

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee
June 5, 2017 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, June 5, 2017. The meeting was held at the District's Operations & Public Safety Facility, 19808 West Grand Avenue, Lake Villa, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – With a quorum present, Vice Chair Sid Mathias called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Carol Calabresa, Chair (1:06 pm)
Sid Mathias, Vice Chair
Paul Frank
Sandy Hart
Linda Pedersen
Craig Taylor
Tom Weber
Terry Wilke

Absent:

Jeff Werfel

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President
Chuck Bartels (by phone)
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Steve Neaman
Jim Anderson
Nan Buckardt
Mary Kann
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
John Nelson

Also Present:

John Tannahill
Ken Jones
Rebekah Snyder
Matt Norton, Legal Counsel
Julie Gragnani
Barb Thompson
Richard Riley
Eric Collins
Sam Diaz
Eddie Hicks

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Wilke led the pledge of allegiance.

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

4.0 Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Chair Carol Calabresa arrived and Vice Chair Mathias turned the meeting over to her at 1:06 p.m.

5.0 Executive Director Report – Executive Director Kovach distributed and summarized his report, including: recent meetings attended; Native Plant Sale, Civil War Days; summer Horizons; Energy Jobs Bill; grant from Illinois Coastal Management Program for Spring Bluff; legislative update; museum relocation update; event at Newberry Library in October to celebrate Teich Collection's new home; update on new museum logo discussion in the Operations Committee; Preservation Foundation; Summer concert series begins on June 13. Chief John Tannahill introduced his staff in attendance: Eric Collins, Sam Diaz, and Eddie Hicks.

6.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Mathias, second by member Pedersen to approve the open and closed session minutes of April 3 and May 1, 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 bill for February 2017 was circulated for signature approval.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 For Information Only – Update on cell towers: Mr. Kovach gave a history of the request for a cell tower at Countryside Golf Course and various possible locations. The location that seemed to have least resistance by neighbors is located north of the Countryside maintenance shop, not at Route 60 and Hawley. The District would require that the cell tower company hold an open house as the next step. Mr. Kovach noted that the cell tower company is now unwilling to have an open house unless the District's Board gives a commitment prior to an open house. Commissioner Bartels noted that he would only support locating it at the northeast corner of the maintenance shop, and no tower higher than 100 feet. Mr. Kovach noted that the item will be on the June 26th agenda and staff will be seeking policy direction from the committee.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for construction of portion of Millennium Trail and transfer of land at McDonald Woods Forest Preserve as part of relocation of US Route 45 and Millburn Bypass project– Director Randy Seebach summarized the project on a map, noting that the District’s local share of the project is estimated to be \$14,105 for the shared-use path and sidewalk. He responded to questions; motion by member Pedersen, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed with member Wilke voting No. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for Improvements including Shared-Use Path and Relocated Entrance, along IL Route 132 between Duck Farm and Fourth Lake Forest Preserves, and for Future Land Conveyances– Director Seebach summarized the project on a map showing an additional 0.1-acre temporary easement required by IDOT, west of the relocated entrance to the Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area, that was mistakenly left out of the original agreement. The addendum would allow for this additional temporary easement. He responded to questions; motion by member Weber, second by member Mathias 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.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Prefabricated Shelters for the Dog Exercise Area at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve to Construction Consulting and Disbursement Services, Inc., Morton Grove, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$47,800.00- Director Seebach summarized the project and responded to questions. Motion by member Hart, second by member Frank 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 Ordinance requesting Conveyance of Approximately 1.6-acre Parcel known as the County of Lake Property as an addition to Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve– Mr. Kovach showed the parcel on a map. The County of Lake recently approached the District to see if there was interest in accepting a donation of this property. Staff determined that the property meets the District’s criteria and will simplify the boundaries of both the County’s and District’s properties. 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.

10.5 Provide policy direction regarding request from Matthew Meade for Long Term License to cross a 100-foot strip of District land to access farm fields – Mr. Kovach showed the location on a map and noted that Mr. Meade has been using District land (Parcel LA 2F) as access to farmland on the adjacent Dearlove property from the Sidhu field, which he also farms. Mr. Meade says this is the only means of access to the fields because the other privately owned property located west of the Dearlove property includes wetlands and is impassable for farm machinery; and has requested a license to cross the District’s Parcel LA 2F. Mr. Kovach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Attorney Norton said the farmer may have an argument that he has an easement by necessity and noted that other access would likely be impractical. The license would be a personal right to Mr. Meade and would not run with the land; a new agreement would be necessary for a different farmer. The license would be for a one-year term with an automatic one-year renewal provision. After discussion it was the consensus of the committee to proceed; staff will bring a license agreement back to the committee for approval.

10.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Lake regarding the Deerfield Road Bike Path - Mr. Kovach showed the area on a map and noted that nearby residents asked to be able to use this bike path for equestrian access to the Des Plaines River Trail. The County is agreeable to allowing equestrian users from Thornmeadow Road to the Des Plaines River Trail if the District performs the routine maintenance of the path. This would not include long-term, capital trail maintenance. The amendment would revise the routine maintenance responsibilities and allow this equestrian connection. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Wilke, second by member Frank 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 Provide policy direction authorizing the Executive Director to send a Letter of Intent to US Army Corps of Engineers indicating interest in entering into partnership for habitat restoration project at Raven Glen Forest Preserve included in the US Army Corps of Engineers Upper Des Plaines River Phase II Feasibility Plan – Mr. Kovach gave an overview of the history of this project and noted that there is now a different funding source, which would require a different letter of intent than the one sent in 2014. Natural Resource Director Jim Anderson then provided further details, noting that the three District sites included in the feasibility study were Prairie Stream, Raven Glen, and Sedge Meadow Forest Preserves. Staff felt the site with the least amount of entanglements would be Raven Glen, so the USACE wants a letter of intent for Raven Glen so they can include it in their budget. Through the USACE, the District could complete habitat restoration at an estimated cost of \$125,000 that would otherwise cost an estimated \$7.5 million. Mr. Kovach added that this project would be placed on the District’s funded project list. After discussion it was the consensus of the committee to proceed with the letter of intent.


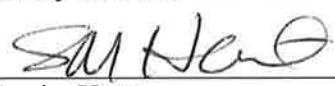
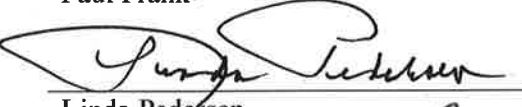
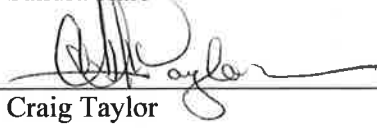

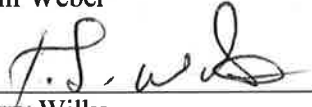
10.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for 2017 Native Seed Purchase for Grassy Lake and Greenbelt Forest Preserves to Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$31,267.70 – Mr. Kovach noted that the bids are within budget. Motion by member Taylor, second 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.

11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by member Mathias, second by member Hart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committees went into executive session at 1:55 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:27 p.m.

12.0 **Next scheduled meeting:** June 26, 2017

13.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business before the committee, Chair Calabresa declared the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Approved:

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