



Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

8:30 AM

County Board Room

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Full Commission meeting was held Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Kane County Government Center located at 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134. President Kious called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Kious asked Commissioner Kenyon to lead the pledge.

III. Roll Call

PRESENT

President Forest Preserve District Chris Kious
Secretary Forest Preserve District Myrna Molina
Commissioner Deborah Allan
Commissioner Mavis Bates
Commissioner Dale Berman
Commissioner Gary Daugherty (Remote)
Commissioner Mark Davoust
Commissioner Ron Ford
Commissioner Michelle Gumz
Commissioner Mo Iqbal (Arrived in person at 8:36AM)
Commissioner Leslie Juby
Commissioner Michael Kenyon
Commissioner Bill Lenert (Arrived in person at 8:37AM)
Commissioner Anita Lewis
Commissioner Michael Linder (Remote)
Commissioner Bill Roth (Arrived in person at 8:35AM)
Commissioner Monica Silva
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann
Commissioner Clifford Surges (Arrived in person at 8:41AM)
Commissioner Bill Tarver
Commissioner Vern Tepe
Commissioner Rick Williams
Commissioner David Young
ABSENT Commissioner Jarett Sanchez

Others Present: Exec. Dir. Haberthur, Dir. of Finance Petschke; Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez; HR Dir. Clough; NRM Dir. Chess; Ops. Dir. Jensen; Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk; Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Hodge; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi, KCIT staff and members of the public.

IV. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to 3 minutes)

Bob McQuillan, resident of Kane County and member of the Knights of Columbus presented before and after restoration images of the Sacred Heart Seminary Shrine, known as the grotto in the Gunner Anderson Forest Preserve. (Commissioner Roth arrived in person at 8:35 AM, Commissioner Iqbal arrived in person at 8:36AM, Commissioner Lenert arrived in person at 8:37AM).

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes from August 13, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Rick Williams

AYE: Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem August 2024

(Commissioner Surges arrived in person at 8:41AM)

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Iqbal objected to pay per diem to Commissioners who attended Committee meetings remotely. He felt that the quorum is at the mercy of those who attend in person and therefore in person attendees should be compensated for their effort. There was further discussion regarding the per diem payment and the District's organization ordinance. Attorney Hodge responded that the organization ordinance could be revisited due to changes in the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to allow remote attendees to participate with a valid written excuse per the additional rules. President Kious noted that the topic could be investigated further, Exec. Dir. Haberthur included that staff would add the organization ordinance to the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting for discussion.*

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

NAY: Mo Iqbal

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez

VII. Presentations

None.

VIII. Executive

President Kious announced that the following resolution would be pulled from the agenda and sent back to the Finance and Administration Committee for further discussion.

FP-R-24-09-3105 Resolution Approving a Letter of Support for a 12-Year Extension Request for the First Street TIF District Within the City of Saint Charles, Illinois

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Surges commented that he had reached out to city of St. Charles, he had not received feedback yet and would like the opportunity to get more information on the matter. President Kious gained consensus to send the resolution to the next Finance and Administration Committee on September 24, 2024.*

RESULT: SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE BY CONSENSUS
TO: Forest Preserve District Finance and Administration
DATE: September 24, 2024 at 2:00PM

FP-R-24-09-3106 Resolution Approving the Proposed Settlement of Current Litigation Involving Waste Management, the State of Illinois, the County of Kane, and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Attorney Hodge presented the resolution of a proposed settlement involving Waste Management. He indicated that the litigation case occurred about four years ago; the District is a named party due to ownership of the land. (Commissioner Allan arrived via remote at 8:50AM).

