

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee  
June 6, 2016 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2016. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum of the Committee present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

**Committee Members Present:**

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*  
Steve Mandel, *Vice Chair*  
Bonnie Thomson Carter (10:32 am)  
Tom Weber  
Jeff Werfel  
Terry Wilke

**Absent:**

Linda Pedersen

**Also Present:**

Ann B. Maine, *President*  
Chuck Bartels  
Steve Carlson  
Audrey Nixon  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Randy Seebach  
Ken Jones  
Steve Neaman

Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Jim Anderson  
John Nelson  
Rebecca Hegner  
Rebekah Snyder  
Julie Gagnani  
Peter Kolb, *Lake County*  
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*  
Mick Zawislak, *Daily Herald*

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

**3.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by member Wilke, second by member Mandel to approve the minutes from April 4, 2016, open and closed sessions; and the May 2, 2016 joint committee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**4.0 Public Comment** – None

**5.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**6.0 Correspondence** – None

**7.0 Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Kovach distributed a report and commented on:

- Status of several capital projects;
- Fort Sheridan Cemetery is one of only two Army cemeteries maintained by civilian agencies; Greg Townsend attended training at Arlington National Cemetery; he is the first civilian to attend.
- Teich Postcard Archives transfer agreement is almost ready to bring forward;
- Preservation Foundation: summer tour and adopt-a-turtle envelope insert in *Horizons*;
- Presentation made to the Conservation and Policy Council for Cook County as a case study for sustainability and leveraging the Preservation Foundation;
- July outdoor board meeting at Hastings Lake Forest Preserve on Wednesday, July 13.

**8.0 Payment Approvals** – None

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 Policy Direction regarding request from County of Lake for Dedication of Rights-of-Way along Yorkhouse Road at Waukegan Savanna** – Director Randy Seebach summarized a request from LCDOT for additional rights-of-way (ROW) along part of Yorkhouse Road at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve. This is required as a condition of granting the District an access permit for the new dog exercise area. There is currently a 40-ft. wide ROW from the centerline of Yorkhouse Road and the County is requiring an additional 20 feet of ROW for future roadway purposes and to accommodate the District's planned shared-use path. Staff responded

to questions and the consensus of the committee was to proceed with preparing the ROW dedication. President Maine added to make sure the planned trail is included in the negotiations. The policy direction will also be presented to the Finance and Administrative Committee at its next meeting.

## **10.0 Old Business**

10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Easement Agreement with Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) for Lake Michigan water line extension along Monaville Road adjacent to Grant Woods Forest Preserve – Director Seebach summarized the project to extend Lake Michigan water, which was presented in committee in January 2015. At that meeting the committee gave policy direction in favor of the proposed water main route and authorized staff to negotiate an easement agreement. He noted that CLCJAWA will pay the District an easement fee of \$28,736 and a tree impact fee of approximately \$62,642. Mr. Seebach and Peter Kolb from the County responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Member Carter asked that notices be posted for the local residents for any trail closures that would be needed during the project. Motion by member Carter, second by member Weber to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Agreement with Continental Beeson Corner LLC for Offsite Mitigation at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve – Director Jim Anderson summarized the project. He explained that a new Mariano's on Waukegan Road was determined by USACOE to impact wooded wetlands on District property, and Continental Beeson will be required to mitigate such impacts. He explained a 25-acre parcel at Prairie Wolf was identified as an opportunity for the mitigation work. Continental will pay the District \$500,000, and the District will initiate the mitigation work and conduct monitoring in compliance with the USACOE permit. A conservation easement or deed restriction will be required limiting use of the restored area consistent with the permit and mitigation work. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Mandel, second by member Wilke, to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and Village of Buffalo Grove for Flood Control Reservoir Expansion and Public Access Improvements at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve – Director Seebach gave a history of the project, noting that negotiations between the District and MWRD have occurred in the past over various alternative proposals for reservoir expansions at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve. In early 2013 a more natural concept east of Schaeffer Road was eventually agreed to by all parties and in February 2013 the Planning and Restoration Committee authorized staff to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement. As part of the Agreement, the District will receive \$3.5 million in public access and restoration improvements, which Mr. Seebach pointed out on a map, in exchange for allowing the expansion of the existing reservoir east of Schaeffer Road. The improvements include: 1.2 miles of new trail with connection to the Village of Long Grove's existing trail and 0.5 miles of relocated trail, 35 acres of prairie restoration, creating 19 acres of wetlands, a parking lot expansion and repaving the entire lot. The District will also be reimbursed \$148,000 for phase II engineering fees because those plans were turned over to MWRD for its use. In addition, the District had earmarked \$55,000 for paving repairs on the parking lot, which can now be re-programmed for other District paving projects because these repairs will now be done as part of the reservoir expansion project. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Chair Calabresa noted that there will need to be adequate parking in anticipation of more visitors once the project is completed, since there will now be more trails and two new trail loops. Motion by member Carter, second by member Werfel, to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee.

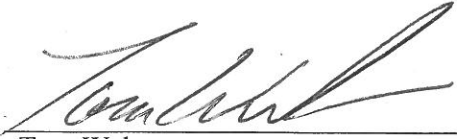
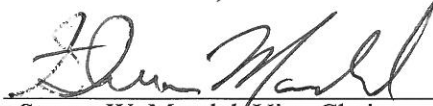
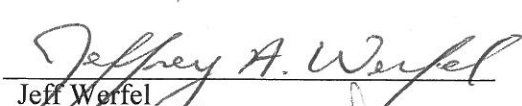

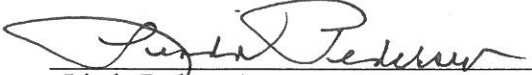
**11.0 Executive Session** – Motion by member Weber, second by member Werfel, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 11:20 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:40 a.m.

12.0 Potential Final Action regarding Land Acquisition – None

13.0 Next scheduled meeting: June 27, 2016

4.0 Adjourn – Motion by member Mandel, second by member Wilke, to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved:

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