



1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320  
Geneva, IL 60134

# 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, Cherryl Strathmann, Rich Williams

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

**3rd Floor Board Room**

## **I. Call to Order**

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road Suite 320 Geneva, IL 60134. Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

**PRESENT** Board Member Deborah Allan  
Board Member Ron Ford  
Board Member Chris Kious  
Board Member Michael Linder  
Board Member Bill Roth  
Chairman Jarett Sanchez  
Board Member Cherryl Strathmann

**ABSENT** Board Member Mavis Bates  
Board Member Rick Williams

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

## **II. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2023**

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Ron Ford

**SECONDER:** Deborah Allan

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez and Cherryl Strathmann

**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates, and 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 8:33 AM to discuss land acquisition.

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Michael Linder

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

**AYE:** Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cherryl Strathmann

**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates, Rick Williams

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:21 AM on a motion by Linder, second by Ford. Unanimous vote.

**V. New or Unfinished Business**

**TMP-23 1481 Resolution Approving a Storm Water Easement Agreement at Voyageurs Landing Forest Preserve with Big Rig Propco LLC**

*Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the easement agreement.*

The Village of West Dundee and Big Rig Propco LLC contacted the District with a request for a storm water easement through Voyageurs Landing Forest Preserve adjacent to Airport Road. The proposed easement is necessary to provide storm water discharge for the Airport Road development west of Voyageurs Landing and to improve the existing storm water conveyance within the Airport Road right of way (ROW). The existing storm water conveyance within the ROW is mostly open ditch, transitioning to a 10" pipe as it travels under the Voyageurs Landing entrance drive. During storm events, the ditch and 10" pipe regularly become inundated with the amount of water currently flowing within the current system causing flooding at the entrance to Voyageurs Landing Forest Preserve. The new storm water easement will be piped and will improve the existing 10" drain at Voyageurs drive and tie it into the new system. These improvements should greatly limit flooding in the area. The line would be directional bored under the existing property entrance drive, causing little to no disturbance.

**DISCUSSION:** *COP Rooks-Lopez answered questions from the committee, reiterating construction specific actions.*

**RESULT:** **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Executive Committee

**MOVER:** Cheryl Strathmann

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

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

**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates, and Rick Williams

**TMP 23-1482 Resolution Approving a Storm Sewer Easement Agreement at Elgin Shores Forest Preserve with the Association for Individual Development (AID), Wildwood Commons LLC, & Wildwood Trace LLC**

*Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the easement agreement.*

*(Commissioner Gumz arrived in person at 9:32 AM).* In 2021, the Forest Preserve District was contacted by the Wildwood Development, with a request for a stormwater easement at Elgin Shores Forest Preserve. The proposed easement is necessary to provide stormwater discharge for the proposed 74-unit Wildwood housing complex for people with disabilities and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The existing stormwater easement along the south property line is an open ditch that would require significant improvements to accommodate the needs of the Wildwood Development and would require the removal of the tree buffer between Elgin Shores Forest Preserve and the Illinois Department of State Police property. The new easement will be directionally bored between the ballfields and will release into an area already designed to manage stormwater before releasing to the Fox River.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Roth asked why the District was involved with granting the easement. COP Rooks-Lopez explained that the District owns the property, Elgin maintains it.*

**RESULT:** **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Executive Committee

**MOVER:** Ron Ford

**SECONDER:** Cheryl Strathmann

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, and

**ABSENT:** Cheryl Strathmann  
Mavis Bates, and Rick Williams

**VI. Communications**

*None.*

**VII. Chairman's Comments**

*None.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.*

**RESULT:** **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

**MOVER:** Michael Linder

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

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

**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates, and Rick Williams

Chair Jarett Sanchez  
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

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Recording Secretary