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DATE: February 6, 2017

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving Planning Committee Rules.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: No financial impact.

BACKGROUND: The District recently re-organized the structure of the Committees of its Board of Commissioners (the “Board”). As part of that reorganization, the District’s current Planning Committee now exercises the functions of the former Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee (the “Land Acquisition Committee”). The District’s Rules of Order and Operational Procedures (the “Board Rules”) allow each Committee to adopt and amend its own rules of procedure, subject to the approval of the Board. The Land Acquisition Committee operated pursuant to rules and procedures that it and the Board approved (the “Committee Rules”). District staff and Corporate Counsel have prepared amended Committee Rules, attached to the attached resolution. The revised Rules include a number of revisions which are necessary in order to reflect the departmental and Committee reorganizations of the District.

Pursuant to the Board Rules, the procedure for a standing committee to amend its rules, after its first meeting following reorganization, is to (i) at one meeting, make and second a motion to amend, and discuss the amended rules, (ii) make a motion to defer the motion to amend until the next regular committee meeting, and (iii) approve the motion to amend at the next meeting, after further discussion (if desired by the Committee). Therefore, staff recommends that the Committee move to approve the amended Planning Committee Rules attached hereto, and then approve a motion to defer the main motion to the next regular meeting of the Planning Committee.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

PRESENTER: Alex Ty Kovach

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

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING
PLANNING COMMITTEE RULES**

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee is a standing committee of the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section I of the Rules of Order and Operational Procedures for the District states that a standing committee may adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure ("Rules"), subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee has reviewed and approved a proposed set of Rules, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and has presented the Rules for approval to the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of Rules. The Rules of the Planning Committee, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", are hereby approved.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary

Exhibit No. _____

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

PLANNING COMMITTEE RULES

I. MEETINGS - SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

- A. The Planning Committee (the “Committee”) of the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) shall schedule and hold its regular and special meetings, and publish, post, and distribute notices and agendas of such meetings, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. (the “Act”). The Committee shall hold its regular meetings at the District’s General Offices, 1899 W. Winchester Rd, Libertyville, Illinois (the “General Offices”), or at another location properly noticed. The schedule of the Committee’s regular meetings is established by the District’s Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) and attached to the Boards Rules of Order and Operational Procedures (the “Board Rules”).
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- C. The Chair may call a special meeting of the Committee by notifying the Committee Secretary of his or her intent to call a special meeting. The Secretary shall then provide and post a notice and agenda of such meeting, not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such meeting, to the Committee members and the media, including media which have filed a request for such information.

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The Committee shall approve closed session minutes in open session. However, the Committee may discuss the substance of closed session minutes, including any correction thereof, only in closed session.

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IV. CLOSED MEETINGS AND SESSIONS

- A. The Committee shall conduct all closed meetings and sessions in compliance with the Act. Attendance at closed meetings or sessions is limited only to (1) the Committee, (2) other Board Commissioners, (3) the Committee secretary, (4) Corporate Counsel (“Counsel”), (5) the Executive Director, (6) the Chief Operations Officer, (7) the Directors, (8) District consultants allowed to attend by the Committee, (9) other District staff selected to attend by the Executive Director, and (10) other individuals allowed by the Committee, including, when an interest in real estate is being considered for potential acquisition and is to be discussed, the owners of the property in which the interest is located (a “Property”) or their agents (collectively, the “Owner”), who may attend only that portion of the closed session devoted to such Property.
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the Chair may bar such attendee from future attendance of closed meetings or sessions. If a member of the District staff violates the confidentiality requirements of this Section IV.C, such violation shall be grounds for disciplinary action under the District personnel policies then in effect. A District staff member's communication of confidential information to another person is not a violation to the extent such communication was (1) authorized by the Committee or (2) made to another person authorized to attend a closed session and such communication is necessary or desirable for the staff member to carry out his or her duties and was not otherwise prohibited by the Committee.

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- (112) Other information necessary or desirable to complete the Department's analysis and review.

D. After such information is gathered, the Executive Director, the Department Director, and when appropriate, Counsel- or authorized consultants, shall present a preliminary report to the Committee in closed session.

E. If the Committee determines that an appraisal is appropriate, it shall direct the Executive Director to obtain an appraisal either prior to or after the ~~Staff's~~District staff's review pursuant to Section VIII.C. If the Executive Director determines that the delay resulting from seeking direction from the Committee to obtain an appraisal might, in light of timing constraints, jeopardize the District's ability to acquire an interest in Property, the ~~Committee~~ Chair and the President of the District can collectively authorize the Executive Director to obtain an appraisal. If such authorization is given, the Executive Director shall notify the Committee members of such authorization at the next scheduled Committee meeting. The Executive Director and ~~-, (if directed by the Committee,-),~~ Department Director, Counsel, ~~Staff~~District staff, and consultants, shall review each appraisal for compliance with appraisal specifications, legal requirements and computations.