

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021**

On Monday, March 1, 2021 pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the February 5, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Orders No. 2021-4, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the District’s Legislative Committee met via audio and video conference and at the District’s General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order -With a quorum present, Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and four committee members responded: Jennifer Clark, Chair; Gina Roberts, Vice Chair; Linda Pedersen and Jessica Vealitzek. Paras Parekh was present after the roll call.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Maureen Shelton
Carissa Casbon	Mary Kann	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Paul Frank	Steve Neaman	Derek Blaida, <i>Legislative Consultant</i>
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder	Mike Grady, <i>Legislative Consultant</i>
Mike Tully	Debbie Boness	
Nan Buckardt	Jim Siefken	

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda - None

5.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion by member Roberts, second by member Parekh to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2020 Legislative Committee. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment – Chair Clark asked if there was anyone attending who wished to provide public comment for items not on the agenda. There were no responses.

7.0 Correspondence – None

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Review of State Legislation. – Executive Director Ty Kovach provided an overview. He explained that in the fall of 2020 the District passed its 2021 State and Federal Legislative programs. Then in early 2021, the District’s State Legislative Consultants start stratifying the bills that will impact the District. The District will either oppose, support or monitor/watch these bills. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Office informed the committee that the consultants identified these bills as potentially being in alignment with the District’s 2021 Legislative program and then proceeded to discuss the staff recommendations of the pending legislation that could affect the District and provided a proposed position on each bill. Discussion was had on some of the bills and Steve Neaman, Director of Finance, Mary Kann, Director of Administration, Commander Jim Siefken, and our legislative consultants Mike Grady & Derek Blaida responded to questions. There was a consensus from the committee on all of the Districts positions on the bills.

9.2 State Legislative Update. – The District’s legislative consultants, Strategic Advocacy Group (SGA) provided an overview. Mr. Grady, SGA discussed the upcoming State legislative sessions. Mr. Blaida, SGA provided an update on the State budget.

10.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

11.0 Closed Session – None

12.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session – None

13.0 Adjourn – With no further business, Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Jennifer Clark, Chair			Linda Pedersen		
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Gina Roberts, Vice Chair			Jessica Vealitzek		
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Paras Parekh					

Legislative Committee Secretary’s Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the April 2, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Orders No. 2021-6 and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Legislative Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, May 3, 2021. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 4 (Clark, Pedersen, Roberts, Vealitzek)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Parekh, joined meeting after the vote)

Maurice E. Shelton
Committee Secretary