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## FOREST PRESERVE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

October 21, 2004

The Forest Preserve Utilization Committee Meeting was held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 2004, in the Conference Room, Building G, 719 Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Carlson, President Hoscheit, Commissioners: Cameron (late), Barrett, Greviskes (late), Griffin, Scalfaro, VanOvermeiren, Walter, and Wolfe.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Wojnicki.

Also Present: Executive Director Meyers, Director of Community Affairs Fauske, Director of Public Safety Budde, Director of Operations Holan, Director of Finance Quinlan, Director of Planning Ullberg, Commissioners Allan, Wyatt, Bill Wiat City of Aurora, Kirk Corporation, and Citizens of Kane County.

**MINUTES:** Chairman Carlson called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2004.  
- Motion by Griffin, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the minutes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **BID AND PROPOSALS.**

#### **Presentation of Bids for Roofing Seven Buildings.**

Quinlan addressed the Committee stated they went out for bid; sent to fifteen vendors. Received a good response and Staff recommends the low bid of Singles Roofing Company of Elgin.

-Motion by Walter, seconded by Wolfe, to proceed with the low bid from Singles Roofing of Elgin; motion carried.

#### **Request to Purchase One John Deere 6420 Tractor through the State of Illinois Kane County Joint Purchasing Agreement.**

Quinlan addressed the Committee and stated that Staff recommends going through the State of Illinois Bid.

-Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Griffin, to purchase one 6420 tractor through the State of Illinois/Kane County Joint Purchasing Agreement; motion carried.

#### **Presentation of Proposal for Engineering Mid County Trail-Peck Farm Link.**

Ullberg made his presentation to the Committee of his proposal for the Mid County Trail/Peck Farm Link and the best suited engineering firm; Engineering Resources.

Ullberg related going over their proposal showed him that they have the best vision of what we are looking for. Walter asked if they are the lowest bid? Ullberg answered they are next to the lowest. Hoscheit asked why have they come out better than Engineering Enterprises; discussion occurred.

-Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Barrett, to move forward with the proposal of Engineering Resources; motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Presentation on the Barnes Road Property from Fox Valley Park District.**

Representative from Deuchler and Associates Engineering Firm made their presentation to the District on how they plan to redistribute the soil, which has the same consistency as the original soil that was on the site before the dumping of additional soil occurred. He explained how they intended to regrade trying to attain the original elevation, and then covering it with topsoil, and planting the same kind of existing prairie that is present. Hoscheit stated that the presentation from the Fox Valley Park District seems acceptable to interested parties. Commissioner Wyatt agreed and stated that he felt this plan was to be commended. Discussion of re-licensing this area back to the Fox Valley Park District took place.

Jeff Palmquest, from the Fox Valley Park District introduced the Trail Concept plan. He relayed how the trail would be installed in this area to the Gilman Trail. Instead of constructing a costly bridge in a certain location they would use the existing bridge and add two other small bridges. Commissioner Wolfe at this time addressed the Committee; he expressed his concerns if the District has to monitor their agreements/licenses with other park districts now. Hoscheit stated that our agreements are specific and we do work well with other agencies; there was a communication error. Further discussion occurred. -Motion by VanOvermeiren, seconded by Cameron, to make a motion to approve the Concept Plan, and consideration of re-licensing this area back to the Fox Valley Park District, and reevaluate a new proposed license plan; motion carried.

#### **Request for Easement from Fox Metro on the Barnes Property.**

Jeff Hum Engineering Supervisor from Fox Metro addressed the Committee. He presented the proposal for land use that Fox Metro wanted for an easement. He stated the size of the temporary sewer and the size of the permanent sewer for a specific development; Fox Metro would maintain. Mr. Hum also stated Fox Metro would not want anything built on top of this area of use by them. Walter asked Mr. Hum what are the other options to Fox Metro for other locations. Mr. Hum explained that there are limited options. Wolfe expressed his feelings by wanting to know how does the Forest Preserve District benefit from this. Greviskes stated he is not in favor of this, and Walter felt that Fox Metro take another look at other options for installing their sewer line. Hoscheit related that we generally do not grant an easement without some consideration. Mr. Paul Rose of the Kirk Corporation addressed the Committee and stated that he is the developer of this area and the Kirk Corporation will be glad to sit down and talk considerations with the District, for the District. Wolfe addressed the Committee and stated that we need some form of policy for these easements. He would like to see people come in with some form of proposal for consideration by the District. Hoscheit stated that we need to create a packet for these interested parties to submit to the District and have Staff review and come back to the Committee. Hoscheit stated that we would work on a packet with an application form. Carlson stated that this would be set over for thirty days; the consensus was, all agreed.

#### **Request from the Village of Virgil for an Easement.**

Carlson stated that this would be tabled to next month's meeting; the consensus was, all agreed.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Fabyan Forest Preserve.**

Holan reported that it is looking good.

##### **Thornton-Aurora West Forest Preserve.**

Ullberg reported that there isn't anything new to report.

##### **Big Rock Forest Preserve.**

Ullberg reported continuing on with their work.

**Schweitzer Property**

Monica stated that they are looking at future uses of this location, since the other two organizations have seemingly backed out.

Barrett asked about the Helm Woods Forest Preserve parking lot. Ullberg stated that there isn't anything new to report.

Greviskes asked about the Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve. Ullberg stated that there is nothing new to report.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned on a motion by Chairman Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Wolfe, to November 30, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., and held at the office of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, 719 Batavia Avenue, Building G, Geneva, Illinois 60134; motion carried.

Carole Ann Koutsky  
Recording Secretary