

**Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Fort Sheridan Master Plan Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. The meeting was held at the Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Calabresa, Chair
Anne Flanigan Bassi, Commissioner
Michelle Feldman, Commissioner
Susan Loving Gravenhorst, Commissioner
James Cowhey, Mayor (arrived after introductions)
City of Lake Forest
David Limardi, City Manager
City of Highland Park
Doug Coutts, Director of Facilities
Park District of Highland Park
Charlie Pecaro, Mayor
City of Highwood
Ron Salski, Executive Director
Lake Bluff Park District
Ralph Pfaff, President
Town of Fort Sheridan Homeowners Assoc.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Kiely, City Manager
City of Lake Forest
Chuck Bley, Town of Fort Sheridan Homeowners
Kurt Gronau, President
Lake Bluff Park District

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Hahn, Executive Director
Andrew Kimmel, Deputy Executive Director
Nan Buckardt, Director
Environmental Education & Public Affairs
Bonnie McLeod, Director
Finance
Daniel Prezell, Director
Revenue Facilities
Mike Fenelon, Director
Planning, Conservation & Development
Susan Parks, Facilitator
Bob Lohmann, Golf Design Consultant
Todd Quitno, Golf Design Consultant
Linda Carlstone, Marketing Specialist
Marie Shields, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Calabresa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Calabresa welcomed the group to the fifth meeting of this advisory group, and thanked everyone for attending and providing input. She explained that the goal is to reach a level of consensus on a master plan for the Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve and prepare a recommendation to present to Forest Preserve Board. She asked the voting members at the table, supporting staff and consultants to introduce themselves.

3. Minutes

Motion by Susan Loving Gravenhorst, second by Michelle Feldman, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010, meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Facilitator Process Update and Meeting Objective

Chair Calabresa then turned the meeting over to facilitator Susan Parks from Parks Consulting Group. Ms. Parks reviewed the objectives for the meeting and the charter of the group. She recapped the progress up to this point.

5. Review of Public Open House

Ms. Parks provided a review of the public open house held in August, which was attended by approximately 160 people. Concept plans for the different options were displayed and opportunity for comments was provided. Staff and Advisory Committee members were available to answer questions and provide information.

6. Review of Public Comments

Susan Parks stated that over 300 public comments had been received since January 2009. She noted that approximately half were supportive of developing a golf course at the site, and half were supportive of a more traditional forest preserve without a golf course. She provided a summary of themes that occurred most frequently in the comments. She noted that this information is not a statistically representative sample of the opinions of the people in the affected communities or Lake County. It is a summary of the responses by people who chose to submit a public comment.

7. Update on Conceptual Designs

Mike Fenelon provided details of the cost estimate of concept design 2B, as per direction of the committee at the last meeting. He explained how the estimates were arrived at, who developed them, and how they are divided between general public and golf use areas. Todd Quitno of Lohmann Golf Designs provided additional details on cost estimates for golf use areas. Discussion ensued regarding estimated costs, revenue, and financial impact.

8. Discussion on Level of Consensus

The group was polled about their level of consensus regarding concept 2B. Many of the members felt that they did not have enough information to determine if the objective of “fiscal responsibility” was being met. They felt that their recommendation to the Forest Preserve Board must be more detailed and complete in order for it to have the greatest opportunity to be successful. They requested a “total package” report on concept 2B including design and details, market study, financial analysis, construction costs, estimated revenue, operating costs, and financing options. They also requested (1) financial information about the effect of a 9-hole course on the neighboring golf courses, (2) information from Kemper Golf to compare construction estimates, (3) clarification on the golf/public area cost sharing breakdown of the design and construction costs, and (4) economic benefit information.

9. Next Steps

The Lake County Forest Preserve staff will determine a date for the Advisory Committee to meet again based on the time needed to gather the requested information and prepare the documents, allowing adequate review time for the Advisory Committee.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Michelle Feldman, second by Anne Flanigan Bassi to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved date: November 17, 2010