

## **Fort Sheridan – Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting *June 9, 2010***

On June 9, the Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve Master Plan Advisory Committee met to continue working toward a consensus on future public uses for the Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve.

Three concepts for a 9-hole golf course were presented and discussed. Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc., created the concepts based on direction given from the committee at its April, 2010 meeting.

Each of the three options blends a course with natural areas and public access. The concepts differ on where the golf holes are placed on the site. Each concept allows space for a small clubhouse and two of the concepts have a junior/beginner practice area that have the potential to also be used as a driving range. All the concepts have two sets of tees on some holes to expand the golf experience and allow the 9-hole course to play more like an 18-hole course.

The open space and public access components of each concept contain trails, wetlands, woodlands and overlooks that take advantage of scenic views of the lake, golf course and ravines. The trail routing on each concept would present a range of landscapes for the user to view and experience the Fort Sheridan area, including the historic structures near the parade grounds.

The committee agreed to hold a public meeting this summer to receive input on the three concepts. The date for the public meeting is still being arranged. The committee also asked that the concept drawings be displayed at the Highland Park, Highwood and Lake Forest City Halls for public viewing.

Following the public meeting, the committee will meet in September to continue its efforts to reach a consensus on a recommendation to the Forest Preserve Board. Committee members include representatives from neighboring cities and park districts, Forest Preserve Commissioners from those communities, the Fort Sheridan Homeowners Association, the U.S. Department of the Army and the 10th District Congressional office.