



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

## Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

8:30 AM

County Board Room

### I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Full Commission meeting was held Tuesday, October 8, 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 former Kane County Board Member, current St. Charles Alderperson, Steve Weber to lead the pledge.*

### III. Roll Call

#### PRESENT

President Forest Preserve District Chris Kious  
Secretary Forest Preserve District Myrna Molina  
Commissioner Deborah Allan (Remote)  
Commissioner Mavis Bates  
Commissioner Dale Berman  
Commissioner Gary Daugherty (Remote)  
Commissioner Mark Davoust  
Commissioner Michelle Gumz  
Commissioner Mo Iqbal  
Commissioner Leslie Juby  
Commissioner Michael Kenyon  
Commissioner Bill Lenert  
Commissioner Anita Lewis (In person @ 9:02AM)  
Commissioner Michael Linder (Remote)  
Commissioner Bill Roth  
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez  
Commissioner Monica Silva  
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann  
Commissioner Clifford Surges (Remote @ 9:23AM)  
Commissioner Bill Tarver  
Commissioner Vern Tepe (Remote)  
Commissioner Rick Williams  
Commissioner David Young  
Commissioner Ron Ford

#### ABSENT

**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 & staff Kovach; Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Hodge; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi, KCIT staff and members of the public.

**IV. Remote Attendance Approval**

*Commissioners Allan, Daugherty, Linder, Surges, Tepe*

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

*Brian Maher resident of Geneva, neighbor to the Cougars stadium, spoke in regards to the recent special events held at the Cougars stadium. He referenced Tacos and Tequila and a car show. He stated that the traffic aftermath had blocked Kirk Road for several hours and felt that the safety concern was significant. He spoke about the toxic pollution and noise pollution from the car show. He felt that these events need to be re-evaluated for the area.*

*Linda Schultze resident of Geneva, neighbor of the Cougars stadium stated that she lives on old Kirk Road. She stated that the events recently held at the Cougars stadium were out of control. She stated that the car show noise was shaking her house and smoke created from the cars drifting polluted the area. She commented on the various pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks and the Kirk Road bridge. She stated that these events being allowed was affecting her quality of life.*

**VI. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2024**

*(Commissioners Allan and Tepe arrived via remote @ 8:43AM)*

**RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOVER:** Mark Davoust

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

**VII. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem September 2024**

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Dale Berman

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

**VIII. Presentations**

**City of St. Charles**

*City Administrator of St. Charles, Heather McGuire, provided background information regarding the resolution to approve a letter of support for the 12-year extension for the First St. TIF District. Dt. Charles Director of Finance, Bill Hannah provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the area, which covers a portion of the City's downtown corridor. He explained the history of the redevelopment project and how the city has reached the need to request an extension as the TIF is set to expire on December 31, 2025.*

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Lenert asked why, in his opinion, stating that it seemed that the previous administration, had mismanaged funds, why the city of St. Charles had not informed the board a year ago. City Admin. McGuire responded that staff had been seeking various*

strategies to resolve the issue, unfortunately, the end result realized was legislation. This was the only option that could help in the situation. Commissioner Bates stated this was one of the hardest decisions she has had to make, she questioned how she could be assured this would not happen again. McGuire stated that they have changed their philosophy with how they administer TIFs they have implemented a “pay as you go” not an upfront bonding. Commissioner Linder stated that he was concerned about TIFs in general, noting that they reasons were to help underdeveloped areas.

Commissioner Tarver asked what would be the negative impact if not supported. Administrator McGuire responded that the tax increment is the funding source that is utilized for these development projects. If these funds are no longer available, meaning if the TIF expires, then monies would need to come from the city’s general fund.

