



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 6, 2017

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Provide Policy Direction regarding a request from ComEd for a permanent easement for an existing line of electrical poles at Sun Lake Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND: The License and Easement Ordinance cites Section 6 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, which states the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has the "power to grant licenses, easements and rights-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance upon, under or across any property of [the] District of facilities for water, sewage, telephone, telegraph, electric, gas or other public service...”

Com Ed has asked the District for permission to relocate to District property an existing electric pole serving residents in Sunny Slope Subdivision on the northern side of Sun Lake Forest Preserve. Through a thorough review of this request it was discovered that no documentation could be found regarding rights for the existing utility poles on District property between Grass Lake Road and Sunny Slope Subdivision. Staff is seeking approval to negotiate a permanent easement for ComEd to operate and maintain overhead and underground wires, poles and any necessary equipment within a 10-foot corridor at Sun Lake Forest Preserve.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Planning and Land Preservation,
Director of Finance and Corporate Counsel

PRESENTER: Alex Ty Kovach