

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee Minutes – August 27, 2018**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, August 27, 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 present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, President  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Steve Neaman  
Randy Seebach  
Jim Anderson  
Nan Buckardt  
Mary Kann  
John Nelson  
John Tannahill

Ken Jones  
Rebecca Hegner  
Michael Haug  
Julie Gragnani  
Jordan Wagner  
Pam Taylor  
Matt Norton – *Legal Counsel*  
Don Wilson – *Lake County Audubon*  
Mick Zawislak – *Daily Herald*

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Craig Taylor 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 his report and commented on:

- Recent Kids Nature FunFest and Bess Bower Dunn birthday events held;
- The Preservation Foundation's recent Fall Classic at ThunderHawk Golf Club; Board of Directors quarterly meeting; and Fred Fest;
- Fall 2018 issue of Horizons featuring the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of the District's education hawk;
- Update on the District's ADA consultant's evaluation;
- Director Randy Seebach introduced Michael Haug, Landscape Architect.

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Weber, second by member Pedersen to approve the open session and executive session minutes from August 6, 2018. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**7.0 Correspondence** - None

**8.0 Old Business** - None

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 For Information Only - Grant Township improvements on Fish Lake Road adjacent to Marl Flat Forest Preserve** – Director Seebach summarized Grant Township's road improvement project including a bike path along Molidor Road and Fish Lake Road, extending south to connect to the Millennium Trail at Marl Flat. The project is in its early stages. Improvements to Fish Lake Road will include the trail on the west side of the road, and they will need to clear about 70 trees within the right-of-way. The trees will need to be mitigated and District property could be used for some of the tree planting. They will also need about 0.02 acres of temporary easement for grading. Mr. Seebach responded to questions regarding the trees and a general discussion ensued. Mr. Seebach added that staff has requested to be involved in the selection and placement of the trees if they are to be placed on District property.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lindenhurst for a trail connection to Hastings Lake Forest Preserve – Director Seebach summarized the recommendation, noting that the committee gave direction in November 2017 to sign a memorandum of understanding and negotiate a mutually acceptable intergovernmental agreement for the trail connection. He reviewed the general terms of the agreement and responded to questions from the committee. Motion by member Weber, second by member Werfel to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.3 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Vacating Portions of Garcia Drive and Riviera Drive within Fourth Lake Forest Preserve - Mr. Kovach showed the area on a map, noting that with the purchase of the Vole parcel, the District is able to vacate these two roads. Motion by member Weber, second by member Werfel to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 9-acre property in Newport Township known as the Taylor property for approximately \$151,200.00 as an addition to Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve - Mr. Kovach showed the parcel on a map and noted that it will provide access to Wadsworth Savanna from the east for restoration. Member Frank confirmed for the record that the seller was no relation to member Taylor. Motion by member Hart, second by member Pedersen to recommend approval 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 Mathias, second by member Hart to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and erasure of verbatim recordings; and for discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 1:23 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:11 p.m.

**12.0 Next scheduled meeting:** October 1, 2018

**13.0 Adjourn** – Motion by member Werfel, second by member Pedersen to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**YEA NAY**

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Carol Calabresa, Chair

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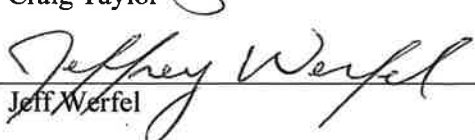
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