

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – May 2, 2022**

On Monday, May 2, 2022, 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 Terry Wilke called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Terry Wilke; Vice Chair Marah Altenberg; Carissa Casbon, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, and John Wasik. Member Gina Roberts arrived at 1:12 pm; and member Diane Hewitt joined the meeting via Zoom at 1:27 p.m. Member Dick Barr was absent.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	John Nelson	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Ann Maine (on Zoom)	Rebekah Snyder	Julie Gragnani, <i>Committee Secretary</i>
Alex Ty Kovach	Nan Buckardt	Mick Zawislak (Media, on Zoom)
Mike Tully	Ken Jones	Debbie Boness
Randy Seebach	Kevin Kleinjan	Becky Mathis
John Tannahill (on Zoom)	Helena Keller	Alyssa Firkus
Steve Neaman (on Zoom)	Maureen Shelton	Kim Mikus

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Casbon, second by member Altenberg to approve the minutes from April 4, 2022. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment (for items not on the agenda) – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach presented his report on:

- Stormwater Management Commission put a call out for projects that could be funded via the Wetland Restoration Fund;
- ESRI, the District's GIS software provider, has featured the Museum's virtual exhibits as part of a blog;
- New exhibit opened at Dunn Museum on April 16: *Bill Sienkiewicz: Pop Culture Revolution*
- Self-guided exhibits at Adlai E. Stevenson II Home opened in April, available through October;
- District Curator Diana Dretske's book, *The Bonds of War: A Story of Immigrants and Esprit de Corps in Company C, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry*, was given the Award of Excellence from the State Historical Society;
- Preservation Foundation received \$200,000 grant from a private foundation to support Phase I of the new educational facility at Ryerson Woods;
- Spring donor acquisition campaign ran from March through April; results are being analyzed;
- The District made four requests for Community Program Funding and was encouraged to follow up with more information to Congressman's Schneider's office regarding restoration at Greenbelt;
- Fort Sheridan Open House recap; data will be compiled and presented to committees at a future date.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving and accepting a Plat of Easement from Vernon Township for a permanent trail easement for the Des Plaines River Trail at Half Day Forest Preserve - Motion by member Casbon, second by member Pedersen to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach showed the location on a map and Planning Director Seebach summarized the plat of easement that will resolve an encroachment of the Des Plaines River Trail onto Vernon Township's Cemetery property. The Township will grant the easement to the District at no cost. With a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding ten Construction Trade Contracts for the Phase One Construction of the new Education Facility at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area – Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach showed the location on a map and Planning Director Seebach summarized the bidding of the trade packages for Phase 1 construction, and detailed three packages that came in over estimates due to increases in supply and fuel costs: steel, windows/curtain wall, and wastewater system. The steel and windows/curtain wall packages will both be redesigned and re-bid. The wastewater system bid is out for re-bid and if it comes in high again, will be redesigned. The fire suppression system is not required by code, not required by PDRMA and was recommended to be deleted as a cost saving measure. Director Seebach summarized the financial details, noting a difference of \$1.3 million from the original \$4.5 million budget to current estimate of \$5.8 million. He reviewed new revenue sources including donations, District matching funds, contributions from the Paving and Accessibility Funds, and value engineering and scope reductions to reduce costs. Factoring these in, the adjusted project estimate is \$5.38 million, leaving a surplus of \$141,000, which will be used as project contingency during construction. Mr. Seebach noted that over half of the project will be funded through grants and donations. He explained the redesign of the windows and distributed a sample of the triple paned glass. He responded to questions and a general discussion ensued.

At 1:27 p.m., Member Diane Hewitt's attendance via Zoom was confirmed, in accordance with the District's policy on electronic attendance.

During discussion, Member Hunter said he was not in favor of dropping the fire suppression system due to fire safety issues and its relatively low cost. There was a consensus of committee members that it was important to leave it in, and to recoup that cost somewhere else in the project. Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Roberts to amend the Resolution to not reject the fire suppression bid. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. On the original motion to approve, as amended, voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval. Director Seebach reviewed the project timetable.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – President Kyle introduced new Commissioner Steve Snarski to staff. Director Kovach gave a brief history of events leading up to the decision start construction on the new educational facility at Ryerson Woods, noting that the major obstacles have been resolved. Director Rebekah Snyder added that discussions are on-going for additional donor opportunities for the project.



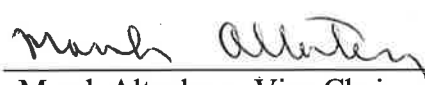
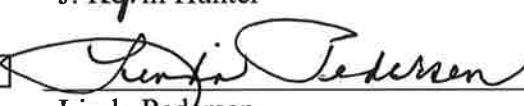
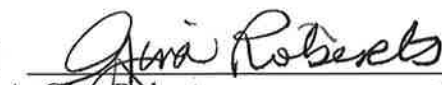

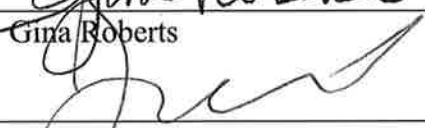
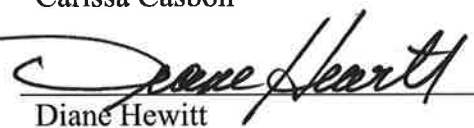
12.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Hunter to go into closed session for the purpose of: 1) reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and deletion of verbatim recordings; 2) discussing the purchase or lease of real property; and 3) setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:50 p.m. and returned to open session at 3:15 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Wilke noted that the next meeting is June 6, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
 Terry Wilke, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 J. Kevin Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Marah Altenberg, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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