

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – August 28, 2023**

On Monday, August 28, 2023, 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 – With a quorum observed, Chair Paras Parekh called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Electronic attendance was requested by member Esiah Campos and there were no objections.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and seven committee members responded: Chair Paras Parekh, Chair Carissa Casbon, Marah Altenberg, Esiah Campos, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, and John Wasik.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President

Alex Ty Kovach

Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel

Randy Seebach

Ken Jones

Pati Vitt

John Nelson

Rebekah Snyder

Mary Kann

Ron Davis

Nan Buckardt

Julie Gragnani

Paula Ali

Kim Mikus Croke

Jamie Medina

Anna Larsen

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Altenberg, second Vice Chair Casbon to approve the minutes of July 31, 2023 – open and closed sessions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- Introduction of new staff: Anna Larsen, GIS Analyst; and Jamie Medina, Ranger Police Commander;
- Grant from Nicor to support restoration work at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve;
- Development Division's new messaging each month to attract new donors;
- This season's deer management program will start in November rather than December;
- Annual Volunteer Recognition on September 15th;
- Ryerson Woods is a stop on the Illinois Solar Tour on September 30th;
- Association of Midwest Museums featured the Dunn Museum in their member Spotlight section;
- Free museum admission on August 22nd was attended by 130;
- Final weeks of the Lake County racing history exhibit;
- 25th annual Hike Lake County program started August 15th and runs through November 30th;
- Preservation Foundation Annual Board meeting was held on August 17th;
- The Foundation hosted a special webinar for donors in partnership with the Education Department.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Policy direction regarding request from ComEd for temporary construction easement for excavation to install poles and lines within existing right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to District property on south side of Town Line Road, north of York House Road, at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve, and for potential vegetation management along the ROW – Director Randy Seebach explained ComEd’s request for the easement, necessary to excavate for new poles and lines within the ROW. There were no questions and the committed gave direction to proceed with negotiation of the temporary easement agreement.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Contract for Pavement Crack Sealing and Patching at multiple Forest Preserves to Patriot Maintenance, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$201,300.00 – Motion by member Hunter, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Director Seebach gave an overview of the contract, noting that work will be done at 19 preserves. Staff responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.3 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Parking Lot License Agreement with City of Highland Park for Openlands Lakeshore Preserve at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve – Motion by member Hunter, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach summarized the agreement, noting that in the past, Openlands had an agreement with the City of Highland Park to use their Walker Avenue parking lot. Director Kovach added that use of this lot is very important once the District takes ownership of the Openlands Preserve, because public parking in the area is so limited. The lot has 20 parking spaces including two accessible spaces. Mr. Seebach responded to questions and a general discussion ensued. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.



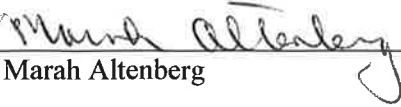
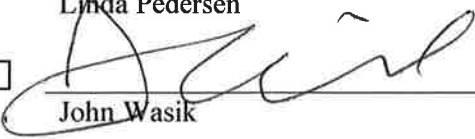
11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session –Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Hunter to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention and deletion of verbatim recordings; and for 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 1:28 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:55 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment –Chair Parekh adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

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