

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – June 28, 2021**

On Monday, June 28, 2021, 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 – Vice Chair Marah Altenberg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Marah Altenberg, Vice Chair; Carissa Casbon, Diane Hewitt, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, and John Wasik. Absent: Dick Barr and Terry Wilke.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President
Ann Maine
Alex Kovach
Steve Neaman
Randy Seebach
Jim Anderson

Also Present:

Mary Kann
John Nelson
Nan Buckardt
Ken Jones
Rebekah Snyder
Becky Mathis

Also Present:

Julie Gragnani
Kim Mikus Croke
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel
John Taylor Schaffhauser
Matt Wallace

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

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Casbon to approve open session minutes of May 3 and May 24, 2021; and closed session minutes of a) 2020: March 2, June 1, August 3, August 31, October 5, November 2, December 22; and b) 2021: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment (for items not on the agenda) – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- Update on public access projects either underway or recently completed;
- *Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross* traveling exhibition scheduled to begin touring this fall;
- World Turtle Day Instagram account shared the District's story on the Blanding's Turtle program;
- Beer Garden and Concert Series at Independence Grove received heavy media coverage;
- Preservation Foundation grants and donations update;
- Outdoor Board meeting on July 14 at Grant Woods Forest Preserve
- Special meeting of the Legislative Committee on July 27 at Independence Grove Visitors Center;
- Special Committee of the Whole will be scheduled this summer for an update from Waukegan Port District on proposed runway expansion at Waukegan National Airport.

Commissioner Ann Maine joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 For Information Only: Review and comment on the Revised Site Plan, Schematic Building Design, Preliminary Cost Estimate and Project Schedule for the Environmental Education Facility at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area – Executive Director Kovach gave an overview of the project, which includes funding of \$2 million for matching grants in the capital improvement plan, plus the pursuit of a Clean Energy grant and another anonymous donation. Planning Director Randy Seebach introduced Matt Wallace and John Taylor Schaffhauser of Lake Flato Architects and a presentation was given by Director Seebach and Lake Flato outlining the revised site plan and schematic building design, and the preliminary cost estimate of over \$7

million. Because that estimate exceeds current available funding, it was being recommended that the building be done in two phases. The south building and the overlook trail would be implemented as part of Phase II and be placed on the unfunded list with a placeholder estimate of \$3 million. The rest of the project will be in Phase I with an estimate of \$4.3 million including grants and donations. Mr. Wallace reviewed the Phase I building components, and Director Seebach reviewed the Phase I site plan, project schedule and responded to questions.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Phase II Architectural Services for the Environmental Education Facility at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area to Lake Flato Architects, San Antonio, Texas, in the Contract Price of \$573,725.00 – Motion by member Casbon, second by member Roberts to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach summarized the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously; Nays: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board.

10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Long Grove and County of Lake for Buffer Plantings at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve. Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Director Seebach provided background and gave an overview of the project design; and noted that each agency will pay \$30,000. The District will purchase the trees and shrubs, and the Village and County will split the cost of installation. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously; Nays: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board.

10.4 Policy direction regarding request from the Lake County Department of Public Works for a permanent easement for an existing sewer line along Linden Avenue at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve – Mr. Kovach showed the easement request on a map and noted that this easement is to correct a previous oversight that resulted in a 100-ft. gap in the existing easement. The County will pay the \$1000 application fee. The consensus of the committee was to proceed with no objections.

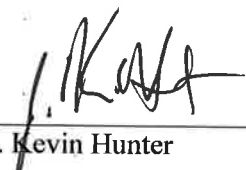
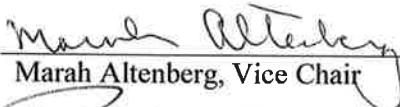
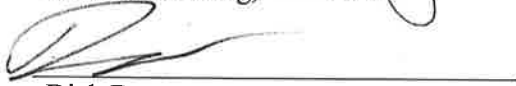

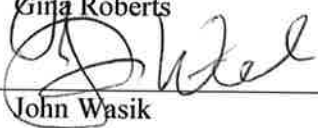

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Roberts, second by member Pedersen 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 a vote of: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 2:20 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:38 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Vice Chair Altenberg noted that the next meeting is August 2nd, 2021 and adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

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