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Strathmann asked about the language and how the District is involved. Attorney Hodge explained that the District is a named necessary party, which is different from a responsible party. The District is a necessary party because it owns the land and would need to allow access for remediation in the litigation matter. The District is not however liable to remediate anything. Commissioner Williams asked if the District had incurred any additional attorney fees above and beyond this matter. Attorney Hodge responded that no additional fees were incurred. Commissioner Williams was not in favor of this proposal, he explained that the proposal as written indicates that the District would be obligated financially if Waste Management is not in compliance. Attorney Hodge noted the concern, he stated that the District felt confident with Waste Management, as they have been in compliance with all the remediation when the issue first arrived, including any additional requirements. (Commissioner Lewis arrived in person at 8:57AM).*

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

IX. Finance and Administration

FP-R-24-09-3107 Resolution Approving the Final Payoff of the Vehicle Lease Contracts with Enterprise Entities (ETM) and Enterprise Fleet
Dir. of Finance presented the resolution for final payoff with Enterprise. The Commission had previously approved a lease agreement of nine (9) F-150 pickups on July 13th, 2021. The lease agreement appeared to be a fiscally responsible program that would allow the District to purchase vehicles with a government incentive discount between \$1,000 to \$2,000 per vehicle and it would also allow the District to replace vehicles at a minimal cost more frequently which would have minimized the mechanical issues of the current fleet that had a useful life of 10 years at the time. The District staff has carefully evaluated the fleet management program since that time and due to changes in the program it does not appear fiscally responsible to continue with Enterprise Fleet Management for several reasons:

The government incentive is no longer offered by Enterprise Fleet Management. Enterprise claimed their high purchasing power could guarantee replacement vehicles, but they could not source new or replacement lease vehicles since 2021. This has caused a severe interruption to the vehicle replacement schedules and forced the District to seek other options to procure vehicles through purchasing Co-Ops. Lack of communication on vehicle order status and sudden cancellation of

orders by Enterprise Fleet Management. High interest rates charged to the District for leased vehicles. Currently the lease rates are between 5.23%-5.64% for the vehicles in the program, but recently cancelled orders in the first quarter of 2024 for police F-150 interceptors had an estimated interest rate estimated at 6.78%.

Additional management fee Charged by Enterprise of \$25.10-\$31.31 per month on each leased vehicle. Continued accounting errors and transparency issues with Enterprise Fleet Managements Finance Department. The Commission approved a budgeted amount of \$200,000 in the fiscal year 2025 between North Operations, South Operations and the Natural Resources departments to pay off the existing residual book value for the leased vehicles and to take title and ownership of the vehicles. Staff recommends that the Committee approve the final payoff in the amount not to exceed \$169,080.61 for the nine (9) vehicles currently in the Enterprise Lease Program.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Davoust noted that originally, this program offered a substantial savings, however the market shifted during covid, causing difficulty to get any vehicles and that reflected the increase in price. Dir. of Finance Petschke noted that the District tried to work with Enterprise, however the District was not successful for various reasons as stated above.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

FP-R-24-09-3108 Resolution Approving the Forest Preserve District's Holiday Schedule for 2025

HR Dir. Clough presented the District's annual holiday schedule. Currently, the Forest Preserve offers employees eleven (11) paid holidays. The Board approves these by resolution on an annual basis, and they are further codified in the Employee Handbook.

When the final report of the District's recently completed Compensation and Classification Report was adopted, staff committed to reviewing the supplemental benefits analysis and bringing recommendations to the Board for consideration and approval. McGrath Human Resources Group provided data from comparable organizations reporting holiday schedules between 11 and 17 days. This information confirms that the District is on the lowest end of this benefit range and that it is less competitive when recruiting and retaining talent as a result. The District's total compensation package, which is inclusive of its paid time off benefits, is critical to supporting these efforts. One of the reasons the District lags its comparable organizations in holiday benefits offered is that, in 2015, the District chose to concede a portion of its recognized holidays to, instead, offer the equivalent personal time to employees. On January 1, 2024, the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act required employers to provide for up to forty (40) hours, or 5 days, of leave from work each year. While other public organizations have created additional paid time off banks to satisfy this new legislation, the District repurposed its personal time to comply. This decision further underscores the District's less competitive time-off package at a time when employees are seeking career opportunities that offer the most work/life balance.

