Lake County Forest Preserve District Planning Committee Minutes – June 27, 2022

On Monday, June 27, 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 eight committee members responded: Chair Terry Wilke; Vice Chair Marah Altenberg; Carissa Casbon, Diane Hewitt, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, and John Wasik. Member Dick Barr was absent.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President	John Nelson (on Zoom)	Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel
Alex Ty Kovach	Nan Buckardt (on Zoom)	Julie Gragnani, Committee Secretary
Randy Seebach	John Tannahill (on Zoom)	Erika Stergos
Ken Jones	Mary Kann (on Zoom)	Kristen Seefurth
Rebekah Snyder	Kevin Kleinjan	JoEllen Carlucci
Steve Neaman (on Zoom)	Maureen Shelton	John Lacson
Mike Tully (on Zoom)	Helena Keller	

- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance Member Hunter 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:
 - Recycle Right information has been installed on signs at recycling centers District-wide;
 - Dunn Museum will exhibit a two-sided painting by Waukegan artist Reima V. Ratti;
 - Field trips for the school year just concluded with attendance about 60% of the last pre-Covid year;
 - School districts eligible for this year's Gateways Grant Program;
 - Recent gathering at Nippersink Forest Preserve celebrating the renaming of Manitou Creek;
 - Museum staff recently met at Bonner Farm with John Bonner, great-great-grandson of William;
 - Science Explorers in Nature on July 15 at Greenbelt Cultural Center;
 - Volunteer Recognition Picnic on July 8 at Independence Grove, North Bay Pavilion;
 - New Herbicide Quick-Start Guide for Lake County residents a copy was distributed;
 - New issue of Horizons is now available in print and online;
 - Community Engagement and Partnerships Director Rebekah Snyder introduced new department staff.
- **8.0** Correspondence None
- 9.0 Unfinished Business None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Approve Change Order No.1 to the Contract with Boller Construction Company, Inc. for the purchase of windows and doors for the new Education Facility at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, increasing the Contract Amount by \$226,406.25 - Motion by member Casbon, second by member Altenberg to approve the recommendation. Director Randy explained the redesigned windows and passed

around a sample. He reviewed the details of the change order, noting that the District's construction manager negotiated with Boller Construction Company to purchase the redesigned exterior window and door assemblies directly from the manufacturer, resulting in a significant savings over the bid for the originally designed windows. This will also save about 8 weeks for delivery and allow construction of the building to proceed without delay. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and with a voice vote being had, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

10.2 Policy direction regarding a potential agreement with the Village of Lake Barrington to provide a trail connection and crosswalk at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve – Using a map to illustrate, Director Seebach explained a request from two residents and the Village of Lake Barrington to consider providing a safer pedestrian access from the Wedgewood Trails subdivision to Grassy Lake Forest Preserve. District staff, LCDOT and the Village have had discussions regarding the opportunity to provide a safer access for local residents while also relocating an existing District maintenance access to the intersection of Miller Road and Wedgewood Lane where there are improved sight lines and a better opportunity for a painted crosswalk. The materials, labor and permits for the project is estimated at \$71,350. Mr. Seebach noted there would be minimal disturbance to the woodland. The Village will contact the 27 homeowners to help provide a 50% cost share with the Village. The District's share would be determined through negotiations with the Village. Committee direction was requested on whether they were okay with this concept and whether to continue conversations with the Village. If successful there would be an intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. The committee gave direction to proceed.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business - None

12.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Casbon, second by member Roberts to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property; and 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 1:38 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:49 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Wilke noted that the next meeting would be August 1, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	1/11	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
Terry Wilke, Chair			J. Kevin/Hunter	- }	
Marah Altenberg, Vice Chair			Linda Pedersen		
Dick Barr			Gira Roberts		
Carissa Casbon			John Wasik		
Diane Hewitt					