



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

Forest Preserve District, Land Acquisition Committee Meeting Minutes

President Bill Lenert, Chair Anita Lewis, Vice-Chair Mike Linder, Sonia Garcia,
Michelle Gumz, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. Call To Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road Suite 320 Geneva, IL 60134. Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

Remote Attendance Approval

None.

PRESENT President Bill Lenert
Chair Anita Lewis
Commissioner Sonia Garcia
Commissioner Bill Roth

ABSENT Vice Chair Michael Linder
Commissioner Michelle Gumz
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez

Also Present: Commissioners Allan (Remote), Arroyo, Bates, Juby (Remote), Molina (Remote), Penesis, Strathmann; 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 & staff Rafferty.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER: Bill Roth
AYE: Sonia Garcia, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth
ABSENT: Michelle Gumz, Mike Linder, Jarett Sanchez

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 to discuss land acquisition at 8:32AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Bill Lenert
AYE: Sonia Garcia, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth
ABSENT: Michelle Gumz, Mike Linder, Jarett Sanchez

The committee returned to Open Session at 9:36AM on a motion by Roth, second by Lenert
Roll Call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

V. New or Unfinished Business

TMP-25-128 Resolution Authorizing the Grant of Utility Easements for Sanitary and Water Service at 1260, 1262, and 1264 Cedar Avenue, Elgin, IL

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks- Lopez presented an authorization of a utility easement. In 2024, the District was contacted by the property owner, Paul W. Sommer with a request for a sanitary and water utility easement across the Fox River Trail Forest Preserve near Cedar Avenue in Elgin. The proposed easement is necessary to provide a sanitary and water connection for his three residential lots currently on well and septic. The Fox River trail in this particular location is unique in that it is on an historic trolley line located between the homes and Cedar Avenue. In order for the property owners to connect to existing public utilities on Cedar, they must cross the Fox River Trail. The proposed easement will be directionally bored under the Fox River Trail between the homes and Cedar Avenue. Current and future owners will be required to provide all installation and maintenance costs associated with the utilities. In the event the utility easement is no longer needed the property owner will be responsible for the decommissioning and removal of the utilities and the easement will automatically revert back to the District. The property owner will pay a one-time fee of \$5,000.00 for the easement rights.

***DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Roth asked about potential future requests of neighbors wanting easements. Dir. Rooks-Lopez responded that the construction is costly, including all the permitting, infrastructure, and sewer installation would be an estimated \$50,000. There was discussion regarding the area and the neighboring homes, it was noted that this area is modest and this is a unique request.*

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Bill Lenert
AYE: Sonia Garcia, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth
ABSENT: Michelle Gumz, Mike Linder, Jarett Sanchez

VI. Communications

None.

VII. Chairman's Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Bill Lenert
AYE: Sonia Garcia, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth
ABSENT: Michelle Gumz, Mike Linder, Jarett Sanchez

Chair Anita Lewis
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary