



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve Executive Committee meeting was held Friday January 6, 2017 at 8:30 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 8:30 AM.

Members Present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Michael Kenyon	President	Present
Deborah Allan	Commissioner	Present
Margaret Auger	Commissioner	Present
Theresa Barreiro	Commissioner	Present
Brian Dahl	Commissioner	Present
Mark Davoust	President Pro Tem	Present
Drew Frasz	Commissioner	Present
Rebecca Gillam	Commissioner	Present
John Hoscheit	Commissioner	Present
Philip Lewis	Secretary	Present
Thomas Smith	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Present

Others Present:

Brook McDonald, President of The Conservation Foundation and Dan Lobbes, Director of Land Preservation: The Conservation Foundation.

Staff Present: Monica Meyers, Executive Director, Ken Stanish, Director of Finance, Ben Haberthur, Director of Natural Resources, Jerry Culp, Director of Planning and Development, Laurie Metanchuk, Director of Community Affairs, John Goreth, Director of Operations, Tracey Smith, Director of Human Resources, Mike Gilloppo, Director of Public Safety, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

II. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2016 Meeting

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Brian Dahl, Commissioner

SECONDER: Margaret Auger, Commissioner

AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

III. Public Comments (Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes). *None.*

IV. Presentation of Bills - December 2016

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION 1/10/2017 9:00 AM
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Philip Lewis, Secretary
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

V. Land Acquisition Committee Report. *No Report Given.*

VI. Planning & Utilization Committee Report *No Report Given.*

VII. Finance and Administration Committee Report

A. Presentation and Approval of an Extension of a Tolling Agreement with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET)

A tolling agreement with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) was established in February of 2015. The current agreement, will terminate on January 31, 2017. This would extend this agreement until January 31, 2018. IMET is the handler of the District's convenience fund investments. Some of these funds were compromised and this agreement states that the District will continue to pursue the claims by the offending parties.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION 1/10/2017 9:00 AM
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brian Dahl, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

B. Presentation and Approval of Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing \$50,000,000 General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, at the Consolidated Election to be held the 4th day of April, 2017.

To allow the voters of Kane County to decide whether the Forest Preserve District will receive funds to improve the preserves and acquire additional lands.

The Referendum Committee directed The Conservation Foundation to commission a poll of likely voters to see if there is support for another referendum for the District. 58% of those polled stated they would approve a \$50-million referendum. The District's portion of the tax bill is reducing with the recent bond refinancing and overall debt retirement schedule (approximately \$42 annually for an average home valued at \$250,000). The cost to the homeowner of the same value home would be \$22 annually for the referendum. Therefore, the savings will offset the referendum cost.

Support increased to 68% during the polling as recent land acquisition and preserve improvements were communicated. The voters are most interested in water - lakes, ponds, the Fox River, restoration of wildlife habitat, trails and outdoor activities and the protection of open space for future generations. Mr. McDonald stressed that this type of referendum question allows the voters to make the decision about their ownership of open space in Kane County, "it is the purest form of democracy."

The Conservation Foundation has been involved with all of the District's referendums, (1999, 2005, 2007 and 2011), which the voters passed.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Hoscheit stated that this referendum decision is distinct in that it is not for operating costs, like some of the other referendums from various agencies. This is for land acquisition and capital projects. The property investments for open space is a good source of a tax benefit because it raises real estate property values.

President Kenyon added that the open space contributes and improves our quality of life. Commissioner Allan commented that the Brunner Family Forest Preserve is a good example of open space used to save taxes because otherwise that property would have become a subdivision, which would increase property taxes. Commissioner Barreiro stated that she would be voting yes for this resolution because it is important to allow the voters the right to vote for or against this referendum. Commissioner Lewis agreed and stated that this was an investment in our future and our legacy for future generations.

Commissioner Smith voiced his objections and concerns brought to him by his constituents. Commissioner Davoust recognized the concerns but stated that the tax bill would be decreased because of the bond refinancing and retirement and that it is up to the voters as a whole to decide whether to allow the referendum for the \$50 million dollars, which would be paid over several years. Several other Commissioners agreed that the it is important that the voter make the decision, today's vote merely allows it to be put on the ballot in April.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [11 TO 1]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION 1/10/2017 9:00 AM
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Barbara Wojnicki
NAYS:	Thomas Smith

VIII. New or Unfinished Business *None.*

IX. Executive Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel

Moved and seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss contracts and litigation.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brian Dahl, Commissioner
SECONDER: Philip Lewis, Secretary
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

Motion to exit from Executive Session

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Hoscheit, Commissioner
SECONDER: Mark Davoust, President Pro Tem
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

A. Presentation and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to a Real Estate Sale Agreement with Ravenna, LLC

An amendment that modifies the sales agreement to provide for the demolition of the house prior to the District purchasing the land and the cost of the demolition (\$18,500) added to the sales price.

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO: FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION 1/10/2017 9:00 AM
MOVER: Margaret Auger, Commissioner
SECONDER: Rebecca Gillam, Commissioner
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

X. Communications *None.*

XI. President's Comments *None.*

XII. Reports

Reports placed on file on a motion from Commission Davoust and seconded by Commissioner Gillam.

A. November 2016 Bond Investment Analysis Report

B. November 2016 Cash & Investment Report

C. November 2016 Revenue & Expense Report

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
MOVER: Mark Davoust, President Pro Tem
SECONDER: Rebecca Gillam, Commissioner
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

XIII. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Davoust, President Pro Tem
SECONDER: Thomas Smith, Commissioner
AYES: Michael Kenyon, Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Theresa Barreiro, Brian Dahl, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Philip Lewis, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

Michael Kenyon, Chairman
Forest Preserve Executive Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Adjournment Until: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 8:30 am
Forest Preserve District Administrative Offices
1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320, Geneva, Illinois

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen J. Maglio

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Recording Secretary