

**Lake County Forest Preserves  
Finance Committee Minutes – March 9, 2017**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District Finance Committee met on Thursday, March 9, 2017. The meeting was held at the General Offices, 1899 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** - With a quorum present, Vice Chair Linda Pedersen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Linda Pedersen, *Vice Chair*  
Steve Carlson  
Bill Durkin  
Sandy Hart

**Absent:**

Aaron Lawlor  
Audrey Nixon  
Mike Rummel

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, *President*

Alex Ty Kovach

Mike Tully

Steve Neaman

Mary Kann

Jim Anderson

Jim Ballowe

Nan Buckardt

Katherine Hamilton-Smith

John Nelson

Randy Seebach

John Tannahill

Rebekah Snyder

Laurel Diver

Andrew Osborne

Ken Klick

Shelly Rodriguez

Laura Hedien

Matthew Smith

Andy Hennig

Gary Glowacki

Jenny Sazama

April Vaos

Maureen Shelton

Julie Gagnani

Matt Norton (Corporate Counsel)

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

**3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**4.0 Public Comment** – None

**5.0 Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Kovach distributed and reviewed his report. The District received a \$50,000 grant for Grassy Lake; a \$210,979 grant proposal has been submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund; and the Adopt-a-Turtle program raised \$19,000 to extend the program for 2017. As requested at the last meeting, he reported on the differences between the County's and the District's new travel and mileage reimbursement policy allowances. He explained the form that Commissioners must now fill out for travel and mileage reimbursement, in compliance with the new policy based on state legislation. A copy of the form was distributed to the committee, and staff will also email them an electronic fillable form for their use.

Director John Tannahill introduced his staff in attendance: Laura Hedien, Matthew Smith, and Andy Kennig. Director Mary Kann introduced Shelly Rodriguez; Director Jim Anderson introduced Ken Klick.

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Durkin, second by member Carlson to approve the open and executive session Minutes of February 9, 2017. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Minutes circulated for signatures.

**7.0 Correspondence** – None

**8.0 Finance**

**8.1 Payment Approvals** – None

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

## **9.0 Administration**

9.1 Personnel Actions – Director Kann summarized a request to add a new salary grade within the Temporary Wage Schedule, reclassify two titles from part-time to temporary status, and assign both position titles to Grade T4 in the Temporary Wage Schedule. Motion by member Hart, second by member Carlson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kann summarized a request to approve the reclassification of Sargeant and Shift Commander to align with the newly negotiated collective bargaining agreement. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Recommend approval of Resolution approving a four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police – Mr. Kovach summarized the terms of the new agreement and responded to questions. A general discussion ensued regarding the salary increases. Motion by member Durkin, second by member Carlson 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 Resolution awarding Contract for fabrication of a life-sized reconstruction of a Dryptosaurus Dinosaur to Paleo-artist Tyler Keillor, Brookfield, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$70,000.00 – Mr. Kovach noted funding for this item will come from the \$350,000 of the Museum Grant Fund as authorized last month. Director Nan Buckardt summarized the recommendation for fabrication of an interpretive dinosaur for the new museum and responded to questions. 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.

## **11.0 Planning Committee**

11.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contract for Engineering Services for Trail Construction at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Pearson Brown Associates, Inc., Libertyville, IL in the Contract Price of \$38,500.00 – Mr. Kovach noted that the project had been removed from the CIP after an awarded grant was suspended. The Board later gave direction to reinstate the project when the grant was reinstated. A partial grant payment has been received, and Foundation Director Snyder noted that an Illinois Coastal Management Program grant has also been applied for. Director Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Carlson, 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.

**12.0 Legislative Update** – Michael Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, joined the meeting by phone and provided an update of the bill containing the land swap with IDNR—it passed the House and is now with the Senate. He then gave an overview of the current legislative actions in Springfield including the breakdown in budget negotiations. He also noted that a three-year property tax freeze has deep support on both sides of the aisle. He responded to questions and a general discussion ensued.

Mr. Kovach reviewed a revised list of House and Senate bills including staff's recommended position on each, and the legislative consultants responded to questions. During review, the following direction was made:

- HB3326 – A proposed amendment is coming; the consultant will provide it to staff.
- SB778 – President Maine recommended to find out what this bill really means; get more information.
- HB3127 – will get more information.
- Added to list to monitor – HB2681 regarding emergency powers; will get more information.

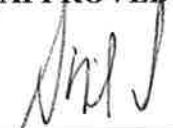

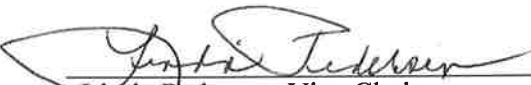



## **13.0 Old Business** – None

**14.0 Executive Session** – Motion by member Hart, second by member Durkin to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and erasure of verbatim recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0. The committee went into executive session at 10:20 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:24 a.m.

**15.0 Next meeting:** March 30, 2017

**16.0 Adjourn** – With no further business, motion by member Durkin, second by member Carlson to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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