



1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320
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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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cherryl Strathmann, Rick Williams

Thursday, July 25, 2024

8:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. Call To Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, March 28, 2024 at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road Suite 320 Geneva, IL 60134. President Kious called the meeting to order at 8:34AM.

PRESENT Board Member Deborah Allan (Remote)
Board Member Mavis Bates
Board Member Ron Ford (Remote)
President Chris Kious
Board Member Anita Lewis
Board Member Michael Linder (Remote)
Board Member Bill Roth
Board Member Cherryl Strathmann

ABSENT Chair Jarett Sanchez
Board Member Rick Williams

Also Present: 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; Dir. of Ops. Jensen; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and Admin staff Rafferty.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cherryl Strathmann

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez, 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 moved into Executive Closed Session at 8:36AM to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cherryl Strathmann

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez, and Rick Williams

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:44AM on a motion by Roth, second by Strathmann. Roll Call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

V. New or Unfinished Business

TMP-24-2644 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement With the Plato Township Road District to Allow Compensatory Storage for Bahr Road Improvements Within Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the intergovernmental agreement with Plato Township Road District. The Plato Township Road District has been working with WBK Engineering to develop roadway improvement plans for Bahr Road. The area of concern is about 500 feet east of the northern entrance to Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve, which experiences significant flooding and standing water annually. The proposed plan will raise this section of road to help reduce the extent and frequency of flooding. However, because this section of Bahr road is located within the floodplain it will require additional compensatory storage 1.5 times the volume of the floodplain fill to be provided. This storage cannot be provided within the existing right of way along Bahr Road. After reviewing the topography with Kane County's Department of Water Resources, it was identified that the ideal location for the compensatory storage would be on the south side of Bahr Road on the northern edge of Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve. The proposed IGA will allow the Township to excavate an area of approximately 7,500 square feet adjacent to Bahr Road within Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve to provide the necessary compensatory storage. The Township will be responsible for all construction, permitting and restoration of the area. Staff has reviewed the proposed site and there are no plants of concern in the area that would be impacted.

***DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Strathmann asked about the storage. Dir. Rooks-Lopez explained that when a construction project decreases the amount of stormwater flood storage capacity, that balance needs to be mitigated elsewhere. The road will be permanently removed from this area. Commissioner Ford commented that when a detention is removed, it needs to be replaced for the natural flow of stormwater. It will need to be restored. Dir. Rooks-Lopez stated that the location was recommendation by the Kane County Director of Water Resources Jodi Wollnik, who was also working with the Township.*

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

TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez, and Rick Williams

TMP-24-2664 Resolution Approving a Grant of Easement to the City of Aurora for Stormwater Management Improvements at the Chicago Premium Outlets

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented a permanent utility easement agreement. The City of Aurora is currently working with HRGreen Engineering to design improvements for the stormwater control system at Farnsworth Avenue and Bilter Road. During the preliminary design it was discovered that some existing structures installed as part of the Chicago Premium Outlet development, were not placed within a stormwater control easement granted to the City. The attached grant of easement seeks to expand the existing stormwater control easements to include these structures. By placing the structures within the easements, the City of Aurora will be

responsible for the costs of maintenance and repairs and relieves the District from current maintenance responsibilities.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Kenyon asked about a financial consideration. Exec. Dir. Haberthur responded that the District does gain a financial component due to expenses each year for muskrat and beaver mitigation, this will relieve the District from those obligations.*

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

TMP-24-2667 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental License Agreement Between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Village of Virgil for the Installation of a Tornado Siren Within Virgil Forest Preserve

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Virgil. The Village of Virgil was recently awarded a grant for the purchase and installation of the community's first tornado siren. The proposed intergovernmental license agreement will allow the Village to install a tornado siren within a small 15'x15' area within the Virgil Forest Preserve directly north of the Great Western Trail near the intersection of Sauber and Illinois Route 64. The location is ideal for the Village as it is central to the town while not directly next to residences. Should the Village determine that the siren is no longer needed, the Village is responsible for the removal of the improvements and restoration of the site to its original condition.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Allan asked why the Village was interested in Forest Preserve land for the installation of the siren. Exec. Dir. Haberthur responded that the Village does not own any of land and this particular area is ideal for this installation. The Village is interested in partnering with the District to develop a park with amenities for residents and bikers that travel through the Great Western Trail. President Kious commented that this action would be a positive move forward for development with the Village of Virgil.*

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

TMP-24-2683 Presentation and Approval of the Closed Session Minutes
Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the biannual release of closed session minutes. The Land Acquisition Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, 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, 07/27/17, 08/24/17, 12/1/17, 03/23/18, 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, 06/21/19, 07/25/19, 08/29/19, 09/26/19, 10/31/19, 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, 12/15/22, 01/26/23, 02/23/23, 3/30/23, 04/27/23, 05/25/23, 06/29/23, 08/24/23, 09/28/23, 10/26/23, 02/29/24, 03/28/24 and 04/25/24.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

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

VI. Communications

Commissioner Bates requested that the District seeks more land in the southern portion of the County. Commissioner Lewis asked about development in the Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve. Exec. Dir. Haberthur explained that the area has not been fully developed due to the need for engineering, this area is on the list of amenities that is dependent on potential referendum funding.

VII. Chairman's Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04AM.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary