



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, June 29, 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
Michael Kenyon	President	Present
Margaret Auger	Chairman	Present
Mark Davoust	President ProTem	Late
John Hoscheit	Commissioner	Present
Kurt R. Kojzarek	Commissioner	Absent
Bill Lenert	Commissioner	Present
John Martin	Commissioner	Present
Myrna Molina	Commissioner	Present
Douglas Scheflow	Commissioner	Absent
Thomas Smith	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Present
<i>Deborah Allan</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Theresa Barreiro</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Drew Frasz</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Rebecca Gillam</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>

Others Present:

Monica Meyers, Executive Director, Ken Stanish, Director of Finance, Ben Habberthur, 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 May 25, 2017

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

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

IV. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of an Easement Agreement with NiCor Gas Co. at the Mill Creek Forest Preserve

Nicor Gas is looking to relocate existing gas line along Keslinger Road to make room for proposed roadway improvements. The easement will allow Nicor Gas to relocate the gas line just outside of the Right of Way (ROW) of Keslinger Road so it will not be affected by future Keslinger roadway improvements. Nicor Gas is also planning on installing the new line using directional boring so the disturbance to the District will be minimal. There will be no expense to the District. Nicor is proposing to pay the District \$6,650 for the easement.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Wojnicki asked if the funds would be used for a specific project. Commissioner Frasz added that the Geneva Park District and KDOT would be in favor of constructing a bike path. Commissioner Hoscheit stated that in the past, these types of funds were put back into the Land Acquisition Fund.*

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7/7/2017 8:30 AM
MOVER:	John Martin, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Thomas Smith, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Margaret Auger, John Hoscheit, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Mark Davoust, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Douglas Scheflow

B. Presentation and Approval of a Service Agreement with Metronet for Fiber Optic Services

Metro Net is a company that installs and provides fiber optic cable in locations to provide better internet, tv and phone services. They approached the Forest Preserve and the County with a plan to provide new fiber optic services to residents and businesses in the area between North Aurora and South Elgin. Staff and the County IT Department have been working with Metronet to work out details on how to provide fiber optic services to new forest preserve locations and to enhance existing services throughout the County. Metronet is requesting two hut sites that are 50' x 50'; one in each Jon Duerr and Fabyan Forest Preserves to operate and maintain fiber optic hut sites which will act as the main distribution areas for the proposed fiber optic lines. In exchange for allowing Metornet to locate the fiber optic hut sites, they will provide fiber optic services to the following six forest preserve locations at no charge:

- John Duerr
- Brewster Creek
- Fabyan Windmill
- Fabyan Villa Museum
- Fabyan Shop
- Mill Creek Forest Preserve (new Natural Resources Operation Facility)
- Cougars/Settler's Hill Cross Country Facility

Included with these fiber connections, Metronet will provide 100 mbps (megabits per second) internet services with built-in increases if need arises. Metronet will also provide a 1 gig (deliver speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second) point service to the Forest Preserve administrative offices and the County Clerk's office which will allow for the transfer of data between the County and the District. This service will allow the District to have a direct connection to our existing internet system that is operated through the County IT Department.

The agreement term is for twenty years with two additional twenty-year extension terms if mutually agreeable. Metronet will be providing the connections and services in exchange for allowing them to locate and operate the fiber optic hut sites on District property.

DISCUSSION: *Chairman Auger asked if the huts would be landscaped. Director Culp explained that the huts will be in an obscure location, and will be maintained by Metronet. He went on to explain that there are extensive cost savings, for the infrastructure installation and monthly service fees as both would be free, both to the District as well as the County. Chairman Auger said she would like to see the savings analysis. Commissioner Martin said we need to get our facts as far as the economic positives and the details regarding the landscaping, as well as buy-in from our partners at Fabyan and the public at large. Staff was directed to bring back more information about the value and cost savings.*

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
TO:	FOREST PRESERVE LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE 7/27/2017 8:30 AM
MOVER:	John Hoscheit, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Kurt R. Kojzarek, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Kurt R. Kojzarek, Douglas Schefflow

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

Entered into Executive/Closed Session at 8:50 AM to discuss Land Acquisition.

