

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – February 3, 2020**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, February 3, 2020. 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
Linda Pedersen
Jessica Vealitzek

Absent:

Adam Didech

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President
Alex Ty Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Ken Jones
Steve Neaman
Jim Anderson
John Nelson
Mary Kann
Randy Seebach

Also Present:

Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Nan Buckardt
Rebekah Snyder
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel
Lynn Goodell

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Pedersen 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 January 6, 2020. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 Public Comment– Lynn Goodell, representing the Lake County Mounted Posse, thanked the committee and staff for their work on the Lakewood master plan.

5.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

6.0 Executive Director's Report –Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- Two Gold Awards won for podcasts from the Association of Marketing & Communications Professionals;
- Illustrations from Assistant Public Affairs Manager featured in the Daily Herald;
- Summer camp registration already at 50% capacity;
- Profiles in Excellence, February 9th at 2pm at Greenbelt Cultural Center;
- Recent grants and donations;
- \$200,000 pledge to the Ryerson classroom project (unfunded CIP project) from an anonymous donor; will be used for a master plan; will require a budget amendment in March;
- Update on Blandings Turtle recovery program;
- Fort Sheridan lakefront eroded following the January storm event. Natural Resources Director Jim Anderson made a presentation showing the damage and possible options for repair that will be sustainable in the long term. He responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Mr. Anderson added that he would like to have a conversation with the Illinois State Geological Survey, and noted that continued funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative will be very important. He will also look into FEMA funding.

7.0 Correspondence - None

8.0 Old Business - None

9.0 New Business:


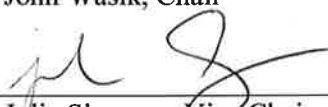
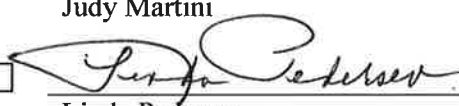
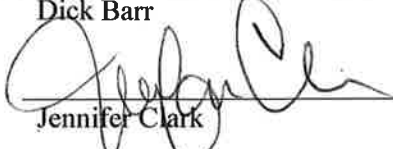

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Lake and the Village of Wadsworth for Wadsworth Road improvements – Using a map, Director Seebach explained the details of the LCDOT road improvement project on Wadsworth Road at Route 41, which will address numerous safety issues by adding a frontage road along the north side of Wadsworth Road, left turn lanes into both Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve and the new frontage road, and new bike lanes extending from the frontage road and the Sedge Meadow entrance to a crosswalk at Magnetics Boulevard. LCDOT and Village of Wadsworth are requesting that the District convey fee simple interest of a total of 0.6 acres on the north side of Wadsworth Road (0.4 acres to the Village and 0.2 acres to the County) in return for the turn lanes into Sedge Meadow and bike lanes between the District’s canoe launch and the existing Sedge Meadow entrance. Mr. Seebach added that the value of the 0.6 acres is \$22,000 and the estimated value of the bike lanes is \$100,000. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Martini, second by member Barr to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Clark to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property for the District, and setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 7, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into closed session at 1:53 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:12 p.m.

11.0 Next meeting: March 2, 2020. Chair Wasik noted that he and members Barr and Martini will be in Washington, therefore Vice Chair Simpson will chair the meeting. Member Barr requested to attend the March 2 meeting via phone.

12.0 Adjournment –With no further business, Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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