



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, September 26, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by President Michael Kenyon at 9:30 AM.

Members Present:

President Michael Kenyon	Present
Chairman Theresa Barreiro	Absent
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present
Commissioner Mo Iqbal	Present
Commissioner Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Steve Weber	Present
Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki	Present

Others Present:

President Pro-Tem Davoust

Monica Meyers, Executive Director, Ken J. Stanish, Chief Financial Officer, Ken Anderson, Jr., Chief of Planning and Operations, Ben Haberthur, Director of Natural Resource Management, John Goreth, Director of Operations, Laurie Metanchuk, Director of Community Affairs, Mike Gilloffo, Director of Public Safety, Anna Marano, Buyer, Dave Petschke, Accounting Manager, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2019

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Chris Kious, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes) *None.*

IV. Bids and Proposals

A. Presentation and Approval of a Proposal for Engineering Services for the Nelson Lake Marsh Revitalization Project at the Dick Young Forest Preserve

Natural Resource Director Haberthur began with a brief history of the Marsh. He pointed out the work that was begun and how it developed to the current need for revitalization. In an effort to address the problem of water control at the site, the District utilized a request for qualification process to select a firm for professional services. Six firms' responses were evaluated, with WBK Engineering, of St. Charles, IL selected for this project. A scope of work was developed including data collection, conceptual design, design of engineering and construction documents, and project permitting. Total fee for services was quoted at \$61,040. Sufficient funds totaling \$62,525 are available for this expense.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Wojnicki thanked Ben for the presentation. She also mentioned that in the past, that area was threatened by development and the District was able to purchase and protect. Additionally adding the White Pelican migration goes through the preserve. Haberthur responded that there were several years that the Pelicans did not return, he thinks because of the low water levels and absence of fish, which is their food source. The birds did return in 2019 and the District will be simultaneously conducting fisheries studies.*

Commissioner Iqbal asked what the remaining costs would be for the construction portion of the project. Director Haberthur was unable to even ball park a number because of all the other factors involved in the custom made water control structure. A cost structure is part of the engineering scope. Commissioner Frasz maintained that he was pleasantly surprised with the cost of this portion of the project and with a well-respected local vendor.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10/4/2019 8:30 AM
MOVER:	Deborah Allan, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Theresa Barreiro

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of the Vacation of Lisa Lane Right of Way in Pheasant Meadows Subdivision within the Fox River Bluff East Forest Preserve

The District received a 13.4 acre land donation from The Conservation Foundation on November 28, 2018. This land was subdivided and platted in 1978, as the Pheasant Meadows Subdivision. To date, no lot in Pheasant Meadows Subdivision has been developed for use as a residence, Lisa Lane serves no other residences, and the area of Lisa Lane has not been modified or improved in any way, as usable lane of access for any purpose.

The staff has worked with the District's attorney to develop language and a strategy for the vacation of ROW, to secure for future District purposes.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
TO: **FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10/4/2019 8:30 AM**
MOVER: Chris Kious, Commissioner
SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Steve Weber, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Theresa Barreiro

B. Presentation and Approval of the Switchback Design Plan Along the Fox River Trail in South Elgin

Chief of Planning and Operations, Ken Anderson presented the committee with plan for the switch back addition to the Fox River Trail in South Elgin. He showed the map of the existing trail which is closed at the northern end /top of the hill. Currently bikers have been using Woodbury Street as the through-way, which is not acceptable to the Village. The District's switch back design plan is a solution to the grading issue and will allow bikers to travel down slower and safer to Center Street. The Village has agreed to stripe Center Street to accommodate the connection. The switchback plans are currently in review by the Village of South Elgin. The Village's plan is to acquire the parcels along the riverfront, license the connecting land from the District (between the switchback and the Village's new parcels) install a new trail connection and eliminate the stripped connection on Center Street.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

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

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

VII. Communications

Please save the date on your calendars for the following:

2019 Master Plan Retreat

Monday, December 9, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Barbara Belding Lodge at Brewster Creek Forest Preserve

6N921 IL Route 25, St. Charles

Harvest of the Acorn Moon Fall Festival

Sunday, Sept. 29, from Noon - 3 p.m.

Celebrate autumn's arrival with the Forest Preserve District! At this family-friendly festival, we'll have pumpkin painting, games, guided hikes, nature crafts, folk music, and refreshments.

Admission is free. Nominal fee for crafts and refreshments. No registration is required.

Oakhurst FP is located at 1680 Fifth Ave., Aurora.

Come to the **Aurora GreenFest** on September 28th 10AM - 4PM, and learn how to take care of the environment and have fun at the same time. Be ready for a day filled with fun activities to live more sustainably and help save our planet. The District will be participating with a booth - pollinator information, crafts and giveaways.

The GreenFest is a free and accessible event, so bring the whole family. Prisco Community Center, 150 West Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL 60505

On the note of conservation, Commissioner Frasz suggested that Mary O. has been involved in the conservation of lands for many many years and if we were to want to name a preserve - we should consider naming on for her.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

The ribbon cutting and grand opening event at the Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve was well attended and a great event. President Kenyon thanked staff and the commissioners that attended. He felt there was a good turnout and mentioned that the Wayne Area Conservancy Group is excited and thankful for the recognition at the event as well.

IX. Adjournment

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

Michael J. Kenyon, President
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Adjournment until: Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 9:30 am
Forest Preserve District Administration Offices
1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen J. Maglio

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