

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Special Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2022**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Special Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. The meeting was held at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Visitors Center, 16400 West Buckley Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order -With a quorum present, Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and two committee members responded: Jennifer Clark, Chair and Jessica Vealitzek. President Angelo Kyle responded present to make a quorum. Absent: Paras Parekh, Linda Pedersen and Gina Roberts.

Also Present:

Marah Altenberg	Nan Buckardt	Nels Leutwiler, <i>Preservation Foundation Board President</i>
Carissa Casbon	John Nelson	Bob Shears, <i>Friends of the Forest Preserves Chair</i>
Mary Ross Cunningham	Randy Seebach	Chris Bos, <i>IL State Representative</i>
Paul Frank	John Tannahill	Adriane Johnson, <i>IL State Senator</i>
Sandy Hart	Erika Stergos	Morgan Beaudoin, <i>Senator McConchie's Office</i>
Kevin Hunter	Kim Mikus	Stephanie Hallgren, <i>Representative Morgan's Office</i>
Catherine Sbarra	Derek Blaida, <i>Legislative Consultant</i>	Jeff Andreasen, <i>aQity Research</i>
Steve Snarski	Gary Gibson, <i>Lake County</i>	Maureen Shelton
Alex Ty Kovach	Cassandra Hiller, <i>Lake County</i>	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mike Tully	Matt Meyers, <i>Lake County</i>	

Chair Clark introduced the Commissioners in attendance.

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

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda - None

5.0 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.

6.0 Correspondence – None

7.0 Unfinished Business – None

8.0 New Business





8.1 Presentation on the 2022 Countywide Attitude & Interest survey. Executive Director, Ty Kovach introduced the item and provided a brief background on this survey. He then introduced Jeff Andreasen from aQity Research. Mr. Andreasen informed the committee that aQity Research has prepared the previous surveys for the District in 2016, 2019 and now 2022. He then explained the process of the data collection for the survey. He proceeded to provide high level results, noting that 77% of the respondents have a positive opinion of the district. Favorable ratings are 13 to 1. The district's ratings are the highest of all the local and county agencies. That the past two years have shown an increase of usage at Forest Preserves and awareness of the Preservation Foundation has increased. The final report is to be delivered in August. Executive Director Kovach and Mr. Andreasen then responded to questions.

Chair Clark thanked everyone for attending and asked the Legislators or their staff present to introduce themselves. The following stood up to introduce themselves:

Chris Bos, Illinois State Representative, District 60
Adriane Johnson, Illinois State Senator, District 30
Morgan Beaudoin, District Assistant, Senator Dan McConchie, District 26
Stephanie Hallgren, Outreach Director, Representative Bob Morgan, District 58

9.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

10.0 Adjourn – With no further business, Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED:	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
 Jennifer Clark, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Gina Roberts, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Jessica Vealitzek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Paras Parekh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			