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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, October 24, 2024

8:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. Call To Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, October 24, 2024 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.

Approval of Remote Attendance

Commissioners Allan and Linder were approved to attend via video conference.

PRESENT

Chair Jarett Sanchez
President Chris Kious
Board Member Deborah Allan (Remote)
Board Member Mavis Bates
Board Member Ron Ford (In person at 8:35AM)
Board Member Anita Lewis
Board Member Michael Linder (Remote)
Board Member Bill Roth
Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
Board Member Rick Williams

Also Present: Exec. Dir. Haberthur; HR Dir. Clough; Chief of Police Burger; Dir. of Finance Petschke; NRM Dir. Chess; Chief of Planning & Land Protection Rooks-Lopez; Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk; Dir. of Ops. Jensen; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and Admin staff Rafferty.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Deborah Allan

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

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

Paul Sommer, resident of Elgin, spoke in regards to his property. His home is in the national registry of historic Elgin, formally known as the Castle. He stated that his property utilizes a water well and he has solicited permits for a sewer and water connection with the city of Elgin. The request is a private easement that would run under the bike path to connect with the city's water main. Mr. Sommer indicated that the city does not want to grant an easement, therefore he is requesting the easement from the Forest Preserve due to ownership of the land with the bike path.

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

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session to discuss land acquisition at 8:39AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Anita Lewis

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez Cheryl Strathmann, Rick Williams

The committee returned to Open Session at 9:07AM on a motion by Roth, second by Ford. Roll Call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

V. New or Unfinished Business

Exec. Dir. Haberthur discussed an item not on the agenda. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Easement Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and Village of West Dundee to be added to the Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.

Chair Sanchez asked the Committee if there was any objection to add this item onto the Executive Committee meeting of November 7, 2024. No objections heard, item approved.

TMP-24-3069 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Kane and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for the Conveyance of Stearns Road Greenway Parcels

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the intergovernmental agreement with Kane County. In 2000, the District and the County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the realignment of Stearns Road, Dunham Road and Illinois State 25. This agreement and the following amendments created greenway parcels and pedestrian connectivity over the Fox River and along Stearns Road that would eventually be conveyed to the Forest Preserve District. Prior to conveyance the County was required to make improvements to the parcels including pedestrian trails, parking, gates, benches and general restoration. The County has completed the improvements and desires to convey the parcels to the District. Due to the age of the improvements, the County has set up an allowance of up to \$572,275 for any necessary future enhancements of the Greenway Parcels, upon receipt of invoice from the District.

In additional to routine maintenance associated with District standards, other potential financial impacts include a 50/50 cost share between the County and District for major structural repairs to the Stearns Road Pedestrian bridge and the Brewster Creek Stream Embankment Restoration. *(Commissioner Allan arrived in person at 9:10AM)*

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Roth noted that the properties along the river experience flooding. Exec. Dir. Haberthur explained that the area is a historical flood zone. President Kious stated that this agreement was presented at the Kane County Transportation Committee. He felt that the bridge is a transportation issue. He stated that it was more appropriate for the Kane Department of Transportation (KDOT) be responsible for the maintenance costs due to higher funding opportunities. Commissioner Williams asked about the ownership of the bridge. Attorney Hodge responded that it is owned by KDOT, however the District has the maintenance obligation of the decking and the right to use the pedestrian bridge. Commissioner Williams suggested that the District shift the financial obligation to KDOT. Commissioner Ford asked what the timeline for closing the agreement was. Attorney Hodge noted that this has been a long process and KDOT is looking to close as soon as possible.*

Commissioner Ford agreed with President Kious and Commissioner Williams to shift the financial obligation of the decking maintenance to KDOT. President Kious asked to

postpone this agreement for further recommendations.
Commissioner Roth made a motion to postpones for 30 days, Commissioner Ford seconded the motion.

RESULT: HELD OVER 30 DAYS BY VOICE VOTE
TO: Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Ron Ford
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder
Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Rick Williams

TMP-24-3070 Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Easement for Fiber Optic Utility Services to the County of Kane at Prairie Green Forest Preserve
Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the easement agreement.
Kane County is currently working with CCSI Networks on the installation and design of fiber optic conduit to service Kane County Tri-Comm. The purpose of this connection is to provide a backup connection to the Tri-Com facility through the Kane County fiber network. The Tri-Com facility provides 911 call support and dispatch of emergency services through Kane County. The attached grant of easement will allow the County to install and maintain fiber optic utility services to Tri-Com. The proposed easement agreement does not financially impact the District.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Ron Ford
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder
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TMP-24-3071 Resolution Authorizing a Third Amendment of an Intergovernmental License Agreement with the Village of South Elgin for the Use of a Portion of the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve
Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the third amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of South Elgin. In 2011, the Commission approved a License Agreement with the Village of South Elgin for the use of a portion of Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve to develop a community park. Known as Seba Park, the property is located at the far northern portion of the preserve, close to the Village's downtown area, and along the west shoreline of the Fox River and Fox River Trail. Since then, the Village has continued to make improvements to the property, including an off-leash dog area, parking and trails.

In 2024, the Village was awarded funding from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Act through the Kane County Development department for the design and construction of an accessible canoe launch, shoreline protection and fishing pier at Seba Park. This Third Amendment to the License Agreement modifies the agreement to allow for the installation and maintenance of the new amenities, and extends the term of the agreement for an additional 25 years ending on November 30, 2049.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Roth asked about the funding. Exec. Dir. Haberthur responded that the District did not receive any ARPA funds. Dir. Rooks-Lopez noted that the improvement project is strictly the Village of South Elgin.*

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Anita Lewis
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder
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VI. Communications

Dir. of Community Engagement Metanchuk promoted the IAPD Best of the Best Gala on Friday, October 25, 2024. Metanchuk noted that the elections were 12 days away and information regarding the referendum was available on the District's website. Commissioner Roth asked about the Carpentersville dam removal project. Dir. Metanchuk responded that video and photos were available on the District's website to follow the progression of the project. Dir. Rooks-Lopez noted that the District is hopeful to complete construction out of the water by November 1, 2024. Chair Sanchez commented that he has seen a lot of comments about the construction. Exec. Dir. Haberthur responded that the drought has made the construction look more dramatic than it is. Chair Sanchez noted that the perception could change once there is rain.

VII. Chairman's Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Ron Ford

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder
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Chairman Jarett Sanchez
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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