

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – April 3, 2023**

On Monday, April 3, 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 – Vice Chair Carissa Casbon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. and established remote attendance via Zoom for committee member Esiah Campos.

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

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President

Alex Kovach

Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*

Randy Seebach

Mike Tully

Ken Jones

Mary Kann

Rebekah Snyder

Steve Neaman

Ron Davis

John Nelson

Matt Ueltzen

Julie Gragnani

Kevin Kleinjan

Kim Mikus Croke

Debbie Boness

Sandy Meyers

Paula Ali

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

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Hunter to approve the minutes of March 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

- Update on building removal and current building inventory;
- Dunn Museum's temporary exhibits;
- Dunn Museum celebrated its 5th anniversary free admission with food donation;
- Environmental education programs in March focused on maple syrup;
- Recovery of Education Department's red-tailed hawk after he went missing;
- Summary of donors to the Foundation's Annual Fund in 2022;
- Beer Garden at Independence Grove to offer its seasonal menu through Untappd phone app;
- Funding from three donors to train and equip volunteers for prescribed burning;

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) delete Verbatim Recordings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the District's Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records, as provided in Exhibit 1 to staff's memo dated April 3, 2022 – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Wasik to approve the motion. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Policy direction regarding a request from Nicor for a permanent easement for an existing gas line serving the Quentin Road Bible Baptist Church property inholding within Lakewood Forest Preserve, north of the Off-Leash Dog Area – Director Kovach showed the area on a map and explained that Nicor requested access to District property to replace a section of an existing gas line north of the off-leash dog area at Lakewood Forest Preserve. In reviewing the request staff found no record of easements or any other written agreements between the District and Nicor for this location. Both parties would benefit from a written agreement for the permanent easement. Nicor would pay the \$1,000 application fee for the easement. Mr. Kovach responded to questions and a brief discussion ensued. The Committee gave direction to proceed.

10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a License Agreement with Audubon Great Lakes to Operate a Motus Bird Monitoring Station at Greenbelt Forest Preserve – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach noted that the Lake Michigan shoreline is a major bird migration route. This station will collect data from tagged birds as they fly near the tower. Audubon will cooperate with District staff, who will install the tower; Audubon will be solely responsible for data retrieval and curation. Mr. Kovach responded to questions and with a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving a Project Design Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project at Raven Glen Forest Preserve – Motion by member Wasik, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach gave an overview of the project site using a map and explained the funding for the project, and the District’s local share of 35% of the costs for preconstruction, engineering and design, estimated to be just under \$229,000. He reviewed the LEERD values for the entire restoration project. Mr. Kovach and Matt Ueltzen responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. With a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

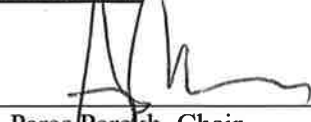

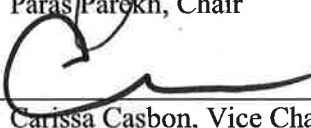
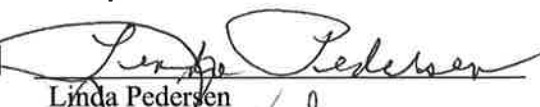
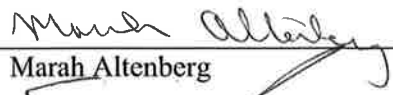

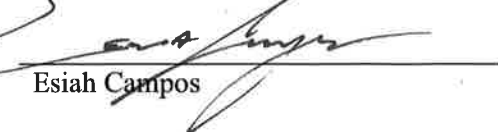
11.0 **Miscellaneous Business** – None

12.0 **Closed Session** – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Wasik to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:20 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:42 p.m.

13.0 **Potential Action following Closed Session** – None

14.0 **Adjournment** – Vice Chair Casbon adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
 Paras Parekh, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 J. Kevin Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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