

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee  
March 5, 2018 - Open Session Minutes**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2018. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum physically present, Chair Carol Calabresa called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Carol Calabresa, Chair  
Paul Frank  
Sandy Hart  
Linda Pedersen  
Craig Taylor  
Tom Weber  
Jeff Werfel  
Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, President  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Randy Seebach  
Steve Neaman  
Jim Anderson  
John Nelson  
Mary Kann

Jim Ballowe  
Nan Buckardt  
Ken Jones  
Rebekah Snyder  
Barb Thompson  
Grant Benjamin  
Matt Norton  
Julie Gagnani

**Absent:**

Sid Mathias

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Jeff Werfel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**4.0 Public Comment** – Grant Benjamin with the Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance stated that he was in attendance to observe the committee as a concerned citizen.

**5.0 Executive Director Report** –Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on:

- Additional lighting work being done at the Museum;
- Meeting with FAA and Waukegan Airport for an update on Waukegan Airport expansion; Mr. Kovach and Matt Norton responded to questions;
- The Pennant settlement (IMET);
- Preservation Foundation quarterly meeting, events and financial details;
- Spring issue of Horizons newsletter;
- Positive communications regarding Horizons and Waukegan Savanna Dog Area;
- District events and programs.

**6.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Wilke, second by member Weber to approve the open and executive session minutes from February 5, 2018. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**7.0 Correspondence**

**7.1 Request for Environmental Land Use Control for District Property at Cahokia Flatwoods** – Using a map, Mr. Kovach summarized a request from Flanagan Bilton LLC for an Environmental Land Use Control (ELUC) so they can obtain a No Further Remediation letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the old landfill site they own contiguous to Cahokia Flatwoods. An ELUC would place restrictions on the District's property. For similar requests in the past the District has applied its License and Easement Ordinance, which would require an appraisal for the full value, and to recover any legal fees

incurred. Mike Tully has spoken with their engineer and they will be revising their request for a smaller area. President Maine asked Mr. Kovach to respond to Mr. Flanagan that the Committee has been apprised of the request and to remind him of the District's process with the License and Easement Ordinance. Mr. Kovach clarified that both the County and the Village have had communications and were okay with the request, however their request to the District is different in that there would be a restriction on District property.

## **8.0 Old Business**

8.1 Policy direction regarding potential use and/or disposal of the remaining four Lake Marie boat pier rights – Mr. Kovach noted that there was a new development after the policy direction memo was prepared. Mr. Tully noted that staff heard back from the Army Corps of Engineers earlier in the day and they said no to a 10-year extension, but they granted a 5-year extension. Director Ballowe added that they said to ask them again in 5 years if we need another extension.

## **9.0 New Business**

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Purchase Native Seed for Habitat Restoration at Multiple Preserves to Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, MN in the Contract Price of \$199,454.33; Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, MN in the Contract Price of \$60,384.29; Genesis Nursery, Tampico, IL in the Contract Price of \$56,165.88; Spence Restoration Nursery, Muncie, IN in the Contract Price of \$33,267.61; and Agrecol, LLC., Evansville, WI in the Contract Price of \$28,633.70 – Chair Calabresa noted that at the presentation made at the Committee of the Whole earlier in the day it was made clear that without a dedicated staff person and the volunteers at the District's seed nursery, these contracts would cost much more. Motion by member Taylor, second by member Weber 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. President Maine asked staff what happens with the data collected from restoration projects. Director Jim Anderson explained how staff writes or co-authors articles. President Maine asked that the articles be researchable at our museum.

9.2 For Information Only - Removal of the Oak Openings-Almond Marsh trail spur – Director Randy Seebach showed the trail spur location on a map, which is actually a foot path that was cleared and mowed, and laid with wood chips back in 2007. He showed photos of markers, a boardwalk and benches. Neither Conserve Lake County nor District staff is sure what was planned for the trail spur and it is not being maintained. The neighborhood has access to the main trail system and if there are no issues raised, District staff will have YCC remove the boardwalk and benches. Conserve Lake County has no objections. A general discussion ensued and member Werfel recalled that the trail spur was likely intended to end at the marsh. Jim Anderson that Libertyville Township has plans to restore the nearby agricultural fields and that removing this trail spur would aid in restoring the integrity of the woodlands.

9.3 Recommend approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Campanella & Sons, Inc. for Construction of the Millennium Trail along Russell Road adjacent to Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, increasing the Contract Amount by \$52,380.05 - Director Seebach summarized the details of the change order. He explained that a section of road pavement had to be rebuilt to conform with IDOT standards. This requirement was not foreseen during engineering. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Motion by member Hart, second by member Wilke to recommend to the Finance Committee approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Campanella & Sons, Inc. for Construction of the Millennium Trail along Russell Road adjacent to Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, increasing the Contract Amount by \$52,380.05. Voice vote being had, the motion carried with member Frank voting "Nay". The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for final approval. President Maine added that additional signage with a map may be needed to direct people to Van Patten for additional parking.

**10.0 Executive Session** –Motion by member Hart, second by member Werfel to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property, and to review approved closed session minutes for release or retention and erasure of verbatim recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 1:45 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:07 p.m.

**12.0 Next scheduled meeting:** April 2, 2018

**13.0 Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Calabresa adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**Approved:**

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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