



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Friday, December 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by President Chris Kious at 9:30 AM. **Remote=***

Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
President Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present
Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki	Present
Commissioner Mo Iqbal	Present*
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present*
Commissioner Steve Weber	Present*
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Late @ (9:37 a.m.)
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Absent

Others Present:

Commissioners Davoust*, Bates*, Tepe*, Berman*, Strathmann*; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish & staff Petschke*; Chief of Planning Anderson; Dir. of Natural Resources Haberthur & staff Graser*, Rodeghero*; Dir. Community Affairs Metanchuk*; Dir. of Operations Goreth; Dir. of Public Safety & Police Chief Gilloffo*; Attorney Hodge*; KCIT Staff Peters; Recording Secretary Figliozzi and IDNR Wildlife Biologist Roy Domazlicky*

II. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2020

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
AYES:	Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez

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

None.

IV. Agreements

- A. Presentation and Approval of an Amendment to the Use Agreement with the Friends of the Fox River, Community Unit School District 300 and Local Education Association District 300 for the Schweitzer Forest Preserve

Friends of the Fox River announced that Citizens Action Team has dissolved, and will not be a participant in the Environmental Education Center at Schweitzer Woods. A new group made up of teachers from CUSD 300 has formed Local Education Association District 300 (LEAD 300), and they will now be a part of the Environmental Education Center. Along with the addition of LEAD 300, the second amendment extends the term for another 10 years, expiring December 2030. Staff recommends the committee approve the second amendment to the Schweitzer Environmental Education Center Use Permit and License Agreement as presented.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Wojnicki promoted the Schweitzer Forest Preserve and the house on property. She spoke highly of the monthly presentations hosted by the Friends of the Fox River. Commissioner Bates via remote asked about the programs and their costs. President Kious responded on the various free programs the Friends of the Fox River offer and the fundraisers throughout the year. Exec. Dir. Meyers stated the main focus of the program is the school, she indicated that the organization is responsible for maintaining the building, they work with the Natural Resources Department and host cleanups and restoration projects within the Forest Preserve itself.*

(Allan arrived @ 9:37 a.m.)

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/7/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER:	Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Jarett Sanchez

B. Presentation and Approval of an Amendment to the Restatement of Agreements with the County of Kane Regarding Longmeadow Parkway Extended for Additional Improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves

The County and District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on July 14, 2015, (Resolution FP-R-15-07-2400) for various improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves. Staff recommends the committee approve the 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: *Commissioner Allan asked about the picture of the restrooms from the packet, noting a different model currently in construction. Chief of Planning Anderson responded that the District has been using the updated model. Commissioner Frasz discussed the planting of the trees, stating they are of higher quality than what originated. He spoke in favor of the project and staff. President Kious commented on the various species that the Natural Resources Department provides.*

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/7/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Steve Weber, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Jarett Sanchez

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of the 2021 IDNR Request for CWD Control on District Properties

NR Dir. Haberthur provided background information of the District's Deer Program, explaining the difference from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) program, which focuses on Chronic Waster Disease (CWD). The Forest Preserve District program measures the vegetative impacts of deer. The IDNR starts their program at the end of the hunting season around January 17th. Northern Regional Wildlife Roy Domazlicky, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, (IDNR) provided background information of CWD and the infected deer mitigation program. The IDNR collected a total of 84 CWD samples (130 requested) for FY2020. Among these samples 2 tested positive from the 15 Forest Preserves during the sharpshooting program. No changes were requested for the next season.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Allan asked about the areas of higher deer population. Dir. Haberthur responded that the distinction of the program run by the District is the focus of deer impact to restoration areas and vegetation management. The IDNR focuses on the overall health of the deer population. Bill Graser, Forest Preserve Wildlife Biologist via remote discussed the management program, and the provided stability to the maintenance and protection of the land.*

Commissioner Bates via remote asked about the deer that is taken home by hunters and the mitigation of CWD. Domazlicky responded that the hunters are required to submit testing results noting there is no known transmission of CWD from deer to human at this time, the new testing system will have a faster turnaround.

Exec. Dir. Meyers commented that the District's approval is focused on providing the IDNR access to the Forest Preserves for their CWD management program where the District does not coordinate its own deer management (via hunting program). The District requires all hunters in the District's program to test the deer they take for CWD and provide the IDNR with the test results.

Commissioner Wojnicki expressed the need for food for the less fortunate and promoted donations of the negative tested deer meat to food banks. Domazlicky responded they have worked with food pantries as part of the program since 2002.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Jarett Sanchez

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

VII. Communications
None.

VIII. Chairman's Comments
President Kious thanked the staff and the presenter from the IDNR.

IX. Adjournment

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Mo Iqbal, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Jarett Sanchez

Christopher Kious, Chairman
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Adjournment until: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 9:30 am
Kane County Government Center Bldg. A, Geneva,
Illinois, 60134

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozi

Gabriella Figliozi
Recording Secretary