Presently, the Kane County Board of Commissioners adopts a holiday schedule for County employees that aligns with the Supreme Court of Illinois' State Court Holiday Calendar. In comparison, this schedule provides for fifteen (15) paid holidays and represents one of the District's competitors for public employees. For the benefits of providing Forest Preserve staff with holidays recognized by the state of Illinois, consistency with an organization served by the same board of commissioners, and a more competitive advantage for recruitment and retention purposes, the committee might consider the addition of the following holidays not currently recognized by the Forest Preserve District: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Spring Holiday, and Columbus Day. A draft of the holiday schedule with these additions is included for reference.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Iqbal felt that there were too many holidays, particularly, the three days for Christmas Eve, Christmas day and the day after. He stated that employees could use their personal days. Commissioner Lenert explained that the day after Christmas was added at the Finance and Administration Committee for 2025 due to it falling on a Friday. Commissioner Silva stated that she understood Commissioner Iqbal's concerns, however she felt this is a benefit that staff will have with their families. Commissioner Davoust expressed his financial concern, noting that he did not believe this was cost neutral. Commissioner Kenyon stated that he viewed the holidays as an incentive and perk for Forest Preserve District employees. Commissioner Gumz -stated her support for the 2025 holiday calendar as is.*

Commissioner Iqbal moved to amend the calendar to remove Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

RESULT: **FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [1-22]**

MOVER: Mo Iqbal

SECONDER: David Young

AYE: Mo Iqbal

NAY: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

Roll Call vote was taken on original motion to adopt the 2025 Holiday Calendar as presented.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [22-1]**

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

NAY: Mo Iqbal

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

FP-R-24-09-3109 Resolution Authorizing the Third Amendment to the License Agreement with the Striker's Fox Valley Soccer Club for the Use of the District's Building on Kirk Road in Geneva, Illinois

Dir. Rooks-Lopez presented the third amendment to the Striker's Soccer Club agreement. The Strikers organization has operated an indoor soccer facility at 1000 S. Kirk Road in Geneva under a license agreement with the District since September of 2004. The Strikers provide soccer training and club competition for age levels U8 – U23. The Third Amendment to the License Agreement provides for the following:

- A 10-year term that will expire August 31, 2034
- The Strikers organization is responsible for the management and expense of the operation of the soccer program and building maintenance and surrounding property.
- An updated capital project schedule detailing specific project improvements that Strikers will complete during the new term. (In progress)
Over the term of the license, the District will receive license fees totaling \$80,000 each of the years from 2024 – 2028 and \$85,000 each of the years from 2029 – 2033. There is no expense to the District. The Strikers are responsible for all operating and maintenance costs associated with the building and grounds within the licensed area. Revenues from this License Agreement go to the Construction Development Fund.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Lenert asked with respect to maintaining the building and grounds, how that upkeep has been enforced. Dir. Rooks-Lopez responded that required maintenance for the building and grounds was determined through a Kluber report, detailing the items that needed repair or replacement. This included the HVAC system. She noted that the capital improvements are part of the agreement and the Strikers understand that the improvements are to be completed within the period of the 10-year contract.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Cheryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Leslie Juby

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

FP-R-24-09-3110 Resolution Authorizing a 1-Year Extension to the Historical Structures Operating and Caretaking Agreement with the Preservation Partners of Fox Valley

Dir Rooks-Lopez presented the extension agreement with Preservation Partners. Preservation Partners has been managing the Fabyan Villa Museum at Fabyan Forest Preserve, and the Durant-Peterson House at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve since the mid 1990's. On October 25, 2017, the Pioneer Sholes Restoration Society was dissolved, and the operations, income and artifacts transferred to Preservation Partners. The Historic Structures Operating and Caretaking Agreement with Preservation Partners expires on August 31, 2024. A 1-year extension is proposed for the current agreement in order to revisit future management of the Fabyan Windmill.

