

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – April 6, 2020**

On Monday, April 6, 2020, pursuant to the Illinois Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-18, the Planning Committee met via Audio and Video conference and not at the Lake County Forest Preserve District’s General Offices.

1.0 Call to order –Chair John Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani call the roll and nine committee members responded: John Wasik, Chair; Julie Simpson, Vice Chair; Marah Altenberg, Dick Barr, Jennifer Clark, Diane Hewitt, Judy Martini, Linda Pedersen, and Jennifer Vealitzek. Absent: None

Motion by member Martini, second by member Pedersen to suspend the Rules of Order and Operational Procedures to the full extent necessary: a) to allow Committee members to attend this meeting in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7 and 2020-18, which allows all Committee members to attend this meeting by video or audio means and; b) to allow public comment to be made via audio or video conference. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President
Mike Rummel
Sandy Hart
Alex Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach

Also Present:

Ken Jones
Jim Anderson
Steve Neaman
Mary Kann
John Nelson
Katherine Hamilton-Smith

Also Present:

Nan Buckardt
Rebekah Snyder
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel
Debra Ramai

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

4.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Clark, second by member Simpson to approve open session minutes from March 2, 2020. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0.

5.0 Public Comment – Chair Wasik asked if there was anyone attending remotely who wished to provide public comment. There were no responses.

6.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

7.0 Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Kovach updated the Committee on efforts by staff to monitor the activities in the Preserves since the Stay-At-Home order went into effect. Currently, all facilities, restrooms, and dog exercise areas are closed to the public, and all programming is canceled through the end of April. Trails and parking lots remain open. Public comments are divided between closing the Preserves completely, and keeping the Preserves open, and observations so far indicate good compliance with social distancing and observing District signage and social media messages. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Old 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 6, 2020 – Motion by member Clark, second by member Martini to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach noted that one partial release of minutes and deletion of five verbatim recordings was being recommended. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lake County Health Department for Shared Use of an Electrofishing Boat – Motion by member Vealitzek, second by member Martini to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the agreement. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Construction of the Millennium Trail-McDonald Woods Project to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., Marengo, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$126,540.00 - Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach noted that since the Highway 45 bypass project has been completed, this improvement can now be undertaken. Director Randy Seebach provided details on the project and responded to questions, adding that the project would start in mid-May at the earliest. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving a Tax Sale Agreement with Openlands resulting from the 2019 Annual Lake County Tax Sale in an amount not to exceed \$2,091.12 - Motion by member Clark, second by member Altenberg to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the parcel and Mike Rummel noted that if successful in acquiring, this will be a prime parcel to add to Middlefork Savanna. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase property in Grayslake of approximately 2.7 acres, known as the Epstein Trust property, for \$248,998.35 as an addition to Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve - Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Martini to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the property, which is an inholding that is strategic for the District. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.6 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Approximately 32.8 acres of property in two parcels owned by the Village of Libertyville for \$13,900.00 as additions to Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve - Motion by member Clark, second by member Simpson to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the property, and thanked Commissioner Clark for helping to navigate through the acquisition. Member Clark also thanked Mayor Wepler for working with the District. Chair Wasik asked for public comment; there were no responses. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.0 Closed Session – None

11.0 Next meeting: May 4, 2020

12.0 Adjournment – Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Altenberg to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
_____ John Wasik, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Diane Hewitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Julie Simpson, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Judy Martini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Marah Altenberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Dick Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Jessica Vealitzek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Jennifer Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Secretary's Note: Pursuant to the Illinois Governor's Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-10, 2020-18, and 2020-33, the Planning Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, May 4, 2020. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 9 (Wasik, Simpson, Altenberg, Barr, Clark, Hewitt, Martini, Pedersen, Vealitzek)
NAYS: 0



Committee Secretary