

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES – August 28, 2023**

On Monday, August 28, 2023, a Committee of the Whole of the Lake County Forest Preserve District convened at 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to order- President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Remote attendance via Zoom was confirmed for Commissioner Esiah Campos with no objections.

2.0 Roll call – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 11 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Campos, Casbon, Cunningham, Hart, Knizhnik, Kyle, Pedersen, Roberts, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioner Hewitt arrived after the roll call at 11:10 a.m. Absent: (7) Clark, Danforth, Frank, Hunter, Maine, Parekh, and Schlick.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – President Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Public Comment- None

Executive Director Alex Kovach asked Public Safety Director Ron Davis to introduce the District's new Commander, Jamie Medina to Commissioners.

5.0 Approve Minutes of July 12, 2023 - Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Vealitzek to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2023. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Presentation by Brushwood Center: *Health, Equity and Nature: A Changing Climate in Lake County* Report – Executive Director Kovach made opening remarks and introduced Catherine Game, Executive Director of Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods. Ms. Game introduced Brushwood board members Rob Heinrich and Jackie Ramdin Johnson, and Dani Abboud, Senior Director of Programs.

Ms. Johnson gave an overview of Brushwood's mission and programming, which builds on existing community assets. Mr. Heinrich continued with a background and overall goal of the report, based on the belief that everyone deserves a healthy environment and access to the outdoors to support mental health. The need for data on health equity across Lake County was identified, resulting in Brushwood's launch of the Health Equity and Nature Accelerator. The report presented today is the first project of the Accelerator. Dani Abboud presented an overview of the methods and key findings of the report, summarizing the sections using maps and statistics. Ms. Game concluded the presentation with explaining the report's recommendation themes and actionable strategies that included near-term and long-term goals; and identified three key actions and five forward-looking goals they recommended for the Forest Preserves. Moving forward, Brushwood hopes to partner with the Forest Preserves on activating those recommendations.

A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.

7.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

8.0 Adjournment - President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

Date Approved: 8-26-2024

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular 8/28 SESSION, 2023

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
P	A		Consent Agenda																			
			Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay		
1	✓	Altenberg, Marah																				
2	✓	Campos, Esiah (zoom)																				
3	✓	Casbon, Carissa																				
4	-	Clark, Jennifer																				
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross																				
6	X	Danforth, Michael																				
7	-	Frank, Paul																				
8	✓	Hart, Sandra																				
9	X	Hewitt, Diane																				
10	X	Hunter, J. Kevin																				
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick																				
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo																				
13	X	Maine, Ann																				
14	X	Parekh, Paras																				
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda																				
16	✓	Roberts, Gina																				
17	X	Schlick, Adam																				
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica																				
19	✓	Wasik, John																				
11		TOTALS																				
Notes:																						

Hewitt @ 11:09

12 present