

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Legislative Committee met on Monday, March 2, 2020. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices at 1899 West Winchester Road in Libertyville, Illinois.

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

Members Present:

Jennifer Clark, *Chair*
Julie Simpson, *Vice Chair*
Linda Pedersen
Jessica Vealitzek

Absent:

Dick Barr (NACO)
Judy Martini (NACO)

Also Present:

Ann Maine
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Nan Buckardt
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Jim Anderson

Mary Kann
Steve Neaman
John Tannahill
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*
Mike Grady, *Legislative Consultant*

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

3.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion by member Simpson, second by member Vealitzek to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Legislative Committee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 Public Comment - None

5.0 Addenda to the Agenda - None

6.0 Correspondence – None

7.0 Review of State Legislation – Executive Director Kovach reviewed the list of House and Senate bills including the District's proposed position on each bill. Legislative consultant Mike Grady of Strategic Advocacy Group joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

During review and discussion, the Committee made the following changes to positions:

- HB 4020 – Following questions and discussion, changed from Oppose to Watch – more research is needed.
- HB 4278 – Following questions and discussion, changed from Oppose to Watch, while it's in the Rules Committee; Consultant will talk to other public bodies and will watch until it gets assigned to a committee.

Member Clark left the room at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 11:32 a.m., during which time a quorum was lost. Discussion continued but no action was taken while she was out of the room.

- HB 5438 – Change from Oppose to Watch – to be consistent with HB 4020
- SB 3029 – Change from Watch to Oppose – could remove restrictions in place if forest preserves are added to the bill.

Following the review, Chair Clark asked Mr. Grady about the District's initiative on property taxes. He reported that Senator Bush suggested holding the bill until the fall veto session after the election has taken place. Mr. Grady felt that was good advice.

8.0 Old Business – None

9.0 New Business – None

10.0 Closed Session - Motion by member Simpson, second by member Vealitzek to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention, and deletion of verbatim recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 12:24 p.m. and returned to open session at 12:26 p.m.

11.0 Next meeting – May 4, 2020

12.0 Adjourn – With no further business, motion by member Vealitzek, second by member Pedersen to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

APPROVED:	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Jennifer Clark, Chair			Judy Martini	
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Julie Simpson, Vice Chair			Linda Pedersen	
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Marah Altenberg			Jessica Vealitzek	
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Dick Barr				

Committee Secretary’s Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the October 16, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Orders No. 2020-59 and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Legislative Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, November 2, 2020. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 5 (Altenberg, Clark, Pedersen, Simpson, Vealitzek)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Barr, Martini)

Maureen E. Shelton

Committee Secretary