



Preservation Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices

Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 8:30 am

MINUTES

- 1.0 **Call to Order** – Chair Hough called the meeting to order at 8:30 am
- 2.0 **Roll Call** – Secretary Carlucci called the roll with the following members present or on Zoom: Hough, Cohn, Hunter, Kirby, Kovach, Leutwiler, McMillan-Wilhoit, Rummel, Tutty, Vealtizek, Wasik, Waynee, and Young. Members Absent: Danks, Heier, McKinney
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Vealtizek, second by Waynee to approve the November 13, 2025, minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0
- 4.0 **Public Comment** – None
- 5.0 **Correspondence** – None
- 6.0 **Forest Preserves Update** – Ty Kovach provided information on Forest Preserve updates
- 7.0 **Treasurer’s Report** – [FY2025 Unaudited Financial Statements](#) – Mike Rummel gave a brief update on the unaudited financials, and a WinTrust report
- 8.0 **Preservation Foundation Executive Director Comments** – Rebekah Snyder gave a brief presentation on the 2025 events and revenue
- 9.0 **New Business**
 - 9.1 **For Information Only: Forest Preserves Strategic Planning Update** – Rebekah Snyder and Jennifer Olsen from Partners in Capacity gave an overview, timeline, and plan of the Five Year Strategic Planning Project
 - 9.2 [Recommend approval of a \\$1,078 grant from unrestricted funds to pilot a nocturnal plant-pollinator monitoring program.](#) – Dr. Pati Vitt, together with Gary Glowacki, and Dan Sandacz, gave an overview of Ecological and Nocturnal Monitoring. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0
 - 9.3 [Recommend approval of a \\$10,000 grant from unrestricted funds to expand community and volunteer engagement.](#) – Rebekah Snyder gave an update of the additional items that the Volunteer Coordinator could use for our volunteers, items and training. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 13, NAYS: 0
- 10.0 **Old Business** – None
- 11.0 **Closed Session** – None
- 12.0 **Potential Action Following Closed Session** – None
- 13.0 **Next meeting:** Thursday, May 14, 2026
- 14.0 **Adjournment** – With no further business, Chair Hough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am

Respectfully submitted:

Jo Ellen Carlucci

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 5/14/2026