

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee
June 27, 2016 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee met on Monday, June 27, 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, Vice Chair Steve Mandel called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Committee Members

Steve Mandel, *Vice Chair*
Tom Weber
Jeff Werfel
Terry Wilke
Linda Pedersen

Absent:

Carol Calabresa, *Chair*
Bonnie Thomson Carter

Also Present:

Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Ken Jones
Steve Neaman
Randy Seebach
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Mary Kann

Nan Buckardt
John Nelson
Rebecca Hegner
Rebekah Snyder
Chris Butler
Amber L. Munday, *Holland and Knight*

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Werfel led the pledge of allegiance.

- 3.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Wilke to approve the minutes from June 6, 2016, open and closed sessions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signature.

- 4.0 Public Comment** – None

- 5.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

- 6.0 Correspondence** – None

- 7.0 Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Kovach distributed a report and commented on:
- The District has had the bond rating calls with Moody's and has been advised Moody's has given the District a AAA Bond rating. The District is awaiting the Standard and Poor's rating;
 - Within the first two weeks after the summer Horizons were received in homes, the District received 36 donations totaling \$3,924;
 - The District has received communication from the Illinois Department of Transportation that, without a State budget authority, all consultant and construction projects will be shut down as of the completion of business on June 30, 2016. The District currently has two State projects with federal aid. They are Lyons Woods to Waukegan Savanna Trail (to be let in January, 2017) and the Middlefork Bridge & Trail (to be let in September, 2016). The situation will continue to be monitored with the potential that both projects will be pushed back;
 - The District has won two awards in the 2016, 28th annual, APEX Awards for Excellence in Graphic Design Competition. They were: Grand Award – Oak Ecosystems Recovery Plan won in the *Campaigns, Programs and Plans* category and an Award of Excellence – Horizons Magazine *Print Newsletter* category. Efforts on Allison Frederick's part, as well as Manager Sue Hawkins and the Public Affairs team, were acknowledged.
 - Committee members were asked to note the new exhibit case in the Committee Room that will house a rotating display of Museum artifacts;
 - A reminder that there will be: a public open house at the Green Youth Farm in Lake County on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Greenbelt, Civil War Days on July 9 and 10, 2016, at Lakewood, and Science Explorers in Nature (formerly Science First in Lake County) graduation and open house on July 15, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Greenbelt Cultural Center.

8.0 Payment Approvals – Vice Chair Mandel circulated the March and April, 2016 Holland and Knight invoices for signature approval.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Recommend Approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Waukegan and the Waukegan Park District for the Lyons Woods Trail Connection – Director Seebach summarized the proposed intergovernmental agreement with the City of Waukegan and the Waukegan Park District that will provide for the completion of a 2.4 mile section of trail between the Robert McClory Bike Path at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve to Green Bay Road adjacent Waukegan Savanna Forest Prserve. This will be the first section of a larger effort to link together two regional trails, three forest preserves, two parks and large residential areas in Beach Park and Waukegan. He stated that the District’s responsibilities under the agreement include paying the 20% local share of the engineering and construction of the trail and providing long-term repairs and reconstruction of the trail. The Park District will provide the necessary temporary and permanent easements to construct and operate the trail and will provide the routine maintenance of the trail including, mowing, trash pickup, tree and brush trimming and regular inspections. The City will pay for the maintenance and electricity costs related to the proposed Lewis Avenue traffic signal and, through its police department, will patrol the trail. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by Member Werfel, second by Member Wilke to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation forwarded to the Planning and Restoration Committee.

10.0 Old Business – None

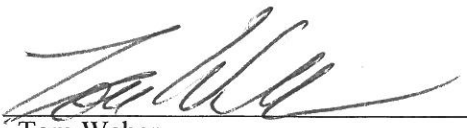
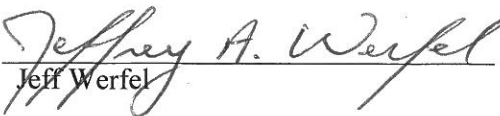
11.0 Executive Session – Motion by member Wilke, second by member Pedersen, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 10:43 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:51 a.m.

12.0 Potential Final Action regarding Land Acquisition – None

13.0 Next scheduled meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2016. Executive Director Kovach added that the next Board meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 is an outdoor meeting at Hastings Lake Forest Preserve. Mr. Kovach noted that the meeting may start a little later due to a short agenda; however, President Maine will make the final decision on whether to revise the start time. Staff will let the Commissioners know as soon as possible.

14.0 Adjourn – Motion by member Weber, second by member Werfel, to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Approved:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Carol Calabresa, Chair</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Tom Weber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Steven W. Mandel, Vice-Chair</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Jeff Werfel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Bonnie Thomson Carter</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Terry Wilke</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Linda Pedersen</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			