

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – June 24, 2019**

The Lake County Forest Preserves' Planning Committee met on Monday, June 24, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – With a quorum present, Chair John Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members Present:

John Wasik, Chair
Julie Simpson, Vice Chair
Dick Barr (arrived 1:02)
Jennifer Clark
Adam Didech
Judy Martini
Linda Pedersen
Jessica Vealitzek

Absent:

Diane Hewitt

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President (arrived 1:16)
Ann Maine
Alex Ty Kovach
Jim Anderson
Katherine Hamilton-Smith
Steve Neaman
John Nelson
Randy Seebach
John Tannahill
Mike Tully

Also Present:

Rebekah Snyder
Ken Jones
Debbie Boness
Jordan Wagner
Seleena Kuester
Andrew Osborne
Becky Mathis
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*
Don Wilson, *LEAS*
Lynn Goodell, *LC Mounted Posse*

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Pedersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

4.0 Public Comment - None

5.0 Executive Director's Report – Mr. Seebach introduced employee Becky Mathis, Landscape Architect. Executive Director Kovach distributed and summarized his report:

- After consulting with local and state law enforcement agencies, the District decided to cancel Civil War Days this year;
- The District's most recent Loss Control Review score by the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) was 98.09%. The District has been awarded PDRMA's highest honor for achievement in loss control accreditation;
- Science Explorers in Nature camp has started. Open House at the end of the program will be held on Friday, July 12 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cultural Center in North Chicago;
- The Preservation Foundation has received another \$250,000 pledge toward the endowment initiative. The gift came from Marshall Field V, bringing his total pledge to \$500,000;
- The Voting Members of the Preservation Foundation approved the appointment of Betsy Hough to the Foundation's Board of Directors;
- Reminder the July board meeting is outdoors on Wednesday, July 10th and at the Lakewood Forest Preserve Shelter E;
- Reminder the Committee of the Whole meeting is on July 18th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the General Offices.

Member Martini asked if the Preservation Foundation is in jeopardy of losing any donors due to the cancelation of Civil War Days. Mr. Kovach noted that nothing has been verified and that the public will be watching and hope they realize management tries to make good decisions for the District. Mr. Kovach will keep the committee updated on the matter.

Member Barr commented on having discussions on how to handle and make decisions on events in the future. Chair Wasik noted that a discussion would be more appropriate for the Operations Committee or the Rules Committee. A general discussion ensued; Mr. Norton advised that it would not be appropriate for the

Rules Committee and would be an Operations Committee or Committee of the Whole item, he further explained the purpose of the Rules Committee and the other committees.

6.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Didech, second by member Clark to approve the minutes of the open session and closed session minutes from May 6, 2019; and joint meeting minutes from June 3, 2019. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

7.0 Correspondence - None

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution Establishing a Fundraising Goal of \$20 million for the Endowment Fund of the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves – Mr. Kovach summarized the goal for the Endowment Fund and how it fits into the strategic planning process. Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Martini to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution Requesting Regulatory Agencies in Wisconsin to Continue Collaboration with Lake County Agencies to Enforce and Improve Environmental Regulations to Offset Impacts from Further Development in the Fox River and Des Plaines River Watersheds – Mr. Kovach summarized the need for enforcement of regulations and how it directly impacts Lake County and the District's watersheds. Chair Wasik asked if this will specifically address the Foxconn issue. Mr. Kovach noted this is to address all development in Wisconsin and the impacts on both of the watersheds. Motion by member Didech, second by member Vealitzek to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously with member Barr voting "Present". The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution supporting the Chicago Wilderness 12 Wildlife Priority Species Program – Mr. Kovach summarized that the District is a priority animal species lead partner in the Chicago Wilderness priority species program with respect to the Blanding's Turtle. Mr. Anderson summarized what agencies or partners that are taking the lead with which species. Mr. Kovach and Mr. Anderson also summarized the history of the Chicago Wilderness organization. Motion by member Clark, second by member Vealitzek to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

9.3 For Information Only: Request from Proctor & Gamble to add solar panels on existing easement at Greenbelt Forest Preserve – Mr. Seebach presented with maps the requested location of Proctor & Gamble's solar panels and the District's easement. He noted that the terms of the easement agreement and the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act do not allow for this type of use on District property. Mr. Seebach also noted that the location is within a flood plain and that the District has denied the request. Mr. Seebach and Mr. Norton responded to questions and a general discussion ensued.

9.4 Policy direction regarding participation as a co-sponsor of the Lake County Department of Transportation's Patriot Path and negotiation of the required easements through/across District property at Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve – Mr. Seebach showed the path and the path connections on a map and summarized LCDOT's project and the request for the District to be a non-funding co-sponsor. Mr. Seebach also noted that the project will require land acquisition and LCDOT will continue to follow the District's standard land acquisition process for the purchase of easements. Mr. Seebach showed the importance of the project with a map pointing to a northeast area of the County that is underserved and how the new path will help connect the area to the regional trail system and to the west. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Ann Main further summarized the history and importance of the connections the

path would make. Mr. Seebach responded to further questions and a general discussion ensued. The consensus of the committee was to proceed with the co-sponsorship and negotiation of the easements including expressing interest in a traffic signal being part of the project.





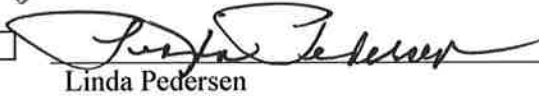

9.5 Recommend approval of an Ordinance Vacating Portions of Elizabeth Drive and Morton Drive within Duck Farm Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach summarized the vacations on a map. Motion by member Vealitzek, second by member Simpson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.0 **Closed Session** – Motion by member Simpson, second by member Clark to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The Committee went into executive session at 1:54 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:04 p.m.

11.0 **Next meeting:** August 5, 2019.

12.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, motion by member Simpson, second by member Clark to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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 Julie Simpson, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Judy Martini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Dick Barr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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