



Preservation Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices (1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL)

Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 8:30 am

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Chair Hough called the meeting to order at 8:30 am
- 2.0 Roll Call** – Secretary Carlucci called the roll with the following members present or on Zoom: Hough, Cohn, Danks, Heier, Hunter, Kirby, Kovach, Leutwiler, Rummel, Tutty, Vealtizek, Wasik, Waynee, and Young. Members Absent: McMillan-Wilhoit, McKinney
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Hunter, second by Tutty to approve the February 12, 2026, minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0
- 4.0 Public Comment** – None
- 5.0 Correspondence** – None
- 6.0 Forest Preserves Update** – Ty Kovach provided information on Forest Preserve updates
- 7.0 Treasurer's Report** – Mike Rummel gave a brief update on the FY2026 Q1 Financial Statements
- 8.0 Preservation Foundation Executive Director Comments** – Rebekah Snyder gave a brief update
- 9.0 New Business**
 - 9.1 For Information Only: Forest Preserves Strategic Planning Update – Rebekah Snyder and staff from Partners in Capacity gave an update on the process to develop the Forest Preserves next five-year strategic plan.
 - 9.2 Recommend approval of the Preservation Foundation's Fiscal Year 2025 Audit – Rebekah Snyder gave an update. Motion by Rummel, second by Leutwiler. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0
 - 9.3 For Information Only: Presentation on the Forest Preserves' Community Engagement Program – Norma Zamudio gave a presentation on accomplishments and the development of the Community Engagement program.
 - 9.4 Recommend approval of a \$3,600 grant from unrestricted funds to fund a smart board for use at the Ryerson Welcome Center. Alyssa Firkus gave a brief presentation. Motion by Leutwiler, second by Tutty. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0
 - 9.5 Recommend approval of a \$1,100 grant from unrestricted funds to pilot a new education program: Community Science at Night – Bat Monitoring. Alyssa Firkus gave a brief presentation. Motion by Rummel, second by Heier. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0
- 10.0 Old Business** – None
- 11.0 Closed Session** – **To go into closed session:** Motion by Vealtizek, second by Kirby. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 – **To come out of closed session:** Motion by Hunter, second by Waynee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0



- 12.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session** – Recommend approval of a resolution nominating members to the Preservation Foundation Board of Directors. Motion to nominate members to the Preservation Foundation Board of Directors: by Kovach, second by Hunter. Voice vote being had, the motion passed by the following: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0
- 13.0 Next meeting:** Thursday, August 13, 2026
- 14.0 Adjournment** – With no further business, Chair Hough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

Respectfully submitted:

JoEllen Carlucci

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 8/13/2026