

**Lake County Forest Preserves  
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2022**

On Monday, October 31, 2022, the District's Legislative Committee met at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois and via audio and video conference for the Public and Media.

**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 three committee members responded: Chair Jennifer Clark, Vice Chair, Gina Roberts and Member Linda Pedersen. Member Jessica Vealitzek joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Absent: Member Paras Parekh.

**Also Present:**

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	John Nelson	Sandy Meyers
Alex Ty Kovach	Randy Seebach	Maureen Shelton
Mike Tully	Pati Vitt (Zoom)	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Nan Buckardt (Zoom)	Debbie Boness (Zoom)	Betsy Gates-Alford, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mary Kann	Ken Jones	Derek Blaida, <i>Legislative Consultant</i>
Steve Neaman	Kim Mikus (Zoom)	Mike Grady, <i>Legislative Consultant</i> (Zoom)
		Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i> (Zoom)

**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 Pedersen to approve the minutes from March 1, 2020 closed session; February 28, 2022 and July 26, 2022 open session minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

**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 Approve a motion to (i) release certain Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) delete verbatim recordings of certain open sessions and closed sessions of meetings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Motion by member Roberts, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the 2023 Legislative Program for the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Motion by member Vealitzek, second by member Roberts to approve the recommendation. Executive Director, Ty Kovach introduced the recommendation highlighting the legislation that will provide the District with authority to transfer 4.7 acres at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve to the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs for expansion of the Fort Sheridan National Cemetery. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation, reviewing all the changes. Chair Clark then called for public comment; comments were given by Dutch DeGroot and George Gandara in favor of the legislation and the conveyance of land to expand Fort Sheridan Cemetery. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.

9.3 State Legislative Update. Legislative consultant Derek Blaida provided information on the fall veto session and the upcoming 103<sup>rd</sup> legislative session.

10.0 **Miscellaneous Business** – Chair Clark thanked the Committee for their service over the past two years. Members Roberts and Vealitzek thanked the committee and staff, too.

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 11:21 a.m.

**APPROVED:**


Yea   Nay


Yea   Nay

  
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Sandy Hart, Chair

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Paras Parekh

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Gina Roberts, Vice Chair

  
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Linda Pedersen

  
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Diane Hewitt