

SPECIAL MEETING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 5, 2019. The meeting was held at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order- President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

2.0 Roll call- Board Secretary Julie Gragnani called the roll and 19 Commissioners answered: Barr, Carlson, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Didech, Durkin, Hart, Hewitt, Kyle, Maine, Martini, Pedersen, Rummel, Simpson, Taylor, Vealitzek, Wasik, and Wilke. Commissioner Frank arrived at 1:18 p.m. Absent: Paxton.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kyle noted that the agenda was amended to move Public Comment to follow the presentation and discussion so that the information presented and discussed might be of benefit to the public assembled. Motion by Commissioner Barr, second by Commissioner Martini to amend the agenda by moving Public Comment to be the next agenda item, 4.0. Motion by Commissioner Maine, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to amend the motion to amend the agenda to bifurcate Public Comment to follow Item 4.0, and to follow Item 5.0. A lengthy Commissioner comment period ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Rummel, second by Commissioner Durkin to call the question. Attorney Norton clarified that this motion was to end debate on the motion to amend the initial motion. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 19, NAYS: 0.

Commissioner Maine reminded the Committee that her motion would amend the initial motion so that the order of item 4.0 would be: Presentation, then Public Comment, then Board discussion; and the order of item 5.0 would be: Presentation, then Public Comment, then Board discussion. Commissioner Carlson restated his second to the motion. Roll call vote being had, the motion to amend passed by the following vote: AYES: 19, NAYS: 0.

On the motion to amend the agenda and move Public Comment, as amended, Attorney Norton clarified that (i) an Aye vote would move Public Comment from 6.0 and bifurcate it into two locations: "4.5" after the presentation on future educational events for the Civil War and before Board discussion; and "5.5" after the presentation on process and before Board discussion on that issue, (ii) a Nay vote would leave Public Comment as item 6.0 on the agenda, And (iii) a 2/3 vote was required for passage of the motion to amend the agenda. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 19, NAYS: 0.

President Kyle noted that he would be in agreement with whatever the Board decided relative to Civil War Days moving forward.

4.0 Discussion on future educational events for the Civil War – Executive Director Kovach explained that the presentation would cover four points: what the Education Department does; an overview of the department's programs; the specifics of the Civil War Era programming; and staff options and recommendations moving forward. Education Director Nan Buckardt gave the presentation starting with an overview of Education Department staff and their educational backgrounds, qualifications, and experience. She continued with an overview of the Education Program including its connection to the 100-Year Vision, types of programs, and attendance during the past year. Next was an overview of the department's various programs related to the Civil War Era including source materials and museum artifacts used, school programs, special request programs, and Horizons programs. She gave an overview of the Civil War Days event including the planning involved and the various experiences offered at the event. She reviewed event statistics from 2017 and 2018 regarding attendance, revenue and expenses, staff cost, cost recovery rate and cost per attendee. Cost recovery shows that other events held must help recover the cost of Civil War Days. She summarized the event's challenges including meeting the fee guidelines requirements; large events like this require significant staff time; weather; the upcoming Lakewood Master Plan; and balancing cultural sensitivity with mission-based education about Lake County history.

Director Buckardt concluded with staff recommendations moving forward, including additional community input and potentially holding a revised event in 2020, then a hiatus due to the Lakewood Master Plan. Potential long-term options included expanding Civil War School Days, the Civil War Program Series at Dunn Museum, and developing a more cost effective Civil War Encampment program. Overall the programs would need to be considered carefully and responsibly as decisions are made moving forward.

4.5 Public Comment

The following members of the public provided public comment with respect to Civil War Days:

- Paul Berker, Lake Villa – in favor of Civil War Days
- Nathaniel Holm, Johnsburg – in favor of Civil War Days
- Diana Burdette, Waukegan – against Civil War Days
- David Bertand, Libertyville – in favor of Civil War Days
- Eric Bodo, Round Lake – in favor of Civil War Days
- Judy Pogvara, Round Lake Beach – in favor of Civil War Days
- Kristen Breyer, Wauconda – in favor of Civil War Days
- Cliff Babbey, Wauconda – in favor of Civil War Days
- Joshua VanDyke, Waukegan – in favor of Civil War Days
- Lucy Wender, Mundelein – in favor of Civil War Days
- John Masciale, Palatine – in favor of Civil War Days
- James Hawkins – in favor of Civil War Days
- Orlando Stratman, Lake Zurich – in favor of Civil War Days
- Larry McShane, Waukegan – in favor of Civil War Days
- David Summer, Grayslake – in favor of Civil War Days

President Kyle asked for consensus to cancel the Planning Committee scheduled to convene at 1:00pm. Motion by Planning Committee member Hewitt, second by Planning Committee member Pedersen to cancel the meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. Executive Director Kovach added that the items on the agenda were not time sensitive and could wait until the next meeting.

