

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Strategic Planning Steering Committee  
July 17, 2019**

The Lake County Forest Preserves Strategic Planning Steering Committee met on July 17, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**Members Present:**

President Angelo Kyle, Chair  
John Wasik, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Clark, Commissioner  
Paul Frank, Commisisoner (9:12 am)  
Ann Maine, Commissioner (9:13 am)  
Jessica Vealitzek, Commissioner  
Alyssa Firkus  
Betsy Hough  
Angela Larsen  
John Rogner  
Lydia Scott  
Judith Stockdale  
Pati Vitt

**Also Present:**

Dianne Russell, *Institute for Conservation Leadership*  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Jim Anderson  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Laurel Diver  
Julie Gragnani

**Members Absent:**

Lindsay Birt

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Angelo Kyle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Public Comment** – None

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Strategic Plan Objectives** – Chair Kyle turned the meeting over to Executive Director Ty Kovach, who gave opening remarks. He then turned the meeting over to Dianne Russell with the Institute for Conservation Leadership, who gave an overview of her firm. Each committee member introduced themselves and Natural Resource Director Jim Anderson added that Lindsay Birt was unable to attend today's meeting. Her expertise is in stormwater management and ESRI.

Ms. Russell reviewed the meeting objectives and the planning process intentions. The committee broke into small groups to discuss two questions:

- 1) Why is this planning process needed now?
- 2) What can we bring to the overall planning process?

Following this discussion, Mr. Kovach gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current strategic plan. Each objective was summarized with a percent completion grade. As the presentation progressed, Mr. Kovach responded to questions and various discussions ensued. Public Affairs Director Katherine Hamilton-Smith reviewed some key results of the last attitude and interest survey. Member Maine suggested creating a drop box for the committee to communicate information to each other. The committee took a break at 10:35am and resumed at 10:55am.

Ms. Russell presented a timeline for the committee's action plan, which will include gathering data, determining and testing initial strategic directions, final decision-making, and coordinating and communicating the rollout. The committee's role will be to guide and advise the strategic plan by

bringing collective knowledge and thinking at the high strategic level. Director Anderson added that the CMAP On to 2050 Plan will be the guiding force.

Ms. Russell reviewed three phases of the planning process and then presented three questions:

- 1) What do we need to do to support key leaders and constituents in doing their best strategic and innovative thinking?
- 2) How can we choose which themes to bring the dialogue/discussion into something manageable?
- 3) How do we key up a discussion with the Board of Commissioners?

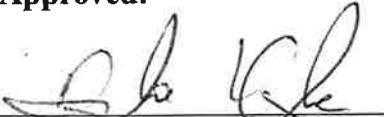
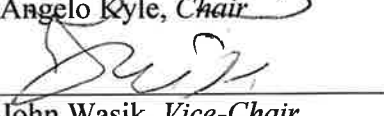
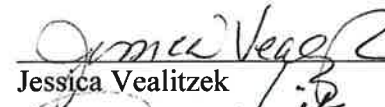
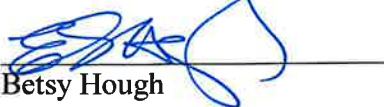

Committee members were asked to go into the small group for the question they were drawn to. The three small groups held discussion from 11:15 am to 11:50.

Each group reported on their three top answers to their question. The committee broke for lunch from 12:15 pm to 12:35 pm. When the meeting resumed, Mr. Kovach reviewed the previous strategic planning process and how various outside organizations and stakeholders were engaged for inclusion in the process. The committee took 10 minutes to write down suggested contacts of anyone they know, or contacts outside of their normal circle, who might be good for staff to reach out to about becoming involved in the process. Member Maine cautioned to be careful about who is invited to participate and make it clear to them what their role would be.

**6.0 Next Meeting** – Mr. Kovach asked the committee members to keep the dates of August 21 – 23, September 11, and September 16 open. Staff will look into the possibility of a video conference meeting. Ms. Russell asked if the committee would be open to filling out survey questions in advance of meetings and there were no objections.

**7.0 Adjourn** – Motion by member Wasik, second by member Clark to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 1:08 pm.

**Approved:**

	Yea	Nay		Yea	Nay
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