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Forest Preserve District, Land Acquisition Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Jarett Sanchez, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem Mavis Bates,
Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann, Rich Williams

Thursday, April 27, 2023

8:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. Call to Order

President Kious called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Chair Sanchez attended remotely.

PRESENT President Chris Kious
Chairman Jarett Sanchez
Commissioner Deborah Allan (Remote)
Commissioner Mavis Bates (Remote @ 9:40 AM)
Commissioner Ron Ford (Remote)
Commissioner Michael Linder
Commissioner Bill Roth
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann

ABSENT: Commissioner Rick Williams

Also Present: Commissioners Kenyon, Gumz (Remote), Juby (Remote), Lewis, Molina (Remote) Tepe; Exec. Dir. Haberthur; Chief of Police Burger; CFO Petschke; NRM Dir. Chess; Chief of Planning & Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez; Dir. of Comm. Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and Admin staff Rafferty.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2023

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER: Bill Roth
AYE: Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Ron Ford,
Cheryl Strathmann
ABSENT: Mavis Bates, Rick Williams

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

None.

IV. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel

The Committee entered into Executive Closed Session at 8:34 AM to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER: Bill Roth
AYE: Jarett Sanchez, Chris Kious, Mavis Bates, Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Cherryl Strathmann
ABSENT: Rick Williams

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:41 on a motion by Linder, second by Strathmann. Roll call vote was taken. Unanimous vote. (*Commissioner Bates arrived via remote during Closed Session at 9:40 AM*)

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Easement Agreement with the Village of South Elgin for the Water Main Utility under the Illinois Prairie Path Connecting the South Pointe Subdivision and the Park Pointe Townhomes

Dir. of Ops. Pentecost presented the grant of easement agreement with the Village of South Elgin. The Village of South Elgin has been working with Mackie Consultants, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County to acquire a permanent, Public Water Utility Easement connecting the South Point Subdivision and the Park Point Townhomes south of Middle Street, South Elgin.

The purpose of the easement is to create a looped water system to provide improved water pressure and flow for fire protection infrastructure. This project has been deemed a life safety project following a study conducted by the Village of South Elgin Engineers. Prior to requesting permission for the easement with the Forest Preserve, the Village successfully obtained permits from both the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for crossing their property, and from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for compliance. The new water line will be directionally bored under the Prairie Path. The Prairie Path is not expected to be closed during construction. The permanent Public Water Utility Easement will be 20' wide and approximately 100' in length, or 0.047 acres crossing the Illinois Prairie Path-Elgin Branch in South Elgin. The Village is responsible for all costs and coordination of the improvements, including any restoration to the site, and is responsible for all future maintenance and improvements.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann
AYE: Jarett Sanchez, Mavis Bates, Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Cherryl Strathmann
ABSENT: Rick Williams

B. Presentation and Approval of Closed Session Minutes from May 2007 through March 2023

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the closed session minutes for release per Open Meetings Act bi-annual review requirements. He noted the minutes were reviewed and approved by the District's legal counsel and President and are available in the District's Administrative office. The Land Acquisition Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois has reviewed the minutes of the Closed Sessions pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statute 5ILCS

120/2.03 and has made a determination as to whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes which have not been made fully public.

The Committee has determined that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of the Closed Session minutes of: 05/17/07, 11/15/07, 09/24/09, 10/29/09, 12/3/09, 02/25/10, 06/24/10, 01/21/11, 06/30/11, 08/26/11, 09/30/11, 12/1/11, 04/26/12, 06/28/12, 07/26/12, 09/27/12, 02/28/13, 04/25/13, 05/30/13, 07/25/13, 08/29/13, 09/26/13, 10/31/13, 04/27/17, 05/25/17, 06/29/17, 07/27/17, 08/24/17, 12/1/17, 03/23/18, 04/26/18, 05/24/18, 06/28/18, 07/26/18, 08/24, 18, 09/27/18, 10/25/18, 01/23/19, 02/28/19, 04/25/19, 05/23/19, 06/21/19, 07/25/19, 08/29/19, 09/26/19, 10/31/19, 12/03/19, 01/30/20, 04/24/20, 05/22/20, 06/25/20, 08/27/20, 09/24/20, 10/29/20, 12/18/20, 01/28/21, 02/25/21, 03/25/21, 04/29/21, 07/29/21, 09/30/21, 10/28/21, 01/27/22, 2/24/22 03/24/22, 05/26/22, 06/30/22, 08/25/22, 09/29/2022, 10/27/22, 12/15/22, 01/26/23, 02/23/23 and 3/30/23.

The Committee has determined that there is no longer a need for confidentiality as to all or part of the Closed Session minutes of: 05/17/07, 09/24/09, 08/29/13, 09/26/13, 04/27/17, 05/25/17, 06/29/17, 08/24/17, 09/28/2017, 03/23/18, 04/26/18, 05/24/18, 08/24/18, 09/27/18, 10/25/18, 01/23/19, 02/28/19, 04/25/19, 06/21/19, 07/25/19, 08/29/19, 10/31/19, 12/03/19, 01/30/20, 04/24/20, 10/29/20, 12/18/20, 01/28/21, 02/25/21, 03/25/21, 04/29/21, 07/29/21, 09/30/21, 10/28/21, 02/24/22, 03/24/22, 05/26/22, 06/30/22, 08/25/22, 09/29/2022, 10/27/22, 12/15/22, 01/26/23, 02/23/23 and 3/30/23.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Ron Ford

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

AYE: Jarett Sanchez, Mavis Bates, Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Cheryl Strathmann

ABSENT: Rick Williams

VI. Communications

Exec. Dir. Haberthur reported that the District closes on the Neville parcel tomorrow Friday April 28. Dir. Comm. Affairs Metanchuk is currently working on preparations for the Native Plant sale on Saturday April 29. Haberthur shared pictures of the recent Earth Day tree and shrub-planting event, noting attendance from Commissioners, Kane Foundation chair Becky Gilliam, Senator Don DeWitt and President Kious among many volunteers, staff and residents.

The Native Plant Sale will be held Saturday April 29; the online orders will be ready for pick up as well as in person sales.

Exec. Dir. Haberthur reported that the District has launched online shelter reservations, the public can now reserve and pay online. Future efficiencies for campground reservations are being discussed.

VII. Chairman's Comments

President Kious commented that staff did a great job on the press release for the Campgrounds opening day, which is May 1, 2023.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Michael Linder

President Chris Kious
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary