



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION MINUTES MARCH 24, 2017

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### I. Call to Order

The Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Friday March 24, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting recessed to Executive/Closed Session by Margaret Auger at 8:50 AM.

#### Members Present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Rebecca Gillam	Commissioner	Present
Michael Kenyon	President	Present
Margaret Auger	Chairman	Present
Mark Davoust	President ProTem	Absent
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	Absent
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Absent
<i>Deborah Allan</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Drew Frasz</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Philip Lewis</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Jarett Sanchez</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>

#### Others Present:

Monica Meyers, Executive Director; Ken Stanish, Director of Finance; Jerry Culp, Director of Planning and Development; Ben Haberthur, Director of Natural Resources, Jerry Hodge, Attorney; Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

### II. Executive/Closed Session

Entered into Executive/Closed Session to discuss land acquisition.

**Nicor Gas Company/Hampshire Forest Preserve:** Executive Director Meyers explained the project working with NiCor Gas at the Hampshire Forest Preserve. The company will be re-routing their gas pipeline and routine maintenance replacing the 22" pipeline with 30" pipeline. Access has to be allowed to the utility, but working with the DNR, Directors Haberthur and Culp will request that the impact be as little as possible. The utility will relocate their pipeline north around the District's improvements on the property. (Shelter/parking lot/trails)

**DISCUSSION:** *President Kenyon asked if they were taking the old pipe out of the ground. Director Haberthur explained that Nicor is not removing the old pipe, but will fill with grout and gravel. Director Haberthur explained that Nicor did not have to work around the improvements. Both these lines were built in 1959.*

**Nicor Gas Company/Burnidge Forest Preserve:** They will also be at the Burnidge Forest Preserve, where they plan to re-route the pipeline around the wetland. Director Culp is working with the DNR and NiCor on easement agreements.

**DISCUSSION:** *Director Haberthur explained that the area is all wetland with Oaks. Nicor is not removing the old pipe. He also explained that there are some endangered species that have been recognized on the site and that Nicor will be hiring a wildlife biologist to track and study the habitat. Commissioner Hocheit asked whether the agreement will require Nicor to vacate the easement through the wetland. Attorney Hodge said yes, a portion of the current easement will be vacated and a new limited easement established for the line that because we have not had an agreement like this before, we will pursue that so it does not come up again in the future. Commissioner Gillam confirmed that the District staff will be overseeing the project and monitoring the project regularly.*

**Otto Engineering Land Swap:** Finalizing agreement with Otto Engineering land swap. Otto Engineering purchased land that was adjacent to the District's property. The property has a parking lot that encroaches onto the District's parcel. The encroachment existed when the District acquired the parcel. Otto Engineering wishes to improve the parking lot and proposes to swap this portion of the property with property they own along the river. Otto Engineering has done a Phase I on the property. The soil borings showed questionable results. Therefore, Otto Engineering was directed to do a Phase II. The results were trace but not concerning.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Martin asked if we know the source of the contamination. Assumption would be it's a previous site of a paint factory. He also asked if we would get a signoff from IEPA stating safety of property. Executive Director Meyers indicated yes. Also the site has no current planned improvements for use by the public.*

### III. Exit Executive Session

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ellen J. Maglio*

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