

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Planning Committee Minutes – August 26, 2024**

On Monday, August 26, 2024, the Planning Committee met at the Lake County Forest Preserve District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to order** – With a quorum physically present, Chair Paras Parekh called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call** – Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Parekh, Vice Chair Carissa Casbon, Marah Altenberg, Kevin Hunter, Linda Pedersen, and John Wasik. Absent: Esiah Campos.

**Also Present:**

Angelo Kyle, President

Sandy Hart

Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel

Alex Ty Kovach

Ken Jones

John Nelson

Kevin Kleinjan

Rebecca Snyder

Steve Neaman

Mary Kann

Dan Stearns

Julie Gragnani

Kim Mikus Croke

Jamie Medina

Paula Ali

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Wasik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Approve Minutes** – Motion by Vice Chair Casbon, second by member Hunter to approve the open and closed session minutes of August 5, 2024. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**6.0 Public Comment** (non-agenda matters) – None

**7.0 Executive Director Comments** – Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- Air Pollution Action Day and the District's mitigation efforts;
- The September 11 Board meeting will be canceled, however a Decennial Committee meeting will be scheduled in that time slot at 9:00 a.m.;
- \$71,000 bequest gift from longtime donor James Hogan was received; showed endowment campaign statistics on charts; Annual Fund grants approved during the last meeting cycle;
- District ecologists attended open house at Genesis Nursery to learn about new system that uses electricity to control weeds;
- Showy Lady's Slipper and Smith's Bulrush were recently located, both are endangered species;
- \$24,750 Inspire! Grant awarded from Institute of Museum and Library Services;
- "Festival de Cultura, Comida y Vida" festival is rescheduled to September 29;
- 2024 Hike Lake County began on August 15 and will go through January 2025;
- New exhibit at Dunn Museum, "Art for Everyone: Bob Ross" starts August 31;
- Teacher Appreciation event was held on August 9; Afrofest was held on August 17
- Natural Resources staff has completed the National Fish & Wildlife grant project at Grassy Lake.

**8.0 Correspondence** – None

**9.0 Unfinished Business** - None

10.0 New Business – None





11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session – Motion by Vice Chair Casbon, second by member Altenberg to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:18 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:10 p.m. Member Altenberg left the meeting during closed session at 2:05 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment – Chair Parekh adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and noted that the next meeting is a joint committee meeting on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
 _____ Paras Parekh, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ J. Kevin Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Carissa Casbon, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ Linda Pedersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Marah Altenberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ John Wasik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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