responded to questions. President Maine noted there will be a need for additional parking and Mr. Kovach said staff will continue to monitor its use to determine if additional parking is needed in the future. Following discussion, 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 full Board for approval.

10.5 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Woody & Herbaceous Invasive Plant Control Phase 3 at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve to V3 Construction Group, LTD, Woodridge, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$59,000.00 – Mr. Kovach summarized the project on a map. Motion by member Taylor, 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.

10.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for the Millennium Trail and Parking Lot at Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Itasca, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$137,682.00 – Mr. Kovach summarized the project on a map and noted that a grant received for the project required public access by the end of 2019. Motion by member Pedersen, 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 full Board for approval.

10.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Easement Agreement with Abbott Laboratories at Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve, allowing the District to perform restoration activities at North Mill Creek - Mr. Kovach summarized the restoration area on a map and responded to questions. 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.



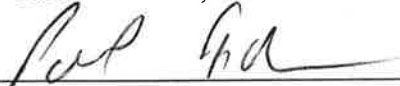




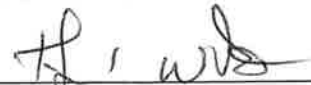
10.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lake County Forest Preserve District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago regarding Offsite Mitigation at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach summarized the mitigation area on a map and responded to questions. Motion by member Hart, second by member Wilke 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 Taylor, second by member Weber to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition or lease of real property for the District. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committees went into executive session at 1:57 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:38 p.m.

12.0 **Next scheduled meeting:** May 1, 2017

13.0 **Adjourn** – Motion by member Taylor, second by member Pedersen to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Approved:

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