

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – March 6, 2023**

On Monday, March 6, 2023, the Planning Committee met at the Lake County Forest Preserve District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – Chair Paras Parekh called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Paras Parekh, Vice Chair Carissa Casbon, Marah Altenberg, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, and John Wasik. Absent: Esiah Campos

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President	Mary Kann	Kevin Kleinjan
Alex Kovach	Rebekah Snyder	Kim Mikus Croke
Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>	Nan Buckardt	Paula Ali
Randy Seebach	Steve Neaman	Helena Keller
Mike Tully	Ron Davis	JoEllen Carlucci
Ken Jones	Julie Gragnani	Jessica Chong
John Nelson		

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Pedersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Wasik to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023 – open and closed sessions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment - None

7.0 Executive Director Comments

- Administration Director Mary Kann introduced new employee Jessica Chong
- Preliminary draft environmental assessment for the Waukegan Airport runway project
- Museum Curator Diana Dretske was honored as a Lake County Woman Storyteller
- Registration for kids' summer programming opened on Feb. 15; Maple Syrup Festival on Feb. 25
- Dunn Museum is celebrating its 5th year of operations with a week of free admission
- Popular post on social media about new cross country ski grooming equipment
- Chat box feature is being added to the District's website
- Summary of Dunn Museum's Color & Light: Charles Warner's Miniature Cathedrals exhibit
- Receiving a \$600,000 OSLAD grant for redevelopment of Lakewood Forest Preserve
- Summary of recent donations to the Foundation
- Summary of Foundation's quarterly meetings of committees and board
- Statistics from the last 9 years of grants awarded
- Special Park Districts Forum this June; summarized the registration numbers to date and responded to questions.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 For Information Only: Potential new overlook at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve – Director Kovach made opening remarks and Community Engagement and Partnerships Director Rebekah Snyder advised that an interested donor has come forward regarding a potential new overlook at Grassy Lake, which staff has determined would make sense for additional public access. She showed the area on a map and pictures of types of overlooks. The next step will be to develop a design concept and associated cost estimates.

10.2 Policy direction on request from Village of Libertyville and Libertyville Township Road District to waive easement fees associated with granting temporary and permanent easements at Old School Forest Preserve for reconstruction of the Rockland Road bridge over the Des Plaines River – Director Kovach made opening remarks and Planning and Land Preservation Director Randy Seebach gave an overview of the bridge project and request for 0.622 acres of temporary easements and 0.008 acre of permanent easement. The District requested realignment of the access trail to avoid impacting three large trees, which the Village accepted. From time to time the District has waived easement fees when there is a benefit to the District. Staff felt there was such a benefit and recommended waiving the fees. The value of the easements is approximately \$3,500. He responded to questions and a discussion ensued including determining the value of easements. The Committee gave direction to proceed.

10.3 Approve Change Order No. 3 to the Contract with Flo-Tech Mechanical Systems, Inc. for purchase and installation two dehumidifiers for the new net-zero Education Facility at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, increasing the Contract Price by \$14,960.00 – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation. Director Seebach noted that the District's Commissioning Agent conducted a review of the building's systems and concluded that dehumidification will be critical to successfully management of the net-zero building. The building was originally designed without a dehumidification system, however, because the building will be so airtight, humidity will have to be managed and the HVAC system on its own will not be sufficient. Staff responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. With a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 6.4-acre property in Wauconda, known as the Pokorny Property, for \$190,000.00 as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve – Motion by member Hunter, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach gave an overview of the property on a map and noted that funds were set aside for acquisition of this critical parcel for long-term protection and management of Broberg Marsh. A contract has been negotiated and signed by the owner. With a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None


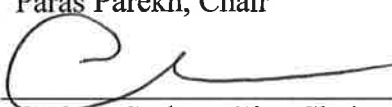
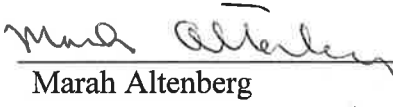
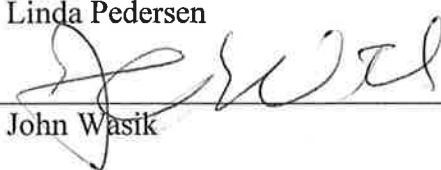
12.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Wasik to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and deletion of verbatim recordings; and for discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:38 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:49 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Parekh adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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