

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee Minutes – April 6, 2026**

The Planning Committee met on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the Lake County Forest Preserve District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum present, Chair Paul Frank called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed electronic attendance for Member Michael Danforth.

**2.0 Roll Call** – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and five committee members responded: Chair Frank, Vice Chair Jennifer Clark, Michael Danforth, Linda Pedersen, and Gina Roberts. John Wasik arrived just after roll call at 9:01 a.m.; Carissa Casbon arrived at 9:03 a.m.

**Also Present:**

Jessica Vealitzek, President	Alyssa Firkus	Steve Neaman
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel	Dan Stearns	Julie Gragnani
Ken Jones	Pati Vitt	Kim Mikus Croke
John Nelson	Rebekah Snyder	Paula Ali
Kevin Kleinjan	Ron Davis	Maureen Shelton

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by Pedersen, second by Roberts to approve the open and closed session minutes of March 5, 2026. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

**6.0 Public Comment (non-agenda matters)** – None

**7.0 Correspondence** – None

**8.0 Unfinished Business** - None

Committee member Carissa Casbon joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution to sell an approximately 0.95-acre parcel adjacent to Ray Lake Forest Preserve in unincorporated Fremont Township to Steven Price for approximately \$19,900.00 to divest the District of property encumbered by a driveway easement obtained in the recent acquisition of the Honey G. Farms, Inc., tract.** – Motion by Clark, second by Casbon to recommend approval. Land Preservation Director Ken Jones gave an overview, explaining that the Downstate Forest Preserve Act authorizes the District to sell this portion of the recently acquired Giambroni/Honey G Farm property at fair market value within 30 days after closing, which was on March 31, 2026. The property being sold to Mr. Price is encumbered by an easement for his private driveway.

Mr. Jones showed a map for Agenda Item 9.2, a similar sale of property to Mr. Johnson. Item 9.2 was not yet put on the floor for discussion as pointed out by President Vealitzek. Chair Frank asked the committee if there were any objections to take and approve the two items together and there were no

objections. Attorney Norton confirmed that there was unanimous consent to take Items 9.1 and 9.2 together and members Clark and Casbon revised their original motion and second accordingly.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution to sell an approximately 2.0-acre parcel adjacent to Ray Lake Forest Preserve in unincorporated Fremont Township to Earle Johnson for approximately \$42,000.00 to divest the District of property encumbered by a driveway easement, private irrigation lines, and a stormwater outfall obtained in the recent acquisition of the Honey G. Farms, Inc. tract.

Director Jones continued his overview, explaining that in addition to a driveway easement, the sale to Mr. Johnson includes property containing his private irrigation lines and a stormwater outfall. By divesting itself of these properties, the District will avoid potential future maintenance, operations, and liability concerns. With a voice vote being had, the motion to recommend approval of both 9.1 and 9.2 passed unanimously. The recommendations were forwarded to the full Board for approval.


**10.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**

**11.0 Closed Session – None**

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

**13.0 Adjournment** – Chair Frank noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Julie Gagnani  
Committee Secretary

Date Approved: 5-4-2026