Public Comment continued:

- Dan Rosin, Libertyville – in favor of Civil War Days
- Steve Fratt, Gurnee – in favor of Civil War Days
- Jim Walsh, Round Lake Beach – in favor of Civil War Days
- Chris Kasperski, Lindenhurst – in favor of Civil War Days
- Ed McGlad – in favor of Civil War Days
- Dylan Burdette, Waukegan – against Civil War Days
- Ralph Peterson, Jr. – against Civil War Days
- Glen Garamoni, Ivanhoe – in favor of Civil War Days
- Michel Rioux, Round Lake Beach – against references made to him by other members of the public today
- Catherine Kummerow, Hawthorn Woods – in favor of Civil War Days
- Bill Kummerow, Hawthorn Woods – in favor of Civil War Days
- Ann Hurst – in favor of Civil War Days
- Richard Murray, Mundelein – in favor of Civil War Days
- Patrick Krook, Lake Villa – in favor of Civil War Days
- James Gosnell, Round Lake Beach – in favor of Civil War Days
- Dennis Rowan – in favor of Civil War Days
- George Duberstein, Hainesville – in favor of Civil War Days

With no further public comment, the Committee took a break at 1:45 p.m. and resumed at 2:03 p.m. A Commissioner discussion period ensued.

Commissioner Didech left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Commissioner discussion continued. During discussion, President Kyle restated that the Civil War Days decision moving forward will be a Board decision and he would go along with that decision.

During discussion, Commissioner Taylor asked Attorney Norton whether it was appropriate at the meeting to request the President to resign. Attorney Norton responded that there was nothing on today's agenda to give rise to that discussion. Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Norton to discuss with him offline the appropriate time and place for such a request.

Commissioner Hart left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Commissioner Martini left the room at 2:50 p.m.

Commissioner discussion continued. Executive Director Kovach stated that the consensus from today seemed to be to hold an event in 2020 and in future years, and not go on hiatus. He asked for consensus from the Committee to include the event in the proposed budget for next year. The consensus was to proceed. Mr. Kovach stated that he would work with the Director of Education on a budget. He noted that the former Education Committee was combined with the Operations Committee and recommended that the matter should come to the Operations Committee; there were no objections. Additional Commissioner comments were made thanking everyone for coming and acknowledging President Kyle's apology.

Commissioner Danforth asked if it would be appropriate to get a consensus on whether or not to refer Item 5 to the Rules Committee, and to get a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Durkin noted, as Chair of the Rules Committee, that the Rules committee could consider Item 5.0 at a future meeting.

In response to Commissioner Danforth's comment, Mr. Kovach cautioned the Board against altering the powers of the President and Executive Director in emergency situations, and cited actual examples including canceling a concert at Independence Grove due to a bomb threat, and immediate evacuation and closing of the archives building deemed unsafe. He added that the Executive Director and President need the ability to act immediately and cited the District's excellent track record for safety and risk management. He expressed concerns over having to go through a lengthy process in these types of situations.

Commissioner Martini re-entered the room at 3:10 p.m.

Mr. Kovach noted that the slides he planned to present for Item 5.0 could be delayed if that's the Committee's decision. He commented that the current procedure for discontinuing a program is to take it through for informational purposes to the appropriate standing committee.

5.0 Discussion on process to cancel events hosted by the District or events held on District property –
There was no further discussion on this item.

5.5 Public Comment - None

7.0 Addenda to the Agenda - None

8.0 Adjourn - Motion by Commissioner Barr, second by Commissioner Martini to adjourn. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

Date Approved: 12/2/19

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

August 5

SESSION, 20 19

11:12 am

ROLL CALL			COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																	
P	A	CALL THE QUESTION		AMEND-BIFURCATE PUBLIC COMMENT		ORIG. MOTION AS AMENDED															
		Aye		Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	
1	✓		Barr, Dick	✓		✓		✓													
2	✓		Carlson, Steve	✓		✓		✓													
3	✓		Clark, Jennifer	✓		✓		✓													
4	✓		Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓		✓		✓													
5	✓		Danforth, Michael	✓		✓		✓													
6	✓		Didech, Adam	✓		✓		✓													
7	✓		Durkin, Bill	✓		✓		✓													
8		X	Frank, Paul @ 1:18 pm																		
9	✓		Hart, Sandra	✓		✓		✓													
10	✓		Hewitt, Diane	✓		✓		✓													
11	✓		Kyle, Angelo	✓		✓		✓													
12	✓		Maine, Ann	✓		✓		✓													
13	✓		Martini, Judy	✓		✓		✓													
14		X	Paxton, Brent																		
15	✓		Pedersen, Linda	✓		✓		✓													
16	✓		Rummel, Mike	✓		✓		✓													
17	✓		Simpson, Julie	✓		✓		✓													
18	✓		Taylor, Craig	✓		✓		✓													
19	✓		Vealitzek, Jessica	✓		✓		✓													
20	✓		Wasik, John	✓		✓		✓													
21	✓		Wilke, Terry	✓		✓		✓													
19	2		TOTALS	19	0	19	0	19	0												
Notes:																					

PAUL FRANK ARRIVED 1:18 pm
ADAM DIDECH LEFT 2:10 pm
SANDY HART LEFT 2:50 pm

J MARTINI OUT 2:50p. IN 3:15p.