**IX. Finance and Administration**

**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:** None.

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [15-6]**

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

**NAY:** Gary Daugherty, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Bill Tarver, David Young

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, and Clifford Surges

**FP-O-24-10-0606** Approval of the Restated Organization Ordinance

*(Commissioner Lewis arrived in person at 9:02AM) HR. Dir. Clough presented the following revisions of the ordinance noting that it is typically reviewed in January of each year, however this was brought to staff's attention regarding per diem payment and remote attendees.* At its most recent meeting of the Full Commission on September 10, 2024, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County’s Board of Commissioners discussed its policy related to the compensation of Commissioners’ attendance at committee meetings. At the direction of the Board, staff brought the full ordinance before the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration at its September 24, 2024 meeting. In addition to its own policy and current practice, the Committee reviewed the State of Illinois’ Open Meetings Act and its requirements surrounding elected officials’ remote attendance at meetings. The Committee recommended the District maintain its current practice of compensating commissioners who attend meetings remotely, and provide per diem to commissioners who appear in person for meetings that are canceled due to a lack of quorum. It directed staff to amend the Organization Ordinance to add clarifying language to its policy.

In January of each year, staff completes a review of the Ordinance, and presents the Board with required and recommended revisions. Staff will continue this practice at the beginning of 2025; however, in addition, it made the following changes to the document to reflect current practice:

1. Revised the order of business for all commission meetings to include recognition of remote participation by members of the board;
2. Amended staff position titles throughout the document for consistency with those approved in the recently adopted compensation and classification study;

3. Updated the number of authorized full-time police officers referenced in Chapter V from four (4) to five (5) consistent with the FY2024-2025 budget document; and,
4. Revised Chapter XII, sections G and L to reflect the most recent General Use Ordinance and Employee Handbook revision dates.

The board has the full discretion to consider and establish District policies, including to set the compensation of its members.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Iqbal had two questions regarding the ordinance as written, first question was regarding payment to those who are in attendance, however if a quorum is not met, would they be compensated, and second was payment for Full Commission attendance. President Kious entertained a motion to send the organization ordinance back to the Finance and Administration committee for further revisions and discussion.*

**RESULT:** **SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE BY VOICE VOTE**

**TO:** Finance and Administration Committee

**MOVER:** Rick Williams

**SECONDER:** Dale Berman

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Clifford Surges

**FP-R-24-10-3114** Resolution Approving the Purchase of One (1) Tractor with Detachable Front-end Loader for the Operations Department

*Ops. Dir. Jensen presented the purchase of one tractor with a detachable front-end loader for the Operations Department.* Based on the District's replacement schedule, funding for the replacement of one (1) New Holland 445D tractor for North Operations was approved in the FY 2024-25 budget. The tractor is a model year 2000, and has exceeded the 20-year life expectancy standard of the replacement program. The tractor will be replaced with a John Deere 5100E with a detachable front loader. The detachable front-end loader allows the District to retain the current uses of the tractor being replaced, as well as allows the loader to be easily removed for mowing operations. This feature assists in improving air flow to the tractors engine cooling system and increases visibility of the operator on the linear trails. The new tractor will duplicate a recent purchase for South Operations, where it has been proven to be highly effective and ensures existing and future implement purchases can be shared throughout the District. Once replaced, the old tractor will be entered into the District's surplus program to recover resale value. The Operations department is requesting the utilization of the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program for this purchase. Sourcewell is a national purchasing cooperative program that completes the competitive bid process on behalf of governmental bodies. Therefore, we are authorized to utilize them for specific materials, vehicles and equipment. AHW LLC is an authorized Sourcewell vendor. The attached quotation reflects a \$19,702.90 reduction to MSRP through this program.

**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Bill Lenert

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Clifford Surges

**FP-R-24-10-3115** Resolution Approving the Purchase of One (1) 4x4 Utility Cart for the Operations Department

*Resolution FP-R-24-10-3115 and FP-R-24-10-3116 were moved together.*

*Ops. Dir. Jensen presented the purchase of the two utility carts. Utility cart C306, a 2008 John Deere Gator, for North Operations was approved for replacement in the FY 2024-25 budget. This utility cart has exceeded the 15-year life expectancy standard of the District's replacement program. Utility carts serve many different functions throughout the District. Smaller in size and lighter in weight, these carts efficiently transport staff and materials throughout the preserves, to support maintenance needs of both improved and natural areas. This cart will be replaced with a John Deere Gator HPX615E, a 4x4 model more adaptive to supporting prescribed burns and winter season trimming and cutting needs; as well as any operational requirements outside of improved turf areas. We are requesting the utilization of the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program for this purchase. Sourcewell is a national purchasing cooperative program that completes the competitive bid process on behalf of governmental bodies. Therefore, we are authorized to utilize them for specific materials, vehicles and equipment. AHW LLC is an authorized Sourcewell vendor. The attached quotation reflects a 14% saving, or \$2,449 under MSRP through this program. Funds totaling \$16,300 were budgeted in the North Operations Machinery & Equipment account for the replacement of C306 in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Sufficient funds are available to cover the \$15,198.98 for the purchase of the utility cart.*  
**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

**FP-R-24-10-3116** Resolution Approving the Purchase of One (1) Electric Utility Cart for the Operations Department

Based on the District's replacement schedule, funding for the replacement of one (1) 2008 John Deere Gator utility cart (C400) for the South Operations division was approved in the FY 2024/25 budget. This utility cart has exceeded the 15-year life expectancy standard of the replacement program. Staff has researched and is recommending the replacement model be a John Deere Gator TE, a newer model utilizing a proven, commercial-grade chassis and now offered in an electric version. Projected payload capacity, operating range, and other capability requirements needed to satisfy the District's needs for daily garden and preserve maintenance have been met in this model. Additionally, it will give the District the ability to explore additional uses; such as prescribed burns, campground operations, and special-event support with electric-powered utility carts. The District is requesting the utilization of the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program for this purchase. Sourcewell is a national purchasing cooperative program that completes the competitive bid process on behalf of governmental bodies. Therefore, we are authorized to utilize them for specific materials, vehicles and equipment. AHW LLC is an authorized Sourcewell vendor. The quotation reflects a 17% savings, \$3,213 under MSRP through this program. Funds totaling \$17,000 were budgeted in the South Operations Machinery & Equipment account for the replacement of C400 in the 2024/25 fiscal year. Sufficient funds are available to cover the \$15,845.01 to purchase the electric utility cart.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Bates expressed her excitement with the purchase of an electric utility cart. She asked if an additional battery would be needed. Ops. Dir. Jensen noted that the purchase comes with the appropriate battery, however he would evaluate the need for an additional battery.*

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Mavis Bates

**SECONDER:** Michael Kenyon

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill

**ABSENT:** Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young  
Ron Ford, Clifford Surges

**FP-R-24-10-3117** Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Estimated Budget for the Purpose of Establishing the 2024 Tax Levy

*Dir. of Finance Petschke presented the estimated budget for levy purposes. Each year, the Finance & Administration Committee determines the direction for the upcoming property tax levy, which is then forwarded to the Executive Committee, and approved at the Full Commission meeting. Staff requested the most-current information from the clerk's office and received the following:*

- Rate Setting EAV is estimated at \$20,686,480,292 (final percentage is not determined)
- Preliminary new construction figures for the county are \$245,116,149 (partial year)

In the past, the Committee has considered the options of increasing the levy by CPI and new construction for the upcoming tax levy. This year is unique due to the unknown outcome of the November referendum. It is required for the Commission to approve a budget for levy purposes and levy ordinance to capture the full amount that the public may approve by increasing the limiting rate to .074313%. It is also required by state statute to hold a truth in taxation hearing prior to the approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance at the November 12th 2024 full commission meeting. Should the referendum be successful, based on the estimates from the County, the District would receive an additional \$6,857,534 in property tax revenue. However, if it is not approved by voters, the Property Tax Extension Law Limit (PTELL) would be imposed and it would have the following effect on the District's 2024 property tax levy:

- Increase the levy by both CPI and new construction – The levy would increase for CPI by \$289,517, which for the upcoming levy year will be 3.4%. The increase in the levy due to new construction is estimated between \$105,000 and \$135,000.

The numbers provided by the clerk's office are not final. Based on estimates, and using the new construction figure shown above, the District would anticipate an increase of \$6,857,534 in additional revenue if the referendum is approved by voters.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [20-2]**

**MOVER:** Dale Berman

**SECONDER:** Jarett Sanchez

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

**NAY:** Gary Daugherty, David Young

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Clifford Surges

**X. Land Acquisition**

**FP-R-24-10-3118** Resolution Authorizing the Sale of District Owned Parcels in the Algonquin Shores Subdivision, Kane County, IL (*Commissioner Surges arrived via remote at 9:23AM*)

*Dir. of Planning and Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez presented District owned parcels in the Algonquin Shores neighborhood for sale. Staff performed site reviews of District owned parcels within the Algonquin Shores subdivision to determine which parcels should remain with the*

District. A list of parcels was compiled that were of little habitat quality and limited to no public access or use potential. The Land Acquisition Committee directed staff to finalize parcels for sale. The parcels were valued at a minimum \$500 per lot. Lots will be sold by public auction with notices mailed to adjoining property owners. The Dundee Township Park District will be contacted first, prior to sale by auction, and offered a first right-of-refusal to maintain the land for public use. Proceeds from the auctions are expected to be approximately \$5,500 and will be directed to the Land Acquisition Fund account.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Bates asked about the surrounding area of the small parcels. Dir. Rooks-Lopez responded that the area is residential, neighboring residents may try to purchase through the public auction to increase their property size. Commissioner Iqbal asked what would be the harm in keeping the parcels. Dir. Rooks-Lopez explained that keeping small parcels require maintenance of hazardous fallen trees, there is a cost associated with clean up in addition to encroachment issues.*

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Jarett Sanchez

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford

## **XI. Planning and Utilization**

### **FP-R-24-10-3119 Resolution Approving Bids for Herbicide Control of Woody Resprouts at Various Preserves**

*NRM Dir. Chess presented the following bid for herbicide control.* This District's idea of "preservation" has evolved since its organization in 1925. In the early 20th century, we thought that installing a fence around a beloved natural area, restricting activities therein and letting-nature take its course, was the best way we could carry out our mission of caring for nature. Now, we know that there is no preservation without active restoration. Our preserves represent fragments of a much greater landscape. Whereas the land used to be able to reestablish a natural equilibrium after a disturbance, the pieces needed to heal are now often located miles away from the altered landscape (if available at all). Intervention is needed to get these restorative resources where they need to be. In the face of modern fire suppression and landscape fragmentation, invasive species represent a massive threat to woodland biodiversity. Invasive plant species come in many varieties, but two main distinctions land managers make to categorize management are herbaceous (herb-like, for example: garlic mustard and wild chervil) or woody (a plant that produces wood for structure; shrubs and trees, in essence: buckthorn and honeysuckle). District staff and contractors annually clear dozens of acres. These clearing projects remove large portions of non-native and invasive woody vegetation from degraded woodlands. The removal of mid- and over-story individuals from a woodland opens the forest floor to sunlight. The sunlight equally favors both beneficial species and invasive non-natives. The contracted work detailed below will target invasive woody species for chemical spot control. Through this process, we will promote desirable plants and restore both the structure and function of the woods. Successive years of effort will reduce the effort and cost needed to maintain these areas in perpetuity. The District publicly advertised the bid and received four responses. The qualified, lowest bid for each of the four projects are as follows:

**Project 1** – Hampshire Forest Preserve – (49.7 acres): Bid of \$27,170.00 by Cardinal State, LLC of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

**Project 2** – Hampshire Forest Preserve – (26.4 acres): Bid of \$12,497.00 by Woods

to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois.

**Project 3** – Burnidge Forest Preserve – (12.2 acres): Bid of \$5,994.60 by Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois.

**Project 4** – Grunwald Forest Preserve – (22.6 acres): Bid of \$12,790.00 by Cardinal State, LLC of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Kenyon

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford

**FP-R-24-10-3120** Resolution Approving a Public Art Sculpture Installation at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve for the Centennial Celebration On June 8, 2025

*Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the first public art sculpture to be installed at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in celebration of the District’s 100-year anniversary. As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forest Preserve District, we are excited to announce a transformative project at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn. To honor a century of conservation efforts, the District plans to restore 35 acres of agricultural land to its natural state, featuring forests and vibrant prairies. A centerpiece of this initiative is the commissioning of the District’s first public art sculpture, which will serve as a focal point for visitors and inspire appreciation for our natural environment. In conjunction with this sculpture, the public will have the opportunity to engage in the restoration of a 12-acre woodland area by planting 800 trees, creating a living legacy of conservation. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process was initiated to identify an artist with a proven track record of public art, ensuring the creation of a meaningful and lasting installation.*

A Centennial Art Committee was created comprised of five staff members, two Forest Preserve Commissioners, the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation Board President and two artists from local arts organizations. This committee evaluated artist submissions based on criteria such as artistic vision, project approach, and relevant experience. The RFQ process began with a broad call for artists, attracting five submissions from various qualified candidates. Each submission included two to five sketches, project approaches, and relevant experience. After thoroughly reviewing the initial submissions, the artist review committee narrowed the pool to four artists for interviews. During the interview phase, the four artists presented their proposals in detail, allowing the committee to assess their visions and approaches. Following these discussions, the committee refined the selection to three artists, who were asked to create a three-dimensional model of their proposed sculpture. The artists who provided three-dimensional models received a \$1,000 reimbursement for their efforts. This step ensured the committee could evaluate each design’s artistic intent and feasibility. Ultimately, Mike Baur’s submission, which features the sculpture “Guardians,” stood out as the most compelling. His design reflects a deep understanding of the natural environment and its cycles, aligning perfectly with the project’s vision. Inspired by the intricate patterns formed by fallen branches in Midwest forests, Baur’s design features two monoliths crafted from high-strength concrete and steel, capturing the essence of protection and guardianship over our landscapes. Baur will spend the winter months preparing materials and building the formwork in his studio, with installation planned for May 2025. The sculpture is designed to be durable

and maintenance-free, aligning with our long-term goals for sustainability and conservation.  
**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Juby asked how many oak trees could the District purchase for \$150,000. NRM Dir. Chess responded that the bid opening for the trees came in the day prior for an estimate \$145,000. Commissioner Juby stated that instead of installing an art piece the District could purchase an additional 250 trees. Exec. Dir. Haberthur explained that the idea behind the art sculpture was to celebrate the 100 years and install something special that would be available for the public for another 100 years. He noted that the item was included in the budget and presented.*

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [18-5]**

**MOVER:** Cheryl Strathmann

**SECONDER:** Mark Davoust

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe

**NAY:** Gary Daugherty, Leslie Juby, Clifford Surges, Rick Williams, David Young

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford

**XII. New Business**

*None.*

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

The Commission moved into Executive Closed Session at 9:39 AM to discuss license agreements.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Dale Berman

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford

The Commission returned to Open Session at 10:05AM on a motion by Roth, second by Berman, roll call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

**XIV. Communications**

*Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk reported on various events, the first Annual Foundation Golf Outing, the Volunteer Appreciation dinner and the Fox River Day cleanup. Over 500lbs of garbage was removed from the Fox River. Pictures were shared of all the events. Information was shared regarding the upcoming District's referendum on the ballot, details are available on the District's website.*

**XV. President's Comments**

*None.*

**XVI. Department Reports**

**RESULT:** **ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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

**XVII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.*

**RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

**MOVER:** Michael Kenyon

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

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

**ABSENT:** Ron Ford

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

Gabriella Figliozzi  
Recording Secretary

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Myrna Molina  
Board Secretary