Preservation Partners provides exclusive exhibits management, staffing, tours, program coordination and marketing for the Fabyan Villa, the Durant-Peterson House, and Sholes School. Additionally, Preservation Partners coordinates programming and tours of the Fabyan Japanese Garden. The District owns all of the land and structures and is

responsible for the expense and coordination of maintenance/repairs and utilities for the buildings as well as grounds/landscape maintenance.

The new contract will increase payments to Preservation Partners from a previous annual amount of \$95,000 to a new annual sum of \$115,000 for their services with \$78,000 allocated to the operation of the Fabyan Villa plus an additional \$10,000 for the Japanese Garden and \$27,000 allocated for the operation of the Durant-Peterson House and the Sholes School. The agreement term is 1 year through August 31, 2025. The District's legal counsel and risk management provider (PDRMA) have reviewed the agreement.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Cheryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Leslie Juby

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

X. Planning and Utilization

FP-R-24-09-3111 Resolution Authorizing a Bid For Native Seed Purchase to Restore Lands at Various Preserves

NRM Dir. Chess presented the bid for native seed. Native plants are the basis of all native ecosystems, and therefore are the basis of our work in the Natural Resource Management department. Our native insects coevolved with these plants, and cannot survive on imported plants. In turn, all of our fauna that prey upon our native insects cannot do so if those insects are not present due, to non-native or low-diversity plants occupying the space of our native plants. This year's seed bid represents a project-driven approach to determining seed needs. This is the third-year mixes were bid by option with seeds bagged by species. This approach both maximizes value and ensures quality of the delivered product. All of the seed specified in our bid is slated to go onto the ground this winter, to support ongoing restoration projects. The bid was publicly advertised with five (5) vendors responding. The bid was advertised with the following three projects:

Project 1 – Mill Creek Greenway and Binnie Forest Preserves: 160 species to be sown across an approximately 66-acre field at Mill Creek Greenway and an approximately 39-acre field at Binnie. The restoration at Mill Creek Greenway is a new agricultural to tallgrass prairie restoration located in the center of the preserve. The restoration at Binnie Forest Preserve is a new agricultural to prairie and restoration that continues the planting of the northern section of the preserve. These restorations will also be supplemented with staff and volunteer harvested seed.

Project 2 – Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve: 99 species to be sown across an approximately 23-acre field. This planting is an agricultural to tallgrass prairie conversion that will tie in to the Centennial Grove project, allowing the newly planted grove of trees to be surrounded by a native landscape.

Project 3 – Mill Creek Greenway Forest Preserve: 114 species to be sown across an approximately 60-acre project area. This restoration is a tallgrass prairie restoration from agriculture present at the preserve. This restoration is done in conjunction with the District's 2023 OSLAND grant and will surround the new archery range and preserve entrance.

The qualified lowest bid for each species was tabulated, with awards for each project going to all five vendors.

The qualified lowest bids are as follows:

Project 1 – Shooting Star Nursery – 92 species: Bid of \$51,572.90

Genesis Nursery – 37 species: Bid of \$14,404.26

Agrecol – 10 species: Bid of \$11,344.22

RES Great Lakes – 17 species: Bid of \$5,937.70

Millborn Seeds – 4 species: Bid of \$1,371.50

Total: 160 species - \$84,630.58

Project 2 – Shooting Star Nursery – 39 species: Bid of \$21,926.89

Genesis Nursery – 30 species: Bid of \$7,391.88

Agrecol – 11 species: Bid of \$5,763.00

RES Great Lakes – 8 species: Bid of \$1,169.20

Millborn Seeds – 11 species: Bid of \$2,691.00

Total: 99 species - \$38,941.97

Project 3 – Shooting Star Nursery – 53 species: Bid of \$49,668.89

Genesis Nursery – 27 species: Bid of \$23,490.36

Agrecol – 13 species: Bid of \$25,052.00

RES Great Lakes – 8 species: Bid of \$6,867.20

Millborn Seeds – 13 species: Bid of \$8,923.50

Total: 114 species - \$114,001.95

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Michael Kenyon

SECONDER: Mark Davoust

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

FP-R-24-09-3112 Resolution Authorizing a Maintenance Agreement with the Geneva Grotto Organization to Maintain the Grotto at the Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve

