



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 Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by Chair Barbara Wojnicki at 9:30 AM. Remote=*

Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
President Chris Kious	Present*
Chairman Barbara Wojnicki	Present
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present*
Commissioner David Brown	Present*
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present*
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann	Present*
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Absent

Others Present:

Commissioners: Allan*, Ford; Exec/ Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish & staff Petschke; NRM Dir. Habberthur; Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk & staff Kovach, Intern Barna; Chief of Planning & Land Rooks-Lopez & staff Rodeghero; HR Dr. Sarro; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi

II. Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2022

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Mavis Bates, David Brown, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Michael Kenyon

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

None.

IV. Presentations and Reports

A. Presentation of Strikers Signage

Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the Fox Valley Strikers Soccer Club new sign to be installed in the front of the facility. Meyers referenced the images and plans that were included in the agenda packet.

DISCUSSION: *Brief conversation occurred.*

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

V. Bids and Proposals

A. Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Wetland Scrape Creation as Part of the Pingree Grove Wetland Bird Habitat Enhancement Project

NRM Dir. Haberthur presented the wetland scrape hydrologic restoration project, noting this was a primary capital project from the 2017 Referendum.

Pingree Grove Forest Preserve contains an 85-acre marsh that is habitat for several state listed wildlife species. Due to dense growth by invasive species like narrowleaf cattail, reed canary grass (RCG), and giant reed, the marsh currently lacks significant patches of open water. Open water conditions are vital for migratory waterfowl, marsh birds, and the state endangered species present in the marsh. The goal of the project is to re-create a proxy for balanced hemi-marsh conditions (half open water, half native emergent vegetation), diversify wetland depth, improve conditions for wildlife, and enhance the resilience of the marsh as local precipitation patterns change.

Hey & Associates was hired in 2019 to conduct feasibility studies, hydrologic assessments, wetland delineation, assist with permitting, and create engineering documents for the project. The original concept for this marsh restoration was to build a berm across the entire northern wetland boundary, but that idea was set aside due to the prohibitive cost, and unlikeliness of obtaining any grants. A wetland scrape design was settled upon that still accomplishes most the of the wildlife habitat goals at the site, but in an affordable and scalable manner. The scrapes will create areas of interspersed vegetation and open water, and enhanced water depth in areas that are currently shallow with dense monocultures of narrowleaf cattail.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Wojnicki asked Dir. Haberthur what a hemi-marsh was. Haberthur explained that a hemi-marsh consists of half open water and half native vegetation.*

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/7/2022 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
AYES:	Mavis Bates, David Brown, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki	
ABSENT:	Michael Kenyon	

VI. New or Unfinished Business

None.

VII. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation, or Personnel

None.

VIII. Communications

Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk introduced the summer inter Andrew Barna, current student at DePaul University studying public policy.

NRM Dir. Haberthur presented a drone video of the Nelson Lake Marsh water control structure project. The footage covered a complete aerial view of the project area.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Brown reference the footage of the drone and asked about how high the water level would get. Haberthur responded that the anticipation would be an estimated 1-2 feet higher than the current level. Commissioner Brown suggested to take another drone video once construction is complete and settled to compare. President Kious asked about a potential flood, and how it would affect the structure. Haberthur responded that a lot of the permitting revolved around the idea of a potential flood. Stormwater management was included as well, the stop logs in the structure were inserted for this particular reason.

IX. Chairman's Comments

None.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
AYES:	Mavis Bates, David Brown, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Michael Kenyon

Barbara Wojnicki, Chair
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary