

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – May 4, 2020**

On Monday, May 4, 2020, 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 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 Barr 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, 2020-18, and 2020-32, 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
Alex Kovach
Mike Tully
Randy Seebach
Ken Jones

Also Present:

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

Also Present:

Nan Buckardt
Rebekah Snyder
Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*
Mick Zawislak

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

4.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Clark to approve open session minutes from April 6, 2020. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9; NAYS: 0. (Leave for previous roll call)

5.0 Public Comment – Chair Wasik asked if there was anyone listening who wished to provide public comment for items not on the agenda. Cindy “*124” spoke in favor of opening the dog exercise areas.

6.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments:

- Preserves were very busy over the weekend.
- Closures at Fort Sheridan and Buffalo Creek due to the high number of visitors and other closures due to flooding.
- The District to follow CDC guidelines and Lake County Health Department for dog parks to remain closed until guidelines change.
- High increases in new users on the website and social media.
- Forest Preserve staff are all engaged in working remotely.
- Countryside Golf Course has opened in accordance with the Governor’s orders with ThunderHawk to open next weekend.
- Education field staff have developed virtual field trips, which are very popular.

- The farm license with Openlands at Casey Farm has been terminated and the District received money for the amount required for restoration on District property for the sustainable farm.
- If we are able to meet in person, the June 1 joint meeting would be held at Greenbelt Cultural Center, which has enough space to socially distance people.
- Staff in conversations with CLC regarding their culinary program and feasibility of moving it to the Brae Loch clubhouse.
- The annual audit is in progress; working through the challenges of working remotely.
- Update on the Preservation Foundation and recent grants.

In response to questions, Mr. Kovach noted that Countryside tee times were booked up before it opened; and carts would only be used for a person with mobility issues.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Old Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution Approving Property Access Agreement with North Shore Water Reclamation District allowing access for Ecological Management of the Waukegan Dunes Area, Illinois Natural Area Inventory Site, as part of the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain restoration project – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Martini to approve the recommendation. A map displaying the area where the District needs to access NSWRD property for the restoration project outlined was shown. Mr. Kovach explained that NSWRD wants to be indemnified for any accidents that could happen and staff believes it can be mitigated by walking the property in advance with the Contractors to look for any issues. Chair Wasik asked for public comment and there was no response. With no questions or comments, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0 (Leave for previous roll call). The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding Contract for Phase III Engineering for the Millennium Trail-U.S. Route 45 Underpass Construction to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Itasca, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$562,522.00 - Motion by member Martini, second by member Altenberg to approve the recommendation. Maps displaying the location of the project area were shown, and Mr. Kovach explained how it relates to the Millennium Trail. He noted that the District will get reimbursed by TAP Grant funds for 80% of the project cost, so the final cost to the District for this contract will be \$112,506.00. Planning and Land Preservation Director Randy Seebach responded to questions from the committee. Chair Wasik asked for public comment and there was no response. With no questions or comments, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0 (Leave for previous roll call). The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution Approving Local Agency Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternative Program Funding for Millennium Trail-U.S. Route 45 Underpass Construction - Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the recommendation. Chair Wasik asked for public comment and there was no response. With no questions or comments, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0 (Leave for previous roll call). The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.4 Recommend approval of Resolution Repealing prior Resolution and Approving a Tax Sale Agreement with Openlands resulting from 2019 Annual Lake County Tax Sale, allowing Purchase

of a Tax Sale Certificate from Openlands for \$2,149.47 - Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Barr to approve the recommendation. The parcel was shown on a map and Mr. Kovach summarized the recommendation, noting there was an error in the dollar amount of \$2,091.20 that was presented to the Committee and Board the previous month. Mr. Kovach and Land Preservation Manager Ken Jones responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Chair Wasik asked for public comment and there was no response. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0 (Leave for previous roll call). The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Closed Session - None

Chief Operations Officer Mike Tully clarified to the Committee that the District’s golf course staff does require customers to show a State-issued disability card to get a cart at this time.

12.0 Next Scheduled Meeting: June 1, 2020 - Joint Meeting with the Operations and Finance Committees at 8:30 a.m. The current Governor’s Order expires on May 29 so there will be a very short window for determining whether the June 1 meeting can be held in person or continue to be remote meetings.

13.0 Adjournment – Motion by member Martini, second by member Altenberg to adjourn. Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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Marah Altenberg			Linda Pedersen		
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Dick Barr			Jessica Vealitzek		
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Jennifer Clark					

Secretary’s Note: Pursuant to the Illinois Governor’s Executive Orders 2020-7, 2020-33, and 2020-39, the Planning Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, June 1, 2020. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 7 (Wasik, Simpson, Altenberg, Clark, Hewitt, Martini, Vealitzek)
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 2 (Barr, Pedersen)

 Committee Secretary