

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

On Monday, November 2, 2020, 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 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 five committee members responded: Jennifer Clark, Chair; Julie Simpson, Vice Chair; Marah Altenberg, Linda Pedersen and Jessica Vealitzek. Absent: Dick Barr and Judy Martini.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	Mary Kann	Pati Vitt
Paul Frank	Steve Neaman	Kim Mikus
Alex Ty Kovach	John Nelson	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mike Tully	John Tannahill	Maureen Shelton
Jim Anderson	Rebekah Snyder	Mike Grady, <i>Legislative Consultant</i>
Nan Buckardt	Debbie Boness	

Chair Clark asked for a motion to suspend the Rules of Order and Operational Procedures to the full extent necessary: a) to allow Commissioners to attend this meeting in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, which allows all Commissioners to attend this meeting by video or audio conference, and b) to allow members of the public to make public comment via audio or video means. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Simpson. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0.

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

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

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 Addenda to the Agenda - None

7.0 Correspondence – None

8.0 Old Business – None

9.0 New Business

9.1 State Legislative Update. – Executive Director introduced the District's legislative consultant Mike Grady of Strategic Advocacy Group (SAG). Mr. Grady informed the committee that since the last time the Legislative Committee met that the General Assembly was largely postponed or canceled with the exception of the last few days in May, where they passed reappropriations for capital and the operating budget for the current fiscal year. The veto session is scheduled to start

in two weeks, likely the status of COVID-19 will play into if there is a veto session. He discussed the Fair Tax amendment that is on the ballot for tomorrow and how that ballot question turns out will set the stage for a lot of the next legislative session. Mr. Grady responded to questions from the committee members.

Commissioner Frank mentioned the increase in the use of the preserves during the pandemic and asked if there have been any conversations with IAPD or other associations in terms of looking for revenue support for District's like ours. Mr. Grady to reach out to IAPD and start the dialogue.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the 2021 Legislative Program for the Lake County Forest Preserve District. – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Vealitzek to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach reviewed the State and Federal initiatives with the committee. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a contract for Legislative Consulting Services to Strategic Advocacy Group, LLC, Springfield, Illinois, for a two-year period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the total Contract Price of \$51,745.00. – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the Recommendation. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.0 **Closed Session** – None

11.0 **Next Meeting:** To Be Determined

12.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.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 February 5, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor's Executive Orders No. 2021-4 and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Operations Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, March 1, 2021. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 5 (Clark, Roberts, Parekh, Pedersen, Vealitzek)
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 0

Maureen E. Shelton

 Committee Secretary