

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee
April 2, 2018 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, April 2, 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 physically present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Paul Frank
Sid Mathias

Also Present:

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

Ken Jones
Rebekah Snyder
Julie Gagnani
Matt Norton
Don Wilson
Jeff Smith
Liza McElroy
Grant Benjamin
Jack Cahill
Lucien Charland
Barb Thompson

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Linda Pedersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

- 4.0 Public Comment** – There was no public comment for items not on the agenda.

- 5.0 Executive Director Report** –Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on:

- Received \$400,000 for restoration work at Captain Daniel Wright Woods;
- 3,250 visitors at the Dunn Museum during opening weekend;
- The June Planning Committee may be held on site at Lakewood Forest Preserve;
- Change in the easement area for the Des Plaines River Trail at Riverside Road to accommodate a shift in the Road alignment (he explained using a map);
- Over 2,500 people participated in the maple syrup programs;
- 337 people attended the Preservation Foundation's preview of the Dunn Museum; they held a working group meeting on March 14; since January 1 over \$250,000 has been raised through gifts;
- April 30 joint committee meeting will be at the General Offices.

- 6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Hart, second by member Weber to approve the open and executive session minutes from March 5, 2018. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Letter from Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance** – Mr. Kovach summarized a letter received from the Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance, requesting to use District staff time to identify and collaborate with them on three projects and funding: 1) Mitigation/prevention of erosion of north shore of Long Lake in Grant Woods Forest Preserve; 2) Stream bank stabilization and erosion control on Eagle Creek in Grant Woods and Squaw Creek in Ray Lake Preserve; and 3) identification and monitoring of farm leases on

District properties within Squaw Creek and Eagle Creek watersheds. Mr. Kovach showed the areas on a map and recommended placing this item on the June agenda to give staff adequate time for review.

Public comment was given by Grant Benjamin, representing the Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance, a citizens group formed within the past year to address algae blooms and other water quality issues. He provided additional information and explained that the Alliance is looking for cooperative opportunities to provide funding for the projects. Commissioner Judy Martini added that she is supportive of the Alliance's efforts. Chair Calabresa noted that the item will be placed on the June agenda.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving the Park District of Highland Park's Conversion of the Highland Park Country Club Parcel to a Passive Natural Area with Biking and Hiking Trails –Director Seebach gave a background of the property and the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) in place. He explained that as part of the Park District's acquisition of the golf course from the City, they need the Forest Preserve District's approval of the conversion of the golf course property to a passive natural area with existing and new biking and walking trails at Skokie River Woods. The Park District also requested District approval of the location of a portion of a trail called the Gateway Path, to be located within the southern portion of the parcel, as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution. The Park District has requested an amendment to the IGA to change the location of certain planned trails they are required to construct and operate. Mr. Seebach explained that any amendment to the IGA would have to be presented to the Committee for review and approval at a future meeting.

Mr. Seebach explained a third issue. The Park District was recently approached by a business partnership with a concept for a new family-oriented golf practice and entertainment facility. The Park District has not made any decisions on this option, which was only presented two weeks ago. Staff wanted the committee to be aware of it, however the first impression of their proposal was that it may not be consistent with the IGA or the conservation easement. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and made further clarifications. Motion by member Hart, 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.

9.0 New Business

9.1 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 Open Meetings Act and the District's Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings as provided in Exhibit 1 to staff's memo dated April 2, 2018 – Mr. Kovach noted that there are no minutes recommended for release, and there are six recordings eligible and recommended for erasure. Motion by member Wilke, second by member Taylor to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.




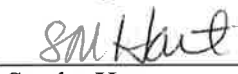
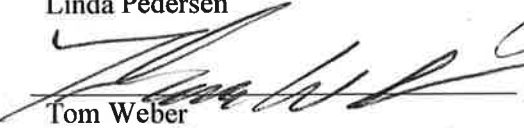

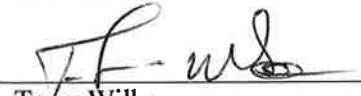
9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha Wisconsin for Restoration of Coastal Habitat within the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain funded by a Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 – Mr. Kovach summarized the project. Motion by member Weber, 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.

10.0 Executive Session –Motion by member Wilke, second by member Hart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 1:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:10 p.m.

12.0 Next scheduled meeting: April 30, 2018 Joint Committee Meeting

13.0 Adjourn – With no further business, Chair Calabresa adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Approved:

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