



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

### LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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#### I. Call to Order

The Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday April 27, 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 Chairman Margaret Auger at 8:30 AM.

#### Members Present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Margaret Auger	Chairman	Present
Michael Kenyon	President	Present
Mark Davoust	President ProTem	Present
Rebecca Gillam	Commissioner	Absent
John Hoscheit	Commissioner	Present
Kurt R. Kojzarek	Commissioner	Absent
Bill Lenert	Commissioner	Present
John Martin	Commissioner	Present
Myrna Molina	Commissioner	Absent
Douglas Scheflow	Commissioner	Absent
Thomas Smith	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Present

#### Others Present:

Monica Meyers, Executive Director, Ken J. 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 Gillofio, Director of Public Safety, Dave Petschke, Accounting Manager, Caitlin Rodeghero, Administrative Assistant, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

#### II. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2017

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Martin, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Kenyon, Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

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

#### IV. Land Acquisition

##### A. Presentation and Approval of a Land Exchange with Otto Engineering for Property on the Fox River Trail in Carpentersville

Otto Engineering in Carpentersville has recently acquired a business that is adjacent to the Fox River Trail. During the acquisition, Otto Engineering noticed that part of the parking lot for the business was located on Forest Preserve property. Otto Engineering contacted the District to see if there would be interest in exchanging land with them that would allow Otto Engineering to keep the land with the parking lot on it because it is integral to the operation of the business.

When the District acquired the abandoned railroad in 1984, the parking lot was already on it. The parcel in this area is also wider than the typical right-of-way acquired from the railroad and divesting of this parcel would not affect the Fox River Trail use nor District access.

Otto Engineering has agreed to exchange land at a 2 to 1 ratio. In exchange for the .75 acres of land the District is giving up, Otto Engineering is proposing to give the District 1.50 acres of land along the east side of the Fox River north of the Carpentersville Dam. Appraisals have been completed and the District parcel has been appraised at \$65,000 and the Otto Engineering parcel has been appraised at \$80,000.

**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/5/2017 8:30 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Martin, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

#### V. New or Unfinished Business

##### A. Presentation and Approval of an Intergovernmental Easement Agreement with the Village of Carpentersville

The Village of Carpentersville has been working to resolve several flooding issues within the Village. The Forest Preserve District has worked with the Village on similar projects in the past including the Four Winds Way Creek Crossing in Lincolnwood Park that included the addition of a bike lane on the new bridge crossing that connected Brunner Family Forest Preserve to Lincolnwood Park and the Carpentersville Dam.

Currently the Village is looking to improve flooding issues near Washington Street and the Fox River Trail, where a bike bridge crosses Carpenter Creek. The Village is proposing to widen the channel under the bridge, to allow for better flood control, which would require the District's pedestrian bridge to be replaced. The bridge is an old

timber railroad bridge; age unknown. An engineering firm evaluated the condition of the bridge and reported it to be in need of major repairs, warranting replacement. The District has a bridge section from the removed I-90 bike bridge that will work for the replacement. The Village is proposing to install the bridge section at no cost to the District, to allow them to make improvements to the Carpenter Creek Channel.

Partnering on this project with the Village of Carpentersville is in the District's best interest as the storm water management improvements will benefit the District's property including the Fox River Trail. The current condition of the bridge warrants its replacement at this time and the District will benefit from the cost savings that will be realized by the Village performing and funding the bridge installation.

**DISCUSSION:** *Chairman Auger asked if this was a bridge on the roadway. Director Culp answered that it is not, it is a pedestrian bridge. Commissioner Wojnicki asked if there would be oversight of the project by the District. Director Culp stated that yes, in fact, he is overseeing this project. She also asked who owned the property adjacent to the project. Director Culp replied that it is owned by Hagar Pottery, but the trail is on District property.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/5/2017 8:30 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Martin, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

### Exit Executive Session

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Smith, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

**VII. Communications**

*This Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day. This Friday night is Forest Preserve District night at Northwestern Medicine Stadium. We'll be handing out 1,000 oak saplings before the game and then watch the Kane County Cougars lay waste to the visiting Beloit Snappers. Game begins at 6:30pm and gates open at 5:30 pm.*

**VIII. President's Comments**

*President Kenyon reminded those attending that the Earth Day Benefit Dinner, hosted by The Conservation Foundation, will be held tonight, Thursday, April 27 from 5-9pm at the Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge.*

**IX. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Martin, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Thomas Smith, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Gillam, John Hoscheit, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow

Margaret Auger, Chairman  
Land Acquisition Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

**Adjournment until: Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 8:30 AM**  
**Forest Preserve District Administration Office**  
**1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ellen J. Maglio*

Recording Secretary