

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee Minutes – August 6, 2018**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, August 6, 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  
Linda Pedersen  
Craig Taylor  
Terry Wilke  
Paul Frank (1:01 pm)  
Jeff Werfel (1:01 pm)  
Tom Weber (1:05 pm)

**Absent:**

Sandy Hart

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, President  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Steve Neaman  
Randy Seebach  
Jim Anderson  
Nan Buckardt  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Mary Kann

John Nelson  
John Tannahill  
Ken Jones  
Rebekah Snyder  
Julie Gragnani  
Jordan Wagner  
Matt Norton – *Legal Counsel*  
Don Wilson – *Lake County Audubon*

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Mathias 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:

- US Fish & Wildlife Services Great Lakes Coastal Program grant for Greenbelt Forest Preserve;
- IDNR Coastal Management Program grant for Lake Plain Strike Team along Waukegan lakeshore;
- Preservation Foundation Finance Committee met on July 25;
- Met with County Administrator Office staff participating in solar power program;
- Millennium Trail section completed along Russell Road; connects Pine Dunes and Van Patten Woods

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Werfel to approve the open session and executive session minutes from June 25, 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 Recommend approval of Resolution Approving Agreement for Participation and Membership in the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup** – Mr. Kovach summarized the recommendation, noting the advantages of membership. Motion by member Weber, second by member Taylor to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Native Restoration Services for the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team project at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve, increasing the Contract Amount by \$92,000.00 - Mr. Kovach summarized the recommendation, explaining that the District has received the additional grant funding for the project and it can be added to the current contract to expand the District's work on the project. Director Jim Anderson responded to a question about why the additional work was not bid out. He explained that because the contractor was already on site, they could begin work right away on treating certain species and not lose the window of opportunity. He listed some of the 22 partners on this project and introduced Don Wilson of Lake County Audubon; a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Wilke, 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.

9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving a Property Access Agreement with the City of Waukegan to allow Ecological Management of Waukegan Dunes, as part of the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain – Mr. Kovach explained that the access agreement is necessary to get on the property to do some of the work discussed in the previous item. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Mathias 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 Policy direction regarding the potential dedication of the south half of 10<sup>th</sup> Street at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to the City of North Chicago – Mr. Kovach showed the location on maps and noted that staff recommends seeing if the City would be willing to accept re-dedication of this portion of the street back to them since there are already improvements on the road and businesses on the north half of the street are using it for access. Mr. Kovach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. President Maine asked that we don't set a precedent here and make sure that any re-dedications are written carefully. The consensus of the committee was to proceed in talking to the City of North Chicago.

9.5 Policy direction regarding cooperation with Fremont Township for correction of the Ivanhoe Road right-of-way (ROW) west of Fairfield Road within Lakewood Forest Preserve – Ken Jones showed Ivanhoe Road on maps and explained that when the District purchased Lakewood Farm property in 1968 the survey inaccurately showed a 1946 ROW. Using that inaccurate survey the District constructed a parking lot partially within the ROW. With master plan efforts under way, this is the time to correct the District's boundary and the ROW. Staff would contact and negotiate with the Township on the requirements for correcting the ROW, which would likely be to vacate and rededicate the road. The consensus of the committee was to proceed in contacting the Township.

9.6 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Elm Road within Almond Marsh Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach showed the area on a map and Ken Jones provided additional information, noting that the District obtained title to the ROW with the 2001 Rhyon-Liberty Prairie acquisition, subject to a ROW easement. The vacation of the ROW (within the easement) will prevent any future development of a road within the easement. Motion by member Weber, second by member Mathias to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 0.1-acre property in the Village of Grayslake, Avon Township, known as the County of Lake, Trustee property for \$1.00 as an addition to Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach showed the parcel on a map, noting that the County acquired the property through a tax deed and listed it for sale in its "Green Book". Motion by member Werfel, second by member Taylor to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 1-acre property in Lake Villa Township known as the Vole property for \$5,500.00 as an addition to Fourth Lake Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach showed the parcel on a map and explained its proximity to several locally rare species. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Weber to recommend approval as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.9 Policy direction regarding a potential letter of support for the College of Lake County and Village of Grayslake Bike Share Program – Director Randy Seebach provided background and member Werfel asked the committee to support the program. The College and Village of Grayslake would be applying for grant funding and the District's letter of support would be included with the grant application. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. The committee reached a consensus to proceed with the letter of support.




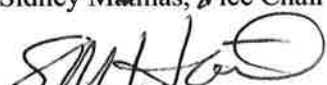
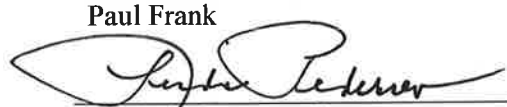
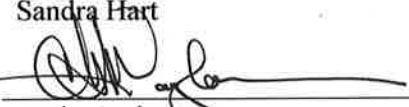
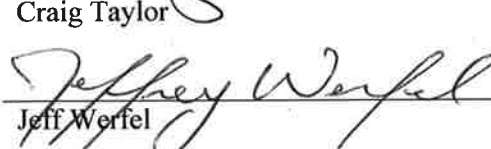
Prior to executive session, Mr. Kovach provided additional information in response to questions about the bids on the original contract for item 9.2.

**10.0 Executive Session** – Motion by member Weber, second by member Mathias to go into executive session for the purpose of 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 1:50 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:40 p.m.

**12.0 Next scheduled meeting:** August 27, 2018

**13.0 Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Calabresa adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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