

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee  
August 1, 2016 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee met on Monday, August 1, 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**

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*  
Steve Mandel, *Vice Chair*  
Bonnie Thomson Carter  
Linda Pedersen  
Tom Weber  
Jeff Werfel

**Absent:**

Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Mary Ross Cunningham  
Bill Durkin  
Sandra Hart  
Diane Hewitt  
Nick Sauer  
Ann Maine, *President* (11:00 a.m.)  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Randy Seebach  
Ken Jones  
Nick Spittlemeister

Steve Neaman  
Mary Kann  
Nan Buckardt  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
John Nelson  
Jim Anderson  
Rebecca Hegner  
Julie Gragnani  
Mick Zawislak, *Daily Herald*  
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Mandel 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 a report and commented on:

- Submitted grant application to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chi-Cal Rivers Fund for buckthorn eradication pilot project at Middlefork Savanna and adjacent lands. Grant funds would be matched by a \$350,000 donor gift, District labor valued at \$38,000, and \$32,000 program partner labor from Abbott, Chicago Bears, and Lake Forest Academy.
- Village of Antioch initiated meeting regarding their long range vision for the area adjacent Sequoit Creek Forest Preserve; ideas were exchanged including the possibility of sharing resources and facilities.
- County-wide Attitude and Interest Survey is complete and will be presented to the Board in early fall.
- District staff was surveyed on overall job satisfaction as a benchmark for the District's objective of being in the top 10 places to work in Illinois; results will be presented to staff in September.
- In communication with Landmark Illinois following their placement of Lakewood Farm buildings on their annual list of Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. Staff will address questions raised during public comment at the July Board meeting at the next Education Committee meeting.
- GospelFest recap; upcoming Fred Fest and Green Youth Farm open house.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding teasel. Director Jim Anderson noted that teasel will be looked at as part of the buckthorn eradication program.

- 6.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by member Weber, second by member Mandel to approve the minutes from June 27, 2016, open and closed sessions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

- 7.0 **Correspondence** – None
- 8.0 **Payment Approvals** – Chair Calabresa circulated the May, 2016 Holland and Knight invoice for signature approval.
- 9.0 **Old Business** – None
- 10.0 **New Business** – None
- 11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by member Thomson Carter, second by member Weber, to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and erasure of verbatim recordings; and discussion of 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 10:47 a.m. and returned to open session at 12:38 p.m.
- 12.0 **Next scheduled meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016.
- 13.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Calabresa declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**Approved:**

YEA   NAY

YEA   NAY

Carol Calabresa  
 Carol Calabresa, Chair

 

Tom Weber  
 Tom Weber

 

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 Steven W. Mandel, Vice-Chair

 

Jeff Werfel  
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