

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – November 4, 2019**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, November 4, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – With a quorum present, Chair John Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members Present:

John Wasik, Chair
Julie Simpson, Vice Chair
Dick Barr
Jennifer Clark
Diane Hewitt
Judy Martini
Jessica Vealitzek

Absent:

Adam Didech
Linda Pedersen

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Ken Jones
Steve Neaman
John Nelson
Mary Kann
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Nan Buckardt
Rebekah Snyder
Ken Hoffman
Pati Vitt

Also Present:

Nick Huber
Sue Hawkins
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*
Lynn Goodell
Roberta Harms
Nancy Jacoby
Sheila Watson
Don Wilson
David Husemoller, *CLC*
Lynn Greisman
Craig Vogel

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

3.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Clark to approve the open session and closed session minutes from August 26 and September 23, 2019. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 Public Comment for matters not on Agenda – None

5.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

6.0 Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Kovach distributed and summarized his report:

- Funding approval from the TAP Program for Millennium Trail Route 45 underpass project;
- Solar lit trails at Lakewood and Old School are now open until 9pm daily through March 8, 2020;
- Last winter Operations staff responded to 28 snowplowing events; reductions have been made to road salt applied;
- Cleveland Metroparks to send staff to meet with District Natural Resource staff and tour our sites;
- Wildlife Ecologist Gary Glowacki received an Upswell Fellowship;
- Next Strategic Planning Committee scheduled for December 18, 2019;
- Teich Reading Room will be closed December 2 – 15 and will reopen by appointment.

Chair Wasik asked about the Millennium Trail at Dada Drive; Director Seebach noted that it is expected to open yet this year.

7.0 Correspondence - None

8.0 Old Business

8.1 For Information Only – Distribution of public involvement comments for Lakewood Master Plan – Planning Director Seebach gave a presentation summarizing the Lakewood Master Plan Open House held on September 23, which was attended by nearly 130 people. He summarized the process for notifying the public, and added that during the 3-week comment period following the open house, over 300 comments were received. All comments will be posted on the website. A major portion of the comments received were against multi-use trails south of Ivanhoe Road, keeping the horse trails as they are, and keeping or increasing the snowmobile trails. There were limited comments on the road and parking lot reconfiguration, building removal and accessibility. Mr. Seebach responded to questions as he went along in the presentation. There is data compiled on the parking lots that he will send to the committee. The next steps will be to analyze and come up with a preferred master plan, which will be presented to the Committee on December 2, Finance Committee on December 5, Operations Committee on January 6, and back to the Planning Committee on January 6 for approval to send to the full Board on January 14. Public Comment was given by:

- Nancy Jacoby, spoke in favor of horse-only trails, against multi-use trails;
- Roberta Harms, spoke in favor of horse-only trails, against multi-use trails;
- Lynn Goodell, spoke in favor of horse-only trails, against multi-use trails;
- Sheila Watson, spoke regarding trails south of Ivanhoe Rd; requested the next meeting be held in the evening.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Policy direction regarding request from the Lake County Bike Share Consortium to participate in a two-year pilot bike share program in the Village of Grayslake area including Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve – Director Seebach summarized the background of the Consortium's request and explained how the bike share system would work. He added that staff does not recommend participation in the pilot program due to lack of available funds in the District's budget, and the District would already be supporting the program by providing the trails and infrastructure for biking within Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. The consensus of the Operations Committee was to not participate. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and committee members provided comments. Public comment was given by:

- David Husemoller, College of Lake County, spoke in favor of potential benefits for CLC students as a transportation alternative and increased potential for grant funding should the District support the program.

Mr. Husemoller and Mr. Seebach responded to questions from the committee, and a general discussion ensued. The consensus of the committee was that they support the program but could not be a financial partner. Should the consortium formally request the District's support of the program as a non-funding partner, the District would provide a Letter of Support subject to the committees' approval.

9.2 Policy direction regarding a request from Lake County Division of Transportation to sign a letter of concurrence and to provide 0.32 acre of temporary construction easement at Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve – Planning Director Seebach gave an overview of the project, explaining that LCDOT needs 0.32 acres of temporary easement to widen the Deerfield Road bridge over the Des Plaines River. Staff is also seeking approval to sign a letter of concurrence regarding minimal impacts from the temporary occupancy, and authority to negotiate the terms of the easement with LCDOT. Recommendation to approve the negotiation of the easement that would come back to committee for final approval. The consensus of the committee was to proceed.

9.3 Policy direction regarding potential dedication of the south half of 10th Street at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to the City of North Chicago – Executive Director Kovach provided the background of the request and explained that in August of 2018, the committee had given direction to rededicate the subject property.

Since then, the District learned that a 1986 grant will require State and National Park Service (NPS) approval to change the project boundary of the grant property. The District will first need to determine whether the City of North Chicago will accept the dedication; if so, then the State and NPS must be contacted for approval to change the grant area boundaries, and to request their approval of the parcels granted to LCDOT in 2018. Mr. Kovach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. The consensus of the committee was to move forward.

9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 26-acre parcel in Fremont Township, known as the Dearlove Gilmer Road property, for \$505,000.00 as an addition to Ray Lake Forest Preserve – Motion by member Clark, second by member Simpson to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Kovach summarized the property and explained that leases will be in place for residential and building storage for a maximum of 5 years. He also explained how the family burial site will be handled, when buildings will be removed, and responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.



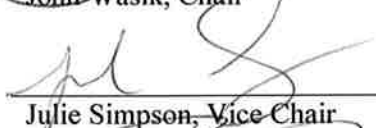


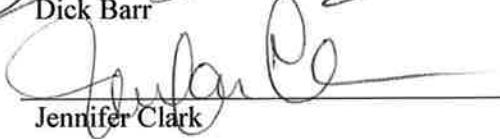

Member Barr left the room at 2:26 pm.

10.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Martini, second by member Clark to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into closed session at 2:27 pm and returned to open session at 2:58 pm.

11.0 Next meeting: December 2, 2019

12.0 Adjournment – With no further business, motion by member Vealitzek, second by member Clark to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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 Dick Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Linda Pedersen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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