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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

Date: August 3, 2015

Memo to: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

From: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

Subject: Resolution accepting the conveyance of an approximately .048-acre parcel known as the Breeden property as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution accepting the conveyance of an approximately 0.48-acre parcel of property in Fremont Township known as the Breeden property as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve.

BACKGROUND: At the direction of the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee, District staff has reviewed the Breeden property to determine the property's suitability for acquisition for District purposes. In staff's opinion, the acquisition, protection and management of this property will meet the District's adopted land acquisition goals of adding to existing preserves, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting against flooding and scenic vistas.

The property is located at the southwest corner of Gossell Road and Fairfield Road. The property is adjacent to existing forest preserve property northeast and southwest.

The parcel is formerly right-of-way that was expected to be conveyed to the District by the Village of Wauconda after the ROW was vacated in 2012 due to the re-alignment of Gossell Road. Because the parcel was never formally dedicated as ROW, the County of Lake determined that upon its vacation it must revert to its previous owner, who has agreed to convey the parcel to the District at no cost. Because the parcel is surrounded by District property on two sides and by ROW on its other two sides, a survey will not be required, and the acreage of 0.48 acres was provided by the surveyor who wrote the parcel's legal description.

The property is vacant.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee and Board approval is required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEWED BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Director of Planning and Land Preservation, Chief Operations Officer, Finance Director and Legal Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact.

PRESENTER: Alex Ty Kovach

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVEYANCE
OF AN APPROXIMATELY 0.48-ACRE PARCEL AS AN ADDITION TO
LAKEWOOD FOREST PRESERVE (BREEDEN PROPERTY)**

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee (the “Committee”) of the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has reviewed certain land in Fremont Township and within the corporate limits of the District, which land includes approximately 0.48 acres, is known as the Breeden property, and is depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property desires to convey the property at no cost to the District, and has executed the attached Trustee’s Deed granting title to the District (the “Deed”); and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that the District accept the no-cost conveyance of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that (i) Property is suitable for District purposes, (ii) acquisition of the Property would expand upon and enhance the holdings of Lakewood Forest Preserve, provide expanded forest preserve holdings, protect wildlife habitat, provide expanded trail opportunities and scenic vistas, and serve as a visual, topographic and ecologic extension of adjoining District properties, and (iii) it is in the best interests of the District to accept the conveyance of the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Suitability. The Property is suitable to be used, occupied, and developed for forest preserve and related purposes, and it is necessary, convenient, and desirable that the District use the Property for public purposes.

Section 3. Acceptance of Conveyance. The Deed is hereby approved. The District hereby accepts the conveyance of the Property pursuant to the Deed. The President, Secretary, and Executive Director of the District are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest to, on behalf of the District, any documents necessary to complete such conveyance, provided that the documents have first been approved by the District's Land Acquisition Counsel.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2015

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2015

APPROVED:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:



Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Exhibit A

Lake County Forest Preserve District
1899 W Winchester Rd
Libertyville, Illinois 60048
847-367-6640
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Legend

-  Forest Preserve Property
-  Subject Parcel

Courtesy Copy Only.
Property boundaries indicated are provided for general location purposes. Wetland and flood limits shown are approximate and should not be used to determine setbacks for structure or as a basis for purchasing property.

2014 Aerial Photo



Prepared using information from:
Lake County Department of Information
& Technology: GIS/Mapping Division
18 North County Street
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