

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Planning Committee Minutes – January 6, 2025**

The Planning Committee met on Monday, January 6, 2025, at the Lake County Forest Preserve District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order – With a quorum physically present, Chair Paul Frank called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed electronic attendance for member Carissa Casbon due to illness, with no objections.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Paul Frank, Vice Chair Jennifer Clark, Carissa Casbon, Linda Pedersen, Gina Roberts, and John Wasik. Absent: Michael Danforth.

Also Present:

Jessica Vealitzek, President

Adam Schlick

Betsy Gates-Alford, Corporate Counsel

Alex Ty Kovach

John Nelson

Ken Jones

Pati Vitt

Kevin Kleinjan

Rebecca Snyder

Steve Neaman

Mary Kann

Ron Davis

Alyssa Firkus

Dan Stearns

Julie Gragnani

Natalie Kahn

Paula Ali

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approve Minutes – Motion by Vice Chair Clark, second by member Pedersen to approve the open and closed session minutes of November 4, 2024. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were passed for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment (non-agenda matters) – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach reported on the following:

- Winter building removal including use for training with local fire protection districts;
- Foundation donor recap, donation transfers to the District, Annual Fund grants, Giving Tuesday, Daughters of the American Revolution grant to Dunn Museum;
- Education staff led 45 native plant related programs in 2024, attended by over 4,000;
- 42nd Annual Profiles in Excellence at Greenbelt Cultural Center on February 2nd;
- Dunn Museum's 10th annual Lake County History Symposium; new Museum hours for 2025;
- Meadowview School Nature Day, Winter Solstice Celebration; Winter issue of Horizons;
- Words of the Woods podcast enters 3rd season; Sip & Stroll event at the Museum;
- New officers for the Foundation; Betsy Hough elected as President;
- Commander Jamie Medina graduated from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command; Chief Ron Davis co-authored article for Police Chief magazine on the Six Facets of Holistic Wellness;
- Green Fleet Program as added stickers to all electric and hybrid vehicles and large equipment.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business - None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of Resolution approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Gurnee for exchange of approximately 0.2-acre property owned by the District for two parcels owned by the Village of Gurnee; all properties located within Lake Carina Forest Preserve - Motion by member Roberts, second by Vice Chair Clark to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach noted that the exchange of parcels will resolve an encroachment by the Village's Public Works facility. Land Preservation Director Ken Jones showed the parcels on a map and summarized the land exchange. The Village has approved the agreement; the District will acquire 13.2 acres in exchange for 0.2 acres at the site of the encroachment. Director Jones responded to questions and with a voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of Resolution to purchase an approximately 27.9-acre property in Antioch Township known as the Yatowt property, for \$954,000.00 as an addition to Raven Glen Forest Preserve Motion by member Pedersen, second by member Roberts to approve the recommendation. Director Jones showed the parcel on a map and summarized the acquisition, noting that the seller accepted the District's offer at the appraised value. Funding will come from the 2024 limited tax bonds. Director Jones responded to questions and with a voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.






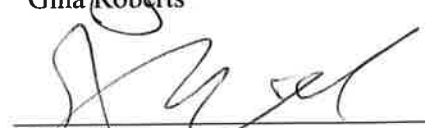
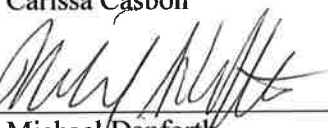
11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session – Motion by Vice Chair Clark, second by member Roberts to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property and setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. Member Casbon disconnected from Zoom and the committee went into closed session at 9:20 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:37 a.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Frank noted that the next meeting was scheduled for February 3, 2025 and adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
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