



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

### LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order

The Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Friday January 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
Mark Davoust	President Pro-Tem	Absent
John Hoscheit	Commissioner	Present
Michael Kenyon	President	Present
Kurt R. Kojzarek	Commissioner	Absent
Bill Lenert	Commissioner	Present
John Martin	Commissioner	Absent
Myrna Molina	Commissioner	Present
Douglas Scheflow	Commissioner	Absent
Thomas Smith	Commissioner	Absent
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Present

#### Others Present:

Others Present: Speakers: Mike Tyrrell and Laura Andersen.

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 Gillofio, Director of Public Safety, Michele Springer, Planner, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

#### II. Approval of Minutes Forest Preserve, Land Acquisition - Dec 1, 2016 9:30 AM

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

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

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Tyrrell and Ms. Laura Anderson regarding the Fox Mill Subdivision in Campton Hills. Mr. Tyrrell stated that the outstanding issue was 145 acres of unaccepted land. Ms. Anderson stated that the letter sent to the District refuted all the objections held by the District. She asked that the Committee please review and reconsider accepting the land.

**IV. Land Acquisition** *None.*

**V. New or Unfinished Business**

**A. Presentation and Approval to Apply for a CMAQ Grant for the Great Western Trail Extension at Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve**

The District has teamed up with the City of St. Charles and the St. Charles Park District to work with the railroad on acquiring the railroad right-of-way for the purpose of extending the trail system east to Randall Road. The District would acquire the right-of-way from LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve (east) to the Fox River Trail. The City and the Park District would acquire the right-of-way from Randall Road east to the existing Fox River crossing.

The Union Pacific Railroad is asking \$622,580 for the abandoned railroad right-of-way. The estimated cost to construct the trail is \$100,000, for a total project cost of \$722,580. The District is requesting permission to apply for a grant to assist in the acquisition and construction to extend the trail. The grant would reimburse the District up to 50% of the acquisition costs and 80% of the construction costs.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Hoscheit stated that this has become a safety concern, as the bicyclists use the roadway, which can be dangerous with traffic on Dean Street. Commissioner Lewis added that this was part of a larger District plan to connect the regional trails throughout City of St. Charles.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2/3/2017 8:30 AM</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Davoust, Kurt R. Kojzarek, John Martin, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith

**B. Presentation and Approval to Apply for Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Funds for the Fabyan Bridge Replacement Project**

In 2012, the concrete bridge that connected the west side of the Fabyan Forest Preserve to the island failed, and was closed to public use. Staff proceeded with a plan to remove the structure, while developing a long-term plan for the connection to the island. The concrete bridge has been removed. Plans are in place to re-install the new bridge. Funding for the Fabyan bridge and island were coming from the Fox River Trust Fund. That fund has been drawn down to below \$125,000. The estimated cost to install the new bridge is \$400,000. Staff is asking permission to apply for Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Funds that will reimburse the District up to \$100,000, if the grant is awarded.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Lenert asked how the project would be financed if the Riverboat Funds were denied. Director Culp answered that the District's practice has been to fund priority projects when possible, with grant submissions. The grants are reimbursable and then those funds are applied to other priority projects.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2/3/2017 8:30 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myrna Molina, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Barbara Wojnicki,
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Davoust, Kurt R. Kojzarek, John Martin, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith

**C. Presentation and Approval to Apply for Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Funds for the Fox River Trail South Elgin Acquisition and Trail Reconstruction Project**

A portion of the trail in South Elgin was previously under the jurisdiction of the District to maintain through a lease agreement with the owner. The lease has since expired and the owner of the property is selling it for development. The District is currently working with the owner and the City of South Elgin to retain property at this location for the reconstruction of the trail.

The District has completed the negotiations for the acquisition of 1.8 acres of land that contains the trail. Per the agreement, the owner is to complete some environmental work before the closing will occur.

Staff is requesting permission to apply for Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Funds to assist in the acquisition. The trail needs to be relocated and rebuilt as part of this project. Staff would like to include the trail rebuilding as part of the grant. The cost of the acquisition is \$540,000. The rebuilding of the trail is estimated at \$150,000, for a total project cost of \$690,000. The Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Funds will reimburse the District up to \$100,000, if awarded.

**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

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

**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>	Bill Lenert, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Molina, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Margaret Auger, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Barbara Wojnicki,
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Davoust, Kurt R. Kojzarek, John Martin, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith

**VII. President's Comments:**

*President Kenyon, Chairman Auger, and Chairman Gillam, Monica Meyers, Jerry Culp, Ben Haberthur, and Laurie Metanchuk attended the Annual IPRA/IAPD Conference. Executive Director Meyers and Director of Natural Resources Ben Haberthur each presented at conference sessions. President Kenyon stated that the conference was very insightful and informative.*

**VIII. Communications**

*The Conservation Foundation will have their Annual Membership Luncheon on February 15, at the Riverside Receptions in Geneva. Please let staff know if you would like to attend.*

**IX. Adjournment**

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

**Adjournment until:** **Friday, February 24\*, 2017 at 8:30 am**  
**Forest Preserve District Administration Offices**  
**1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois**

*\* Note Day Change*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ellen J. Maglio*

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Recording Secretary