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DATE: June 6, 2016

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) to dedicate rights-of-way along a portion of Yorkhouse Road at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve. The dedication is required by the County of Lake as a condition of granting the District an access permit for a planned new dog exercise area.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND: The District is currently planning to construct a dog exercise area on approximately 40 acres of Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve on the north side of Yorkhouse Road, located west of the Com Ed ROW and east of Delaney Road. The District will need a permit from LCDOT to gain access from Yorkhouse Road for the proposed entrance drive. LCDOT has informed the District that the access permit is subject to District approval of a Plat of Dedication for additional right-of-way to the County of Lake for Public Road Purposes over an area of approximately 0.45 acre.

There is currently a 40-foot wide right-of-way from the centerline of Yorkhouse Road. LCDOT is requiring an additional 20 feet of right-of-way for future roadway purposes which will also accommodate the District's planned shared-use path. Therefore, the dedication of an area 20 feet wide and approximately 970 feet in length, totaling approximately 0.45 acre, is required.

Staff is seeking policy direction from the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee and the Finance and Administrative Committee whether to enter into negotiations regarding possible dedication of ROW. The final terms of the dedication of ROW would be placed on a future agenda for review and approval.

REASON FOR REQUEST: Staff is seeking policy direction.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer and Corporate Counsel.

PRESENTER: Randall Seebach