



## 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 May 25, 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	Arrived
Michael Kenyon	President	Present	
Margaret Auger	Chairman	Present	
Mark Davoust	President ProTem	Absent	
John Hoscheit	Commissioner	Absent	
Kurt R. Kojzarek	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lenert	Commissioner	Present	
John Martin	Commissioner	Late	8:45 AM
Myrna Molina	Commissioner	Present	
Douglas Scheflow	Commissioner	Absent	
Thomas Smith	Commissioner	Present	
Barbara Wojnicki	Commissioner	Present	
<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, Ben Haberthur, Director of Natural Resources, Jerry Culp, Director of Planning and Development, John Goreth, Director of Operations, Mike Gilloffo, Director of Public Safety, Dave Petschke, Accounting Manager, Anna Marano, Buyer, Caitlin Rodeghero, Administrative Assistant, Jerry Hodge, Attorney, Ellen J. Maglio, Recording Secretary

#### II. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2017

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

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

**IV. New or Unfinished Business**

Director Culp introduced the Nicor Gas Company easement agreements and easement amendment.

In the Burnidge Forest Preserve the current easement and gas line runs through a wetland and high quality woodlands that have a high potential to disturb several endangered species. With that in mind, Nicor Gas and the District Staff have been working together to re-route the gas line to avoid these areas.

To complete this re-route, the District is required to gain approval from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) because the District received grant assistance for the acquisition of the property.

The re-route through Burnidge Forest Preserve will require a land use agreement between the District and Nicor Gas, which will include abandoning the existing easement that runs through the wetlands and woodlands and also will change the area of the existing blanket easement over a large track of the preserve to a narrow strip of land following just the gas line.

Additionally, the land use agreement will cover a small area that is outside of any easement Nicor Gas currently has.

In the Hampshire Forest Preserve, the current easement and gas line runs through an area already improved including a picnic shelter, restrooms and a parking lot. Nicor Gas would like to amend the current easement to allow them to re-route the gas line around the District's current improvements. The easement language will stay the same and Nicor Gas will provide new legal descriptions for the new easement.

**DISCUSSION:** *There was a discussion about the Nicor Gas Company easements and re-routes through two preserves. Chairman Auger asked when this project would be completed. Director Culp explained that the work would begin after the DNR grants its permits, which could be about two months. Attorney Hodge added that Nicor has an obligation to restore the area. Director Culp also stated that the lands will be maintained as prairie.*

The consensus by this Committee was to move these two items forward to the Executive Committee for approval.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY CONSENSUS [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on 6/2/2017</b> Margaret Auger, Michael Kenyon, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Davoust, John Hoscheit, John Martin, Douglas Scheflow

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

Entered into Executive/Closed Session at 8:50 am

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

Exited from Executive/Closed Session at 9:46 am

**VI. Communications**

The Conservation Foundation is hosting their Spring Membership Luncheon on Thursday, June 15 at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton. Anyone interested in attending needs to RSVP to Ellen by June 2nd.

**VII. Chairman's Comments** *None.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 9:50 am

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

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

**Adjournment until:** **Thursday, June 29, 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