



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

COMMISSION MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Commission meeting was held Tuesday, July 13, 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 Director of Natural Resources Ben Haberthur to lead the pledge.

III. Roll Call

	Status:
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present*
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present
Commissioner Dale Berman	Present
Commissioner David Brown	Present*
Commissioner Mark Davoust	Present
Commissioner Ron Ford	Present
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present
Commissioner Michelle Gumz	Present*
Commissioner Mo Iqbal	Present*
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present
President Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Tom Koppie	Present
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Commissioner Anita Lewis	Present
Commissioner John Martin	Present
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present*
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present*
Commissioner Kenneth Shepro	Present
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann	Present
Commissioner Vern Tepe	Present
Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki	Present
Commissioner Monica Silva	Present*(via zoom @ 9:20 a.m.)
Commissioner Clifford Surges	Present (in person @ 9:10 a.m.)

Others Present:

Also Present: Commissioner Todd Wallace; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish & staff Petschke*; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.; Dir. of Ops. Goreth; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk & staff Kovach; NRM Dir. Haberthur & staff Rodeghero*; Chief of Police Burger; Volunteer Coordinator Cleave; Architect Tegge; KCITD Peters, Thompson; KC Auditor Wegman; and Recording Secretary Figliozzi.

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

Bob McQuillan resident of Batavia and representative of the Knights of Columbus (KOC), spoke in regards to the renovation of the grotto agreement between the Knights of Columbus and the Forest Preserve District. In April of 2021 the KOC began to clean the Grotto, he presented photographs of before and after. McQuillan noted they raised \$3,000 from residents to restore the grotto and has spent \$1,200 to date. He indicated work on the Grotto had to seize due to the Grand Knight never signing the agreement. He respectfully requested that the security camera that was placed by the KOC remain in place to protect the grotto as they workout the agreement.

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of June 08, 2021

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

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioner's Per Diem for June 2021

(Commissioner Surges arrived in person @ 9:10 a.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [21 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Tom Koppie, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Cheryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges
ABSENT:	Monica Silva

VII. Presentations:

A. FP-R-21-07-2879 Resolution to Recognize and Honor PATRICK M. KINNALLY for His 30 Years of Service to the Forest Preserve District of Kane County

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

(Commissioner Silva arrived via remote @ 9:20 a.m.)

B. Drone Demonstration

Forest Preserve District's Architect Zach Tegge demonstrated the District's drone that is used to capture video and still images of all the various projects and land owned by the Forest Preserve.

VIII. Bid and Proposals

A. FP-R-21-07-2880 Resolution Approving a Vehicle Leasing Contract with Enterprise Entity and Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.

Staff is seeking to replace eight Ford F-150 pickups and one Ford Escape Hybrid by leasing nine Ford F-150 pickup trucks.

In 2019, the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) entered into a lease agreement with Enterprise Entities and EFM for the same purpose. District staff had lengthy discussions with KDOT staff, to see if this would be a viable option for the District. Presently, it appears this would be a fiscally beneficial program. Since the County of Kane entered into the lease agreement on behalf of KDOT, it was stipulated in the lease agreement that this program would be for the use of any taxing body in Kane County who should choose to be part of this program, wherever their location. All pricing and catalog discounts will be extended to other government entities that wish to participate. District staff will update the Finance & Administration Committee on the progress of this program.

Currently, the District holds purchased vehicles for a minimum of 10 years. This length of time goes well beyond the warranty period, resulting in the District experiencing various levels of maintenance expenses during the life of each vehicle; both by our in-house mechanic as well as outsourced dealership work. The benefits of the lease program are that the District would have greatly reduced maintenance of these vehicles as only tire rotations and oil changes would be needed, as well as, the District would recoup a larger amount of the original purchase price at the time of sale by rotating newer vehicles on a shorter replacement schedule.

At the end of the lease period, Enterprise will sell the vehicles and provide the District with the net revenue, minus processing and remaining lease fees. Enterprise will monitor the used car market to determine if an early sale of the leased vehicles is appropriate to garner additional revenue. KDOT has just completed its first lease period with Enterprise whereby they sold the vehicles short of the full term to exceed the revenue projections, receiving more revenue than the initial purchase price.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

B. FP-R-21-07-2881 Resolution Approving the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank Contract for Engineering and Permitting Service

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County has completed the Mitigation Bank Instrument (MBI) process and are awaiting the final signatures from the various agencies responsible. V3 completed the MBI process on behalf of the District. It is in the District's best interest to continue to work with V3 to complete the final engineering and construction documents for implementation of the mitigation bank, including obtaining permits, developing specifications for the project, maintaining

and monitoring the wetland bank, preparing an engineer's opinion of probable cost, and assisting with bidding.

