

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – January 3, 2022**

On Monday, January 3, 2022, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the December 10, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the District President attached to the Agenda, the Planning Committee met via Audio and Video conference and at the Lake County Forest Preserve District's General Offices.

1.0 Call to order – Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and six committee members responded: Terry Wilke, Chair; Carissa Casbon, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, and John Wasik. Vice Chair Marah Altenberg connected at 1:03 pm. Absent: Dick Barr and Diane Hewitt.

Also Present on Zoom:

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	Ken Jones
Paul Frank	Kim Mikus
Ann Maine	Maureen Shelton
Mike Tully	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Jim Anderson	Shari Roggee-Fidler, <i>Farm Foundation</i>
Nan Buckardt	Grant Benjamin, <i>Squaw Creek Clean Water Alliance</i>
Steve Neaman	Don Wilson
John Nelson	Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i>
Rebekah Snyder	

Also Present in Meeting Room:

Alex Ty Kovach
Randy Seebach
Debbie Boness

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

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by member Roberts second by member Casbon to approve the minutes from December 6, 2021. 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 the following and responded to questions:

- Increased visits to the Dunn Museum during the holiday season;
- Nearly \$170,000 has been raised for the Preservation Foundation Annual Fund as of 12/29/21;
- North Shore Gas renewed its Platinum Sponsorship of Concerts in the Plaza for 2022;
- Lake Forest Bank & Trust and Libertyville Bank & Trust renewed their \$5,000 grants for the 2022 Green Youth Farm program;
- Completion of the Millennium Trail Route 45 Underpass and trail extension that connects Raven Glen and Ethel's Woods;
- The District is planning for the Special Park District Forum scheduled for June 19-23, 2023;
- COVID-19 noticeable impact on staffing resources.

8.0 Correspondence - None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Policy direction regarding request from The Farm Foundation for long-term driveway access license at Casey Trail & Greenway for their Innovation and Education Center. Executive Director Kovach showed the committee the location on a map and summarized the request. Shari Rogge-Fidler, President and CEO of the Farm Foundation provided a synopsis on their organization and their plans for the Casey Farm property and responded to questions. Consensus of the Committee was to proceed.

10.2 Policy direction regarding request from Lake County Public Works to waive the \$1,000.00 application fee for permanent easement for existing sewer line along Linden Avenue at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Using a map, Executive Director Kovach summarized the request explaining that Lake County Public works reached out to the District, they have an easement at this location and there was a gap in the easement, that appears to be an oversight. Consensus of the Committee was to waive the \$1,000.00 application fee.

10.3 Policy direction regarding request from Village of Libertyville and Libertyville Township Road District for temporary easements and permanent easements or fee simple ownership at Old School Forest Preserve for Rockland Road bridge reconstruction; and authority to negotiate easement and/or intergovernmental agreement. Using a map, Executive Director Kovach summarized a request from the Village of Libertyville and Libertyville Township Road to consider granting temporary easements and permanent easements or fee simple ownership at Old School Forest Preserve for the Rockland Road bridge reconstruction project. Following comments and discussion it was the consensus of the Committee to proceed.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Forest Open Lands Association. Motion by member Altenberg second by member Roberts to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach summarized the agreement and explained that this a coordination between a like entity and a great partner with the buckthorn eradication pilot program. This agreement just formalizes it. Roll call vote being had, the motion to approve passed by a vote of: AYES: 7, NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for a Sustainability and Conservation Plan (Phase I) Feasibility Study for the Chiwaukee Prairie - Illinois Beach Lake Plain to The Conservation Fund in the Contract Price of \$65,000.00. - Motion by member Altenberg, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kovach introduced the recommendation and Natural Resources Director Jim Anderson explained the study in more detail and responded to questions. Roll call vote being had, the motion to approve passed by a vote of: AYES: 7, NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session – None

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Wilke noted that the next meeting is January 31, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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

Secretary's Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the January 7, 2022 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Planning Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, January 31, 2022. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 7 (Casbon, Hewitt, Hunter, Pedersen, Roberts, Wasik, Wilke)
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 2 (Altenberg -arrived after vote, Barr)



 Committee Secretary