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## Forest Preserve District, Land Acquisition Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Jarett Sanchez, President Christopher Kious, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust  
Ron Ford, Anita Lewis

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**3rd Floor Board Room**

### **I. Call To Order**

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

**PRESENT** President Chris Kious  
Chairman Jarett Sanchez  
Commissioner Deborah Allan (Remote)  
Commissioner Mark Davoust (Remote)  
Commissioner Ron Ford  
Commissioner Anita Lewis (Remote)

**Also Present:** Exec. Dir. Meyers, Haberthur; CFO Stanish, Petschke; CPO Rooks-Lopez & staff Rafferty; NRM Dir. Chess; Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk & staff Kovach; Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi

### **II. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2022**

**RESULT:** APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE  
**MOVER:** Ron Ford  
**SECONDER:** Deborah Allan  
**AYE:** Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, and Anita Lewis

### **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 1:04 PM.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**MOVER:**           Ron Ford  
**SECONDER:**       Mark Davoust  
**AYE:**               Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford and Anita Lewis

The Committee returned to Open Session at 1:32 PM on a motion by Davoust, second by Allan. Roll Call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

**V. New or Unfinished Business**

**A. Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Sugar Grove, Sugar Grove Township and the Sugar Grove Park District for the Blackberry Creek Bridge Project at the Bliss Woods Forest Preserve**

*Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the intergovernmental agreement with Sugar Grove, noting the project was not previously budgeted, however would be included in the FY 22/23 budget to then pay out July 1, 2023.* In the fall of 2017, the Village of Sugar Grove requested the District partner with the Village, Township and Park District to install a bridge and trail connection across Blackberry Creek to connect Bliss Woods Forest Preserve/Great Western Trail to Park District property. The goal of the project is to improve travel and provide off-street access for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the community to/from residential neighborhoods, schools, retail areas, forest preserves and parks and regional trail connections. The request and project details outlining the phases and potential costs were presented to the Commission during the District retreat on December 11, 2017 for consideration in the District's Master Plan. The project was included in the Capital Project initiatives in the 2018 Master Plan Update as approved by the Full Commission on February 13, 2018.

In March, 2018, the District entered into an IGA for the Phase I engineering for preliminary design and cost estimation for the consideration of continuing with the project as well as the submittal of a joint grant application. The agreement committed each of the four public bodies to equally share in the expense of the Phase I Engineering totaling \$109,976.00 (\$28,719.00 each). The District's payment was made immediately following the beginning of the 2018/19 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1, 2018). The Village completed the Phase I Engineering and provided the report to the District, whereby all parties supported the project and the submittal of a grant. The final project includes the final engineering and construction of the bridge and trail connection at a total project cost estimate of \$1,000,000.00. The Village has since been awarded an IDOT grant which will fund 80% (\$800,000.00) of the project, with the four participating agencies equally sharing in the 20% (\$200,000.00) local share. Each agency is responsible for \$50,000.00.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Lenert commended Exec. Dir. Meyers for her persistence to ensure that Sugar Grove Park District would maintain the bridge. Sugar Grove identified this project as an asset and moved forward with it.*

**RESULT:**           **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**TO:**               Forest Preserve District               Executive Committee  
**MOVER:**           Ron Ford  
**SECONDER:**       Deborah Allan  
**AYE:**             Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron  
                          Ford and Anita Lewis

*Chair Sanchez presented a Resolution not included in the agenda packet, to Approve a Purchase for Approximately 52 acres adjacent to the Stoney Creek Forest Preserve.*

**B. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Approximately 52 Acres adjacent to Stoney Creek Forest Preserve in Campton Township**

*DISCUSSION: None*

**RESULT:**           **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**TO:**               Forest Preserve District               Executive Committee  
**MOVER:**           Deborah Allan  
**SECONDER:**       Mark Davoust  
**AYE:**             Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron  
                          Ford, and Anita Lewis

**VI. Communications**

None.

**VII. Chairman's Comments**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:38PM.*

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**  
**MOVER:**           Mark Davoust  
**SECONDER:**       Ron Ford  
**AYE:**             Jarett Sanchez, Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron  
                          Ford, and Anita Lewis

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozi*

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Recording Secretary