



FOREST PRESERVE PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2014

The Planning and Utilization Committee meeting recessed to enter into Executive session.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairman Kenyon, President Hoscheit, Auger, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Lewis, and Wojnicki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molina, Starrett and Taylor.

ALSO PRESENT: *Staff:* Executive Director Meyers, Director of Finance Stanish, Director of Planning and Development Culp and Attorney Hodge and Kane County Department of Transportation Rickert.

Present Hoscheit presented the following:

- **ComEd Easements:** Executive Director Meyers stated that there have been numerous meetings with the ComEd representatives in regards to the Grand Prairie Gateway Project. The deadline for the District to provide comments is April 2. The District will then attend the ICC meeting on April 9th to provide testimony. The District's involvement on the transmission lines is at the Muirhead Woods Forest Preserve and across the Fox river Trail at the Fox River crossing at Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve. The District's recommendation is to allow the line though the preserve along the south side of the railroad verses around the preserve to the south to reduce the negative impact to the preserve. ComEd has estimated a savings of approximately \$1.5 million by moving the line to the railroad. The District has already approved access to the Fox River along a small portion of property between the railroad and Stearns Road. Staff is seeking a portion of that savings to pay for the construction of a bike trail. ComEd has stated the cost share savings is up to the ICC. By running the lines along the railroad it would be reducing the environmental and aesthetic impact on the preserve.

Executive Director Meyers is requesting direction as to the easements requested. The easement along the Fox River and along the railroad tracks at Muirhead Springs with a portion of the cost savings to be given to the District for the construction of the trail.

Chairman Kenyon Hoscheit called for a motion to exit Executive Session.

Motion – Motion to exit into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Frasz, and seconded by Commissioner Haimann; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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