

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee
July 31, 2017 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, July 31, 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, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President
Judy Martini
Alex Ty Kovach
Steve Neaman
Randy Seebach
Jim Anderson
Nan Buckardt
John Nelson
John Tannahill

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Ken Jones
Rebekah Snyder
Laurel Diver
Greg Walenter
Richard Solomon
Julie Gragnani
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Matt Norton, Legal Counsel
Rachel Yarch, Legal Counsel

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

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

4.0 Public Comment – None

5.0 Executive Director Report – Chief John Tannahill introduced Ranger Police Officers Keith Swift and Richard Solomon. Director Randy Seebach introduced Preserve Planner II Greg Walenter. Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on Gospel Fest, damage caused by the recent floods, public access projects, museum hours, Platinum accreditation for restoration at MacArthur Woods, summer day camps, and Winter Horizons that will feature accomplishments from the 2008 referendum dollars. Staff responded to questions regarding flood control.

6.0 Approval of Minutes – Chair Calabresa circulated the open and executive session minutes from June 26, 2017 for review and signatures. After the minutes were circulated, motion by member Werfel, second by member Taylor to approve the minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Requests from National Land Realty regarding the use of District land for solar development – Mr. Kovach explained requests for using two District sites for solar development. He showed the two locations on a map—at Brae Loch Golf Course and Lake Marie Forest Preserve. They pay up to \$1,000 per acre a year for 20 years. Attorney Matt Norton and staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Mr. Kovach was concerned that there could be a need for large amounts of land for solar arrays. President Maine suggested perhaps looking into using roadways for this purpose during master plan processes, and recommended that the board and staff keep educating themselves in solar technology. Rebekah Snyder gave her understanding of the Future Energy Jobs Act, which has passed into law but the rules and regulations are still in the process of being written. There is language in the law about incentives for public agencies to provide their own solar power, but we don't yet know what that means. Mr. Kovach added that we have put funds in the CIP for reducing our kilowatt hours using solar power. Several committee members were opposed to the request and it was the consensus of the committee that they have many

concerns, do not have enough information, and will wait for the law's rules and regulations to be completed. Staff will send a letter back to National Lake Realty stating that the District is not yet in a position to respond to their request.

8.0 Payment Approvals – The legal bills for March, April and May 2017 were circulated for signature approval.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving a License Agreement with Matthew Meade to provide Farm Access at Ray Lake Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach noted that the committee gave policy direction in June to prepare the license agreement and showed the location on a map. Motion by member Hart, 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.

10.0 New Business

10.1 For Information Only – Baxter Healthcare Corporation Sanitary Sewer Connection at Kestrel Ridge Forest Preserve – Director Randy Seebach summarized a notice from Baxter that they will be crossing the District's non-exclusive trail easement with a sanitary sewer connection to the Village of Round Lake's sanitary sewer system, because Baxter is closing down their own treatment facility. The work will be done during the month of September 2017 which will require an off and on closing of a small section of trail for a one week period. A brief discussion ensued.

10.2 Policy direction on request from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to consider fee simple transfer of District property, provide permanent and temporary easements for road improvements to IL Route 60/83 at Countryside Golf Club, and authorize a letter of concurrence and negotiation of intergovernmental agreement with IDOT – Mr. Seebach summarized the project using a map and noted that as part of the project, IDOT will address a long-time drainage and flooding issue at the northeast corner of Countryside Golf Club by installing a larger culvert and excavating the downstream section of the Seavey Drainage Ditch. Further, IDOT's proposed detention area at the southwest corner of IL 83 and Hawley Street will have a more natural appearance. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. President Maine noted that the other sites where the District has tried unsuccessfully to acquire or swap land owned by IDOT should be worked into the negotiations for this project. Mr. Seebach said that he would do so.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Phase I Engineering Services for Millennium Trail Extension and US Route 45 Underpass connecting Raven Glen and Ethel's Woods Forest Preserves to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Itasca, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$97,656.00 - Mr. Seebach summarized the recommendation and responded to questions. Motion by member Pedersen, 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 Wilke, 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: 9, NAYS: 0. The Committees went into executive session at 2:12 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:58 p.m.

12.0 Next scheduled meeting: August 28, 2017

13.0 Adjourn – With no further business before the committee, Chair Calabresa declared the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Approved:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Carol Calabresa</u> Carol Calabresa, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Paul Frank</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Sandra Hart</u> Sandra Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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