



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, April 26, 2018 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 8:35 AM.

Members Present:

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| Chairman Margaret Auger | Present |
| President ProTem Mark Davoust | Late |
| Commissioner Drew Frasz | Late |
| Commissioner John Hoscheit | Present |
| President Michael Kenyon | Present |
| Commissioner Kurt Kojzarek | Absent |
| Commissioner Bill Lenert | Present |
| Commissioner John Martin | Present |
| Commissioner Myrna Molina | Present |
| Commissioner Thomas Smith | Absent |
| Commissioner Angela Thomas | Present |
| Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki | Present |

Others Present:

Commissioners: Barreiro, Gillam, and Sanchez. Staff: 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 Gilloffo, Director of Public Safety, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2018

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| RESULT: | ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Myrna Molina, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Bill Lenert, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Margaret Auger, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki |
| ABSENT: | Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith |

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

IV. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of a Grant of Access and Utility Easement Agreement with Verizon Wireless at the Buffalo Park Forest Preserve

Verizon Wireless has requested a utility easement and an access easement through the entrance to Buffalo Park Forest Preserve to access a radio tower on the Village of Algonquin property. The Village of Algonquin has a radio tower located on their current wastewater treatment plant property. The plant is currently fenced off for security reasons and the only way to access the tower is through the Buffalo Park Forest Preserve entrance.

The District currently has an access agreement with Crown Castle to access the Village's tower and the current fee is \$3,000/year. Verizon has agreed to pay \$3,000/year for the utility and access easements through Buffalo Park to the Village of Algonquin's tower. The utilities will be underground electric and fiber, and the access will be from the existing preserve roadway. The easement term is for 20 years with no extension.

DISCUSSION: None.

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| TO: | FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/4/2018 8:30 AM |
| MOVER: | John Hoscheit, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | John Martin, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Margaret Auger, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki |
| ABSENT: | Mark Davoust, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith |

B. Presentation and Approval of an LWCF Acquisition Grant Submission for the Mill Creek Greenway Addition

The Ryan property is several hundred acres of land next to Mill Creek Greenway and hundreds of acres of other public open space. The property contains about 2,000 feet of Mill Creek which is a high quality creek containing a diverse population of plants and wildlife. The Land Acquisition Committee has set a high priority on the acquisition of a portion of this property and staff would like to have permission to apply for a LWCF grant through the IDNR to help offset the cost of acquisition. The LWCF grant will reimburse the District 50% of the acquisition costs up to a maximum reimbursement of \$750,000.

DISCUSSION: None.

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| TO: | FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/4/2018 8:30 AM |
| MOVER: | Drew Frasz, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki |
| ABSENT: | Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith |

C. Presentation and Approval of Request for Land Acquisition in Rutland Township Adjacent to the Binnie Forest Preserve

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO: FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/4/2018 8:30 AM
MOVER: Michael Kenyon, President
SECONDER: Drew Frasz, Commissioner
AYES: Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith

D. Presentation and Approval of a Request for Land Acquisition in Dundee Township Adjacent to the Fox River Shores Forest Preserve

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO: FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5/4/2018 8:30 AM
MOVER: Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER: Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES: Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith

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

Entered into at 8:37 AM to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bill Lenert, Commissioner
SECONDER: Myrna Molina, Commissioner
AYES: Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith

Exit Closed Session 9:20 AM

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Drew Frasz, Commissioner
SECONDER: John Martin, Commissioner
AYES: Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Angela C Thomas, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT: Kurt R. Kojzarek, Thomas Smith

VI. Communications

The District celebrated Earth Day on Saturday, April 21st, with our annual volunteer tree planting. Over 300 volunteers, including local Girl, Cub, and Boy Scout troops, planted 500 oak trees in rolling hills of oak-hickory woodlands and meadows of Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls in the Freeman Kame Forest Preserve.

VII. Chairman's Comments *None.*

VIII. Adjournment

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| RESULT: | ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Myrna Molina, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Drew Frasz, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki |
| ABSENT: | Kurt R. Kojzarek, Angela C Thomas |

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

Adjournment until: Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:30 am
Forest Preserve District Administration Offices
1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen J. Maglio

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Recording Secretary