Dir. Rooks-Lopez presented the maintenance agreement with the Geneva Grotto Organization. The local Knights of Columbus approached the Forest Preserve District of Kane County (District) in 2019, and offered to maintain and restore the Grotto structure at Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve. The grotto is a historic structure remaining from the Sacred Heart seminary, which was purchased by the District and County in 1972. The Grotto is located within Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve. While the District maintains the Preserve, it does not maintain the grotto structure. On October 13, 2020, an agreement was approved between the Knights of Columbus and the Forest Preserve District, permitting the Knights of Columbus to maintain, manage and restore the Grotto and the 30-foot area surrounding the structure. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus have created a 501c3 organization, 'The Geneva Grotto Organization', specifically for the management and restoration of the Grotto. The general terms of the agreement are as follows:

- Term is for three (3) years from the date of approval.

- Area of maintenance will be the grotto structure and 30 feet around the structure.
- Geneva Grotto Association will maintain the structure to include trash removal, graffiti removal and general repair/restoration of the structure.
- Geneva Grotto Association will be responsible, at its sole expense, for the planning, designing, permitting, constructing and maintaining of any improvements to the grotto structure or site.
- Geneva Grotto Association will coordinate any volunteer workdays through the District's volunteer coordinator.
- Geneva Grotto Association will coordinate any natural areas work plans through the District's Natural Resource Management department.
- Geneva Grotto Association will provide general liability insurance and hold the District harmless. Additionally, any contractors working on the site must provide a certificate of insurance naming the District as additional insured.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Monica Silva

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

FP-R-24-09-3113 Resolution Authorizing the District to Apply for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the Redevelopment of Glenwood Forest Preserve

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the proposed redevelopment at Glenwood Park Forest Preserve. Glenwood Forest Preserve is located in Batavia along the eastern edge of the Fox River and adjacent to the Fox River and Prairie Path Trails. A smaller preserve, Glenwood is situated between the City of Batavia and Fox Valley Park District's Lippold Park, which has been awarded a grant to construct a multi-use bridge over the Fox River between Les Arends and Lippold Park. In addition to replacing the existing shelter and restroom, the current parking lot and trail crossing needs to be realigned for improved visibility between trail users and parking lot access.

Additional amenities would include a canoe/kayak launch as well as ADA fishing stations and trail access along the edge of the Fox River. This project was identified in the Districts 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan and 2021 updates. Staff is requesting permission to apply for the IDNR OSLAD grant to assist with funding the project. The OSLAD grant will reimburse the District 50% of the construction and engineering costs up to a \$600,000 match. Staff is recommending a maximum project amount of \$1,200,000.00 at this time to maximize the grant and until the cost is complete.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Surges asked about the trail. Dir. Rooks-Lopez stated that the trail is asphalt, however it is in need of repair.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Myrna Molina

SECONDER: Michael Kenyon

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael

Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young
Jarett Sanchez

ABSENT:

XI. New Business

None.

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

None.

XIII. Communications

Commissioner Kenyon promoted the first golf outing of the Kane Forest Foundation at Hughes Creek Golf course on September 12, 2024. Dir. of Comm. Engagement reported the ribbon tying event for the Carpentersville dam on September 4th, 2024. She explained the ribbon tying symbolized bringing the waters together. The Great Orb hunt has returned for another season, this year Burnidge Forest Preserve as been added to the orb hunt. Photos are posted on the District's social media pages.

XIV. President's Comments

None.

XV. Department Reports

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Michelle Gumz

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Michael Kenyon

SECONDER: Mark Davoust

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

Chris Kious, Chairman
Forest Preserve District Commission
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

Gabriella Figliozzi
Recording Secretary

Myrna Molina
Board Secretary