

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee
August 29, 2016 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee met on Monday, August 29, 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 10:32 am.

Committee Members

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*
Bonnie Thomson Carter
Tom Weber (10:40 a.m.)
Terry Wilke
Jeff Werfel

Absent:

Steve Mandel, *Vice Chair*
Linda Pedersen

Also Present:

Mary Ross Cunningham
Audrey Nixon
Nick Sauer
Ann Maine, *President*
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Ken Jones

Mary Kann
Steve Neaman
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
John Nelson
Rebekah Snyder
Rebecca Hegner
Debbie Maurer
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, *Holland & Knight*

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Werfel 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:
- 4th Annual Fred Fest on August 21; \$8,000 raised to support Grassy Lake restoration.
 - Recreational Trails grant for Lake Carina was awarded, however, because the project was moved to the unfunded list earlier in the year, IDNR was informed that the District was unable to accept the grant.
 - Recreational Trails grant for trail connection from Van Patten/Des Plaines River Trail to Pine Dunes/Millennium Trail was awarded; staff negotiating with the State regarding reduced scope of work.
 - OSLAD grant for Spring Bluff that was suspended in 2015 is now active; the District has an executed agreement and the State authorized an advance payment of 50%. Per the agreement the project must be completed by August 19, 2018 and will require matching funds from the District of \$263,700.
 - Public Museum capital grant was suspended and should this grant ever be released, staff will try to negotiate with the State to recover some, or all, of the funds.
 - Chief Operating Officer Mike Tully elected to Board of Directors of National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) for 2-year term.
 - Des Plaines River Trail Challenge
- 6.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by member Wilke, second by member Werfel to approve the minutes from August 1, 2016, open and closed sessions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.
- 7.0 Correspondence**
- 7.1 Fence request – Grassy Lake:** Mr. Kovach summarized a request from a neighbor near the new entrance to Grassy Lake Forest Preserve, for a barrier fence and gate enclosing their garbage containers with a

sign marking them as private. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the committee to decline the request as they have other options for placement of the containers on days when garbage is not collected.

7.1 Sledding hill request – Cahokia Flatwoods: Mr. Kovach summarized a request to lease an area within Cahokia Flatwoods to deposit clean fill to create a sled hill. Staff recommended against this and after a brief discussion it was the consensus of the committee to decline the request.

8.0 **Payment Approvals** – Chair Calabresa circulated the June, 2016 Holland and Knight invoice for signature approval.

9.0 **Old Business** – None

10.0 **New Business**

10.1 Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) erase Verbatim Recordings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the District’s Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records, as provided in Exhibit 1 to staff’s memo dated August 29, 2016 – Motion by member Thomson Carter, second by member Weber to release approved closed session minutes and erase verbatim recordings as presented in Exhibit 1, and retain all other minutes as confidential. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

11.0 **Executive Session** – Motion by member Thomson Carter, second by member Werfel, to go into executive session for the purpose discussing land acquisition matters. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 10:52 a.m. and returned to open session at 12:00 p.m.

12.0 **Next scheduled meeting**: The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2016.

13.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, motion by member Thomson Carter, second by member Weber to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

YEA NAY

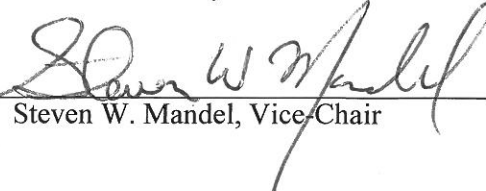
YEA NAY



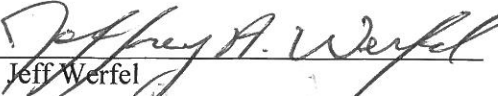
Carol Calabresa, Chair



Tom Weber




Steven W. Mandel, Vice-Chair

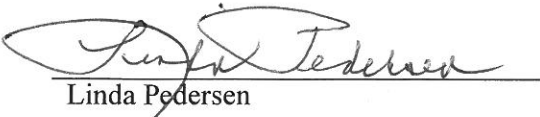


Jeff Werfel

Bonnie Thomson Carter



Terry Wilke



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