A separate Mitigation Fund has been created for both revenues and expenses related to this project. Presently, funds are transferred into the Mitigation Fund from the Construction & Development Fund. The Construction & Development Fund will be fully reimbursed once the District starts selling wetland and stream mitigation credits. Funds totaling \$200,000 were budgeted in the 2021/22 fiscal year for these services. Sufficient funds totaling \$200,000 are available for this expense totaling \$199,985.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

IX. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of December 2019 through March 2021

The Full Commission of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois has reviewed the minutes of Closed Sessions pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06 and has made a determination as to whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes which have not been fully made public.

The Committee has determined that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the Closed Session minutes of 04/14/2020, 10/13/2020, 11/10/2020, 02/09/2021, and 03/09/2021. The Committee has determined that there is no longer a need for confidentiality as to all or part of the Closed Session minutes of 12/10/2019, 02/11/2020, 04/14/2020 and 10/13/2020. Staff recommends the Commission approve the Closed Session minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

B. FP-R-21-07-2882 Resolution Approving the Structures Subcommittee Recommendations

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the District's Structures Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee) visited five sites to evaluate existing structures for demolition.

The first site visited, was the **Settler's Hill Golf Course**, where the Sub-Committee toured the powerhouse and silo, which structures are remaining from the Kane County Poor Farm. The Sub-Committee concluded that the limestone silo has deteriorated and poses a safety hazard, and

recommends the structure be removed. The Sub-Committee is recommending that the powerhouse structure remain, and further structural and historical evaluations be conducted to determine future use.

The second site visited was the **Les Arends Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured a one-car garage structure, which had previously been used for storage. The Sub-Committee determined that this structure does not serve as a viable asset to the District and recommends the structure be removed.

The third site was the **Aurora West Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured the previous farmstead and the Natural Resource Management Department main operation facility. The site dates back to the early 1930's. The structures at this site consist of a two-story farmhouse, machine shed, and three smaller out buildings. The Sub-Committee determined that these structures do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommends the structures be removed.

The fourth site was the **Big Rock Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured the steel machine shed, which was part of the previous gravel mining operation. This structure was utilized for storage and is no longer needed. The Sub-Committee determined that this structure does not serve as a viable asset to the District, and recommends the structure be removed.

The fifth and final site was the **Deer Valley Golf Course**. This site was recently closed, and is currently being transferred, back to a natural state. This site consists of the clubhouse, machine shed, and a small out building. The Sub-Committee and the Planning and Utilization Committee has determined that the club house may be of some value, and would like to have this structure advertised to be sold and moved by the purchaser, or remove the structure if not sold. The Sub-Committee has determined that the remaining out buildings do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommends the structures be removed.

In 2018, the **Rutland Forest Preserve** house and garage were toured as part of the Sub-Committee. At that time, the Sub-Committee chose to keep the structures at this site, in hopes that an outside government or not-for-profit organization would be interested in utilizing the structures for other purposes. No outside agency interest has been expressed to date. At this time, the current Sub-Committee has determined that the Rutland Forest Preserve structures do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommend the structures be removed.

The structures Subcommittee discussed the removal of concrete fence bases located at the **Freeman Kame-Meagher Forest Preserve**. The concrete bases were left onsite by the previous owner. Fence railings are a combination of wood and rubber conveyor belt. There are a total of an estimated 108 bases and accompanying railing material on site to be removed.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Davoust asked about the silo stones, Dir. of Operations Goreth responded that the stones will be evaluated once demo is complete, the viable stones will moved.*

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

C. FP-R-21-07-2883 Resolution to Withdraw the filed Condemnation Action Against the Union Pacific Rail Road for the Acquisition of a Section of Rail Line Connecting LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve to Randall Road in St. Charles Township.

DISCUSSION: Attorney Hodge noted that The Surface Transportation Board would work expeditiously with the Railroad, the Forest Preserve will then work with the entities involved to collaborate once the railroad completes the abandonment paperwork.

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

X. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation, or Personnel

None.

XI. Communications

None.

XII. President's Comments

President Kious thanked staff and Commissioners for attending the Raymond Street Tunnel ribbon cutting photo opportunity and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Fishing Derby.

XIII. Department Reports for June 2021

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

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

July 13, 2021

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

Chris Kious, Chairman
Forest Preserve District Commission
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Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary