



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

### PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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#### I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by Committee Chair Barbara Wojnicki at 9:38 a.m. Remote=\*

#### Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Chairman Barbara Wojnicki	Present
President Chris Kious	Present*
President Pro Tem Mavis Bates	Present*
Commissioner Dave Brown	Present
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Secretary Myrna Molina	Present*
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann	Present*

#### Others Present:

Commissioners Allan\*, Berman\*, Ford\*, Gumz\*, Tepe\*; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish\* & staff Petschke\*; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.\*; Dir. of NRM Haberthur\* & staff Rodeghero\*; Dir. of Ops. Goreth\*; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk\* & staff McKittrick\*; Attorney Hodge\*; Recording Secretary Figliozzi; KCIT Peters.

#### II. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2021

*The minutes were approved as amended to reflect Commissioner Kenyon marked as present in attendance and adjourned mover as Commissioner Bates and second by Commissioner Brown.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cheryl Strathmann, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki

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

*None.*

#### IV. Bids and Proposals

##### A. Presentation and Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation For a Contract Extension for the Fox River Trail Tunnel and Trail Project at Raymond Street in Elgin

The District entered into a joint-funding agreement with IDOT to complete various improvements for the Fox River Trail under the Union Pacific Railroad Tunnel & Trail Project at Raymond Street.

The Forest Preserve Commission approved the original agreement with IDOT with a term of agreement from May 26, 2016, to May 26, 2020. The new term of agreement will be extended to October 31, 2021. IDOT has provided the attached affidavits and amendment for the District's review and approval. Staff recommends the Commission approve the amendment to the agreement with IDOT for the extension of contract to October 31, 2021, as part of the joint-funding agreement for the Fox River Trail/Union Pacific Railroad Tunnel & Trail Project at Raymond Street in Elgin.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 3/4/2021 8:30 AM</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki	

**V. New or Unfinished Business**

*None.*

**VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel**

*None.*

**VII. Communications**

*Community Affairs Dir. Metanchuk and Environmental Education Coordinator Barb McKittrick provided a PowerPoint presentation of the District's Community Affairs and Environmental Education programs at Creek Bend Nature Center. Background information of the District's public relations, marketing, special event rental facilities, environmental educational programs, and the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation were discussed.*

*The District's Treeline newsletter has been a main source of communication that is printed/emailed quarterly. The District's website has over 12,300 users per month and 17,600 social media followers. The newsletter has been the primary source of communication to the public, with the surge of social media, this is now a mix of electronic sources and blogs. Metanchuk promoted the online native plant sale that supports the Kane Forest Foundation. The Foundation supports the District through charitable efforts. This year 2021 proceeds will benefit fish-stocking at the Paul Wolff Campground in Burnidge FP, Lake Patterson in Oakhurst FP and Grunwald Farm FP Lake in Elburn.*

*Environmental Education Coordinator Barb McKittrick provided information of the various educational groups throughout the county, such as schools, 4H, youth organizations and community. McKittrick discussed the 5-year strategic plan, with annual planning retreats. Changes that have been implemented since the pandemic were virtual programs, these have been very successful with the community. The remote programs offered to the schools have exceeded numbers from the field trip formats in person. This virtual platform has given the opportunity to provide more to schools that may have not had the ability to do field trips in the past. Statistics were shared, noting over 10,000 patrons had attended a program. McKittrick shared a video that has been provided to teachers throughout the county. Questions were answered from the Committee.*

**VIII. Chairman's Comments**

*Madam Chair Wojnicki expressed her appreciation of the dedication the Forest Preserve District demonstrates to care and protect open space.*

**IX. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki

Barbara Wojnicki, Chairman  
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee  
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**Adjournment until: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via zoom and in person at the Kane County Government Center Bldg. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. Geneva, Illinois 60134**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

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Recording Secretary