

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2020**

The Operations Committee met Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order -With a quorum present, Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Jessica Vealitzek, *Chair*
Bill Durkin, *Vice Chair*
Mary Ross Cunningham
Ann B. Maine
Craig Taylor
Terry Wilke

Also Present:

Angelo D. Kyle, *President*
Adam R. Didech (10:30 a.m.)
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Jim Anderson
Nan Buckardt
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Mary Kann
Steve Neaman
John Nelson
Randy Seebach

John Tannahill
Rebekah Snyder
Sue Hawkins
Ken Jones
Allison Frederick
Jackie DeMasi
Kim Mikus
Maureen Shelton
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*
Mick Zawislak, *Daily Herald*
Don Schaeffer

Absent:

Brent Paxton

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Approve Minutes - Approve the December 2, 2019 Operations Committee meeting minutes. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Cunningham. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 Public Comment – None

5.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

6.0 Executive Director Comments

Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on:

- 2019 Grants and Donations totaling over \$5.5 million;
- Strategic Plan Objective 6 - Refreshed District logo;
- Celebration of Souls exhibit at Dunn Museum closed on January 5th; next exhibit opening January 24th will feature artwork of Waukegan artist Reima V. Ratti;
- Sunset walk for Winter Solstice was attended by 130 people;
- Steering Committee will meet on March 9th to review draft objectives for Board approval in April;
- 2019 Incident Rate was 7.33 – down from the 2015 rate of 11.08;
- Fort Sheridan Cemetery jurisdiction was transferred to the U.S. Veterans Administration;
- Annual volunteer recognition event on February 1st at Greenbelt Cultural Center.

7.0 Correspondence – None

8.0 Old Business – None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Review preliminary final plan of Lakewood Master Plan. Director of Planning, Randy Seebach noted that the Planning Committee authorized staff to proceed with presenting this Preliminary Plan to the Operations Committee. He explained that if there are no recommended changes from the Committee a Final Master Plan will be routed back through the Planning Committee today for committee approval and then onto to the

January Board meeting for potential full Board approval. He started his presentation with a history of Lakewood Forest Preserve and what currently exists there.

Mr. Seebach noted that the Plan proposes over 1,000-acres of additional habitat restoration. When complete, 80% of the land (2,272 acres) will be restored.

He explained that the Plan is consistent with the District's goals and objectives by providing a more compact efficient design with infrastructure that is rightsized, offering a significant reduction in the annual operating costs, is ADA compliant, and is respectful of the sites sensitive natural resources. The Plan includes the removal of the former museum complex, the grounds maintenance facility, shelters A, B and C and the group camping area. There are several new public access improvements including: two new shelters (one of which will be a three season shelter), accessibility improvements to the existing Shelter E area, a net zero grounds maintenance facility, a nature based children's play area, and trail improvements. The Plan will reduce the number of access points, parking stalls and hard surfaces, buildings, picnic shelters, toilets and mowed lawn areas. The total distance of trails will be reduced from 36.3 miles to 33.2 miles. The preliminary plan includes a significant reduction in the overall maintenance and operating costs.

He mentioned the reconfigured equestrian-only trails and the area south of Ivanhoe Road no longer includes the multi-use shared trail proposed in the initial concept plans. In place of the multi-use trail, biking and dog walking will be permitted on a separate dedicated trail. When the two trails are near each other, they will be separated by a physical barrier, such as a fence and landscaping. He reviewed Phase 1 of the plan, which will be implemented with the \$5.1 million of available funding, consisting of \$4.2 million in the CIP, \$315,000 in tree funds from LCDOT, \$100,000 from the Preserve Tree Planting Fund, and a \$400,000 IDNR/OSLAD grant. He noted that the net-zero maintenance building will be funded through a separate CIP item. He reviewed the unfunded improvements to be phased in as funding becomes available, which includes several grant opportunities.

Mr. Seebach informed the committee of the next step in the process, after the Planning Committee and Full Board approval, staff will work on engineering and permitting in 2020, construction will start in 2021, with a public opening slated for 2023.

Following the presentation Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Member Maine mentioned her concerns about the condition of the asphalt trails near the former Four Winds site and the wash out on the Fort Hill trail. Staff to address these concerns.

9.2 Recommend approval of an Amended General Use Ordinance. Chief Operations Officer, Mike Tully highlighted all of the changes in the General Use Ordinance and responded to questions. During review and discussion, the Committee requested the following changes:

- 1) Section III C 2 (x) – Add the word “or” before the word may.
- 2) Section IV A (vi) – Change the word less to fewer.
- 3) Section IV E (xix) (i) – Change the word other to area.

Member Maine requested signage for the changes regarding smoking at events and speed limits on the trail.

Motion to approve by member Wilke, second by member Cunningham. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Full Board

9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract via the Illinois Statewide Contract to CDW-Government, Inc., Vernon Hills, IL, to supply Microsoft Software Licensing for three years, in an amount not to exceed \$122,944.50. Mr. Tully summarized the Resolution. Motion to approve by member Wilke, second by member Durkin. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

9.4 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Altorfer Industries, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois, to purchase two Caterpillar Compact Track Loaders and one Fecon Mulcher Head in the amount of \$219,500.00. Mr. Tully summarized the Resolution. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Maine. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full board.


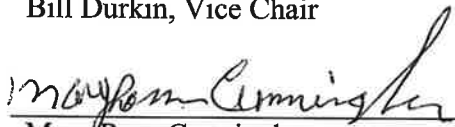


9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving disposal of surplus District equipment and other items through a public auction process. Mr. Tully summarized the Resolution. Chair Vealitzek asked about the criteria for the vehicles being sent to auction. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure explained and discussed that these replacements cover the entire calendar year. He also noted that police vehicles are replaced when their mileage is at 125,000. Other vehicles are determined by age and condition of the vehicle. Motion to approve by member Taylor, second by member Cunningham. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full board.

10.0 Closed Session – None.

11.0 Next Meeting – February 3, 2020

12.0 Adjourn – With no further business; Vice Chair Durkin motioned for adjournment, Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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