

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

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

**1.0     Call to Order** -With a quorum present, Chair Didech called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Adam R. Didech, *Chair*  
Jennifer Clark, *Vice Chair*  
Judy Martini  
Julie Simpson  
Jessica Vealitzek

**Also Present:**

Angelo D. Kyle, *President*  
Mary Ross Cunningham  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Nan Buckardt  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Mary Kann  
Steve Neaman  
Rebekah Snyder

Ken Hoffman  
Maureen Shelton  
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*  
Mike Grady, *SAG*

**Absent :**

Dick Barr  
Linda Pedersen

**2.0     Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Vealitzek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0     Approval of Minutes** - Motion by member Clark, second by member Simpson to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 Legislative Committee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

**4.0     Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

**5.0     Addenda to the Agenda** – There were no addenda to the agenda.

**6.0     Correspondence** – None

**7.0     State Legislative Update** – Chair Didech introduced the District's legislative consultant Mike Grady of Strategic Advocacy Group (SAG). Mr. Grady provided an update on the State's last Legislative session. He discussed the Capital Bill and talked about some of the potential money available from State Agencies that could help the Forest Preserves. Mr. Grady responded to questions from the committee. A discussion was had as to appropriate timing to approach the Legislators for the District requests. Also discussed, was the District's current potential legislation amending the District's maximum tax rates under the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act and the potential Design-Build legislation.

**8.0     Old Business** – None

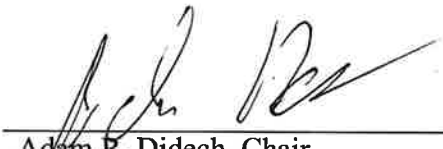






**9.0     New Business**

9.1     Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a contract for Legislative Consulting Services to Strategic Advocacy Group, LLC, Springfield, Illinois, for a 1-year period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the Contract Price of \$25,300.00. Executive Director, Ty Kovach summarized the recommendation. Mr. Grady responded to a question. Motion to approve by member Clark, second by member Martini. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Full Board.

9.2     Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the 2020 Legislative Program for the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Mr. Kovach highlighted new items being added to the program. Among the new items is Federal HB 3742 the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. Staff to provide a fact sheet to the Committee on HB 3742. Member Martini stated that she is opposed to the timing of amending the District's maximum tax rates but, is in support of the remainder of the program. Motion to approve by member Simpson, second by member Vealitzek. Voice vote being had, the motion passed with Member Martini opposed. The Resolution will be forwarded to the Full Board.

- 10.0 **Closed Session** – Motion by Member Clark, second by Member Simpson to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing: Review of Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following votes: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 11:56 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:58 a.m.
- 11.0 **Next meeting** – The next schedule meeting is January 6, 2020.
- 12.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business; Chair Didech declared the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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