Lake County Forest Preserves

PLANNING COMMITTEE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois
Monday, October 5, 2026
8:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call – Planning Committee

2.0 Call to Order and Roll Call - Operations Committee

3.0 Call to Order and Roll Call - Finance Committee

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance

5.0 Addenda to the Agenda

6.0 Public Comment (for matters not on the Agenda)

7.0 Executive Director Comments

8.0 Correspondence

9.0 **New Business – All Committees:**

9.1 Review proposed 2027 Budget and recommend approval of an Ordinance approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027).

10.0 **New Business – Operations Committee:**

10.1 Approve Operations Committee Minutes of August 31, 2026

10.2 Approve permanent retirement from the District's Farm Management Program of the following parcels: 30.16 acres at Lakewood Forest Preserve - Air Estates, 403.26 acres at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve, 77.68 acres at Prairie Stream Forest Preserve, and 57.80 acres at Raven Glen Forest Preserve.

10.3 Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving Farm License Agreements with Mike Richards (Mill Creek site), Eric Heide (Pine Dunes site), Jeff Bohmann (Duck Farm site), T&L Doolittle Farms LLC (Prairie Stream site), and Terry Brothers Grain Farm (Waukegan Savanna site).

10.4 Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving a Farm License Agreement with Duane Beelow at Ray Lake Forest Preserve for a term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.

10.5 Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving a Farm License Agreement with Eric Heide at Prairie Stream Forest Preserve for a term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – Operations Committee

12.0 Adjourn - Operations Committee

13.0 **New Business – Finance Committee:**

13.1 Approve Finance Committee Minutes of September 3, 2026 open and closed session

13.2 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, as provided in Exhibit 1 to staff's memo dated October 5, 2026.

13.3 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Setting Forth the Annual Appropriations for the District for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

13.4 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the District for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

14.0 Miscellaneous Business – Finance Committee

15.0 Closed Session

16.0 Adjourn – Finance Committee

17.0 **New Business – Planning Committee:**

17.1 Approve Planning Committee Minutes of August 31, 2026 open and closed session

17.2 Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Village of Round Lake for annexation of District property at Kestrel Ridge Forest Preserve, and to rezone parcels within Nippersink Forest Preserve.

17.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Libertyville Township Road District providing for the granting of temporary easements and the conveyance of fee simple interest in District property for the Rockland Road Bridge Replacement and Related Pavement, Sidewalk and Trail Work at Old School Forest Preserve.

17.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 1.25-acre property in the Village of Wauconda, Fremont Township, known as the Richmond property for $55,000.00 as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve.

17.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 37.35-acre property in unincorporated Antioch Township, known as the Vander Meer property for approximately $1,523,000.00 as an addition to Raven Glen Forest Preserve.

18.0 Miscellaneous Business – Planning Committee

19.0 Closed Session

20.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session

21.0 Adjourn - Planning Committee

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