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

Exited Executive/Closed Session at 9:44 AM

VI. Grant

A. Presentation and Approval to Purchase Property for Acquisition as an Addition to the Binnie Forest Preserve

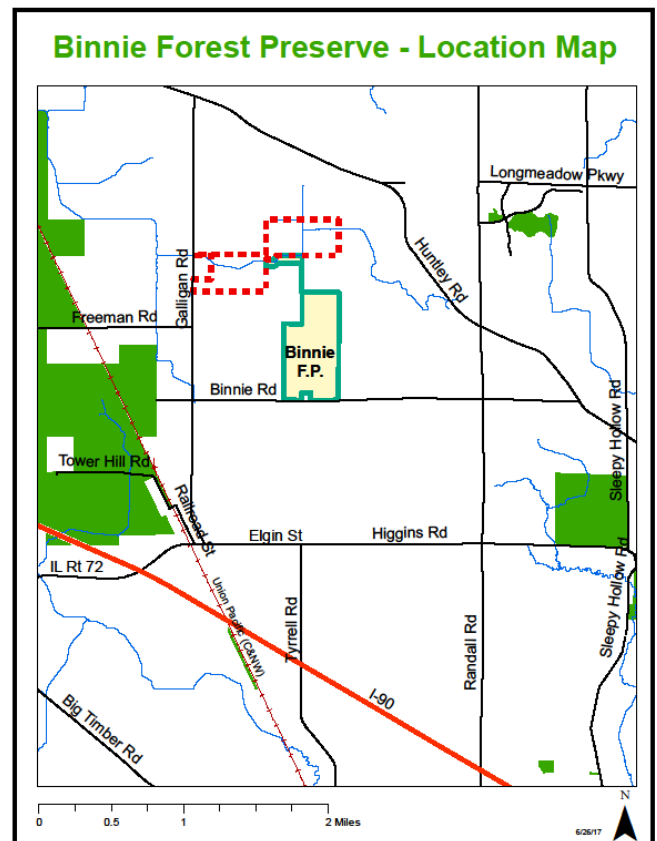
Stade Property (Binnie) – Approximately 66 acres adjacent to Binnie Forest Preserve. The South Branch of the Kishwaukee River runs through the property. **Lueth Property** (Binnie) – Approximately 80 acres adjacent to Binnie Forest Preserve.

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TO:	FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7/7/2017 8:30 AM
MOVER:	Mark Davoust, President ProTem
SECONDER:	Thomas Smith, Commissioner
AYES:	Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Kurt R. Kojzarek, Douglas Scheflow

B. Presentation and Approval of an IDNR LWCF Acquisition Grant Submission for the Binnie Forest Preserve/Kishwaukee Headwaters Addition

Stade Property (Binnie) – Approximately 66 acres adjacent to Binnie Forest Preserve. The South Branch of the Kishwaukee River runs through the property. **Lueth Property** (Binnie) – Approximately 80 acres adjacent to Binnie Forest Preserve. The IDNR LWCF Grant would allow the District to purchase a portion of the Kishwaukee River Headwaters, located in Rutland Township, Kane County.

In 2002, the Boone County and the McHenry County Conservation Districts formed a partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop a conservation initiative aimed at preserving and enhancing habitat along the high quality Kishwaukee River and its tributary, Coon Creek. Initial effort is focused on conservation of open space - farms, wildlife habitat, and water resources through easements, incentive based programs or acquisition with willing participants or sellers.



The feasibility study looked at a total area of about 16,500 acres. The study area includes portions of both the Kishwaukee River watershed and the Coon Creek watershed. The Kishwaukee River watershed has been identified as a "Unique Aquatic Resource" or class "A" stream. This area includes habitat for at least four state threatened species of birds and six endangered species of birds. This purchase would allow the District to continue that program into Kane County.

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

VII. Communications

Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Settler's Hill Golf Course on July 12th.

VIII. Chairman's Comments *None.*

IX. Adjournment

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Martin, Thomas Smith
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina
AYES:	Michael Kenyon, Margaret Auger, Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki

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

Adjournment until: **Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 8:30 am**
Forest Preserve District Administration Offices
1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen J. Maglio

Recording Secretary