



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

COMMISSION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Commission meeting was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM at Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by President Chris Kious at 9:00 AM. **Remote=***

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Kious asked Commissioner Mike Kenyon to lead the pledge.

III. Roll Call

President Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Ron Ford	Present
Commissioner Dale Berman	Present*
Commissioner Michelle Gumz	Present*
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present*
Commissioner David Brown	Present
Commissioner Kenneth Shepro	Present
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann	Present*
Commissioner Vern Tepe	Present
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present*
Commissioner Mark Davoust	Present*
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present
Commissioner Mo Iqbal	Present*
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present
Commissioner Tom Koppie	Present
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Commissioner John Martin	Present
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present*
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Monica Silva	Present*
Commissioner Clifford Surges	Present
Commissioner Steve Weber	Present
Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki	Present
Commissioner Anita Lewis	Absent

Others Present:

Executive Director Meyers*; CFO Stanish* & staff Petschke*; Dir. of NR Haberthur* & staff Rodeghero*; Chief of Planning Anderson*; Dir. of Operations Goreth*; Dir of Community Affairs

Metanchuk*; Dir. of Public Safety & Chief of Police Gilloffo*; HR Dir. Yee*; Attorney Hodge*; KCIT staff Peters & Thompson; Recording Secretary Figliozzi.

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

None.

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of December 8, 2020

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Shepro, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioner's Per Diem for December 2020

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Allan, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Drew Frasz, Treasurer
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

A. Bills & Commissioner Per Diem December 2020

VII. Bids and Proposals

A. FP-R-21-01-2850 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Replacement Vehicles for the Planning and Operations Department

This resolution authorizes the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Planning & Operations department. The two vehicles to be replaced are #318 and #320, assigned to the North Operations division. Both vehicles will be purchased through the cooperative purchasing contract with National Auto Fleet Group from Watsonville, California. Commission approved \$62,600 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for truck #318. The final price for this vehicle is \$57,798.50. Additionally, Commission approved \$61,000 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for truck #320. The final price for this vehicle is \$59,294.82, for a grand total of \$117,093.32.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Ford, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

VIII. Agreements

A. FP-R-21-01-2851 Amendment to The Restatement of Agreements with County of Kane Regarding Longmeadow Parkway Extended for Additional Improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves

This resolution authorizes an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Kane related to the Longmeadow Parkway Extended - Additional Improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves as presented.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	John Martin, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

B. FP-R-21-01-2852 Resolution Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Friends of the Fox River for use of the Schweitzer Environmental Educational Center

This resolution authorizes a Second Amendment to the 2009 Use Permit and License Agreement with Friends of the Fox River, Community Unit School District 300 and Local Education Association District 300 for use of the Schweitzer Environmental Educational Center.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Wojnicki expressed a few words about the Schweitzer Forest Preserve, Emily Schweitzer donated the property to the District upon her death. She spoke about the dog park on the property and noted that the Friends of the Fox River group holds a monthly presentation at the center. Commissioner Allan shared a brief history of the home, and that since ownership, the home has been protected and renovated.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
SECONDER: Vern Tepe, Commissioner
AYES: Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Anita Lewis

C. FP-R-21-01-2853 Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to the Naming Rights, Signage, and Promotion Agreement for the Settler's Hill Cross Country Events Center with Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Chicago Area Track & Field Organizing Committee

This resolution approves an amendment to the agreement with Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Chicago Area Track & Field Organizing Committee for the naming rights, signage and promotion at the Settler's Hill Cross Country Course and the President and Secretary of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the District, in accordance with its terms.

***DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Bates asked questions regarding the name of the facility. Exec. Dir. Meyers explained that Northwestern Medicine will have signage rights for promotional reasons, however the name stays as is currently.*

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Martin, Commissioner
SECONDER: Mark Davoust, Commissioner
AYES: Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Anita Lewis

IX. Land Acquisition

A. FP-R-21-01-2854 Resolution Authorizing to Purchase Approximately 22.68 Acres Adjacent to Dick Young Forest Preserve in Blackberry Township

This resolution authorizes the purchase of the real estate described in Exhibit A, for not less than the fair market value of said real estate, under such terms and conditions as included in the Purchase Contract. This includes the creek on the property.

***DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Allan commented on the creek on the property. Exec. Dir. Meyers discussed that the purchased property does not include the remainder, for legal purposes the parcel is presented in whole, after closing the area will be resurveyed and the current owners will be responsible to establish the rezoning process on the remainder.*

Commissioner Koppie asked about the guarantee of the rezoning, Chief of Planning Anderson explained, that would be the responsibility of the owners and if they fail to do so the property becomes non-conforming. If they plan to sell in the future or build a house they would need to address the zoning issue.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

X. Ordinance

A. FP-O-21-01-0570 Ordinance Amending the Purchasing Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County

This ordinance amends the Forest Preserve District of Kane County's Purchasing Ordinance to address certain procurement practices.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Weber, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

XI. Appointments

A. 2021 Committee Officer Appointments

This approves the 2021 revised committee schedule for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, and roster attached, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law, with a consent of a simple majority be and hereby is adopted and approved.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

XII. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel
None.

XIII. Communications

Dir. of Community Affairs reported that although Creek Bend Nature Center is closed to public currently due to the pandemic, they are still hosting outdoor events and via zoom.

XIV. President's Comments

President Kious thanked the current and past Board Members for their service and support. He discussed briefly the new Committee Chairs and Officers approved at today's meeting. He advised members to attend as many meetings as possible remotely.

Commissioner Surges shared Becky Gillam's new position with the Forest Preserve Foundation and commended her for all her hard work.

XV. Department Reports for December 2020

RESULT:	PLACE WRITTEN REPORTS ON FILE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clifford Surges, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Ford, Commissioner
AYES:	Ron Ford, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis

Adjournment Until: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Video Conference held at the Kane County Government Center, Bldg. A 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozi

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Recording Secretary