

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT –REGULAR JUNE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the District’s General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A request to attend the meeting electronically was submitted to legal counsel from Commissioner Michael Danforth due to employment. Also, Commissioner Esiah Campos was present via Zoom and stated he had texted President Kyle the previous evening requesting to attend remotely due to employment. Attorney Norton reminded the Commissioners that requests to attend electronically are to be submitted to the Board Secretary per the District’s Electronic Attendance Policy. Hearing no objections, President Kyle declared Commissioners Danforth and Campos present.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 15 Commissioners responded present: Campos, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Pedersen, Vealitzek, Wasik. Absent: Altenberg, Parekh, Roberts, Schlick.

3.0 Moment of Silence – President Kyle led a moment of silence.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Wasik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment – Public comment was given via Zoom by a person displayed as “pw” regarding the Deerfield Baxter campus demolition for development, suggesting the site could be a forest preserve.

7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments – President Kyle reported on the following:

- Committee of the Whole on July 12th at 10:30 a.m. at the Ryerson Welcome Center
- Legislative Committee on July 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Independence Grove Visitors Center
- Reminder of Special Park Districts Form beginning on June 19th with an evening reception
- Introduction of new staff – Community Engagement & Partnerships Intern

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Hewitt, second by Commissioner Vealitzek to approve the Consent Agenda (items 9.1 through 9.3):

9.1 Approve Minutes of May 10, 2023

9.2 Approve Resolution awarding Contract for Purchase and Installation of Police Vehicle Equipment to Havey Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,068.80.
EXHIBIT No. 5982

9.3 Approve Resolution awarding Contract for Purchase and Installation of Pumps and HVAC Controls at Greenbelt Cultural Center to Trane U.S. Inc., in the Contract Price of \$184,967.00, through an Omnia Partners cooperative purchasing program. **EXHIBIT No. 5983**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0.**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Resolution Adopting Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Clark to approve a Resolution adopting the Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Maine, second by Commissioner Frank to amend Page 8, Section 6.2 of the Capital Improvement Policies to add the bullet point “Equitable access for underserved communities”. With a voice vote being had, the motion to amend passed unanimously; Nays: 0. On the original motion to approve – as amended – with a voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously; Nays: 0. **EXHIBIT No. 5984**

10.2 Ordinance Approving 10-Year CIP and Amending the 2023 Budget and CIP

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance approving the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2024 and amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and CIP. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 2 EXHIBIT No. 5985**

10.3 Resolution Approving Contract to Joel Sartore for Speaking Engagements in 2024

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for Speaking Engagements to Joel Sartore Photography in the Contract Price of \$52,500.00. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5986**

10.4 Ordinance Amending Personnel Policy 4.2 – Vacation Leave

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Clark to approve an Ordinance amending Personnel Policy 4.2 – Vacation Leave. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5987**

10.5 Ordinance Adding Personnel Policy 4.11 – Paid Bereavement Leave

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance adding Personnel Policy 4.11 – Paid Bereavement Leave. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5988**

10.6 Ordinance Approving a License Agreement with Catering With Relish, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek second by Commissioner Clark to approve an Ordinance authorizing a License Agreement for Special Event Management and Food Services at Independence Grove Forest Preserve with Catering with Relish, Inc. Public comment was given by David Saletta, who spoke against the agreement; and by Jeffrey Ware via Zoom. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5989**

Commissioner Hart left the room at 10:05 a.m.

10.7 Ordinance Awarding Contract for Museum Lighting Products and to Amend Budget

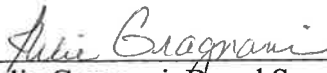
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve an Ordinance awarding a Contract for the purchase of Museum Lighting Products to Northwest Electrical Supply Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$60,217.95; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to fund products from the Museum Relocation Fund. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call, minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5990**

10.8 Resolution to Amend Cooperative Services Agreement with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Wasik to approve a Resolution

- 10.9 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Construction Management Services at Lakewood**
 Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Hunter to approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for Construction Management Services for the Net-Zero Maintenance Facility at Lakewood Forest Preserve to Gilbane Building Company, in the Contract Price of \$738,276.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call, minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5992**
- 10.10 **Resolution Awarding Trade Contracts for New Maintenance Facility at Lakewood**
 Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Vealitzek to approve a Resolution awarding Eleven Contracts for the Construction of the Net-Zero Maintenance Facility at Lakewood Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call, minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5993**
- Commissioner Hart returned to the meeting at 10:12 a.m.
- 10.11 **Resolution Approving Easement Agreement with Village of Volo for Path at Mark Flat**
 Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Hunter to approve a Resolution approving an Easement Agreement with the Village of Volo for a multi-use Path along Fish Lake Road at Marl Flat Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5994**
- 10.12 **Resolution to Acquire Openlands Property as an Addition to Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve**
 Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Frank to approve a Resolution to acquire an approximately 77-acre property in Moraine Township, known as the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve, as an addition to Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. Executive Director Kovach gave a presentation on the property. Commissioner Maine noted that while she would be voting for the acquisition, additional resources will be needed to police the property and manage neighbors' complaints. Several Commissioners provided additional favorable comments. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5995**
- 11.0 **Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 12.0 **Miscellaneous Business** – The Board briefly commented on smash and grab burglaries at the Preserves; Commissioner Maine recognized retiring Chief Operations Officer Mike Tully. Director Rebekah Snyder noted that there will be a virtual public information session on the newly acquired Openlands property on Monday, July 10.
- 13.0 **Closed Session – None**
- 14.0 **Potential Action following Closed Session - None**
- 15.0 **Adjournment** – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


 Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

8-9-2023
 Date Approved

ROLL CALL

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ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																				
			Consent Agenda		10.1 MOTION TO AMEND		10.2 CIP		10.3 Sartore Contract		10.4 Policy 4.2		10.5 Policy 4.11		10.6 16. Caterer		10.7 Museum Lighting		10.8 USDA Amend.		10.9 CMS Lakewood		
P	A		Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	
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6	✓		Danforth, Michael Zoom	✓				✓		✓													
7	✓		Frank, Paul	✓				✓		✓													
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10	✓		Hunter, J. Kevin	✓				✓		✓													
11	✓		Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓				✓		✓													
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15	✓		Pedersen, Linda	✓					X	✓													
16		X	Roberts, Gina																				
17		X	Schlick, Adam																				
18	✓		Vealitzek, Jessica	✓				✓		✓													
19	✓		Wasik, John	✓				✓		✓									14		14		14
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APPROVE AS AMENDED
VOICE VOTE
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HART OUT
10:05

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			10.10		10.11		10.12														
P	A		Trade Contracts	Equipment Agreement	Openlands																
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