



**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Monday, October 6, 2014**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, October 6, 2014. The meeting was convened at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**Committee Members Present:**

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
 Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair  
 Carol Calabresa  
 Steve Carlson  
 Bill Durkin  
 Sandra Hart  
 Craig Taylor

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine, President	Jim Anderson
Diane Hewitt	Debra Ramai
Audrey Nixon	Matt Norton, <i>Holland &amp; Knight</i>
Alex Ty Kovach	Karl Camillucci, <i>Holland &amp; Knight</i>
Randall Seebach	Barb Thompson, <i>Lake County Audubon</i>
Mike Tully	Ed Barsotti, <i>League of IL Bicyclists</i>
Steve Neaman	Norm Hansen
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Chris Barouka
Mary Kann	Evan Larsson
Laurel Diver	Steve Fluhr
	Sheila Wilson

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2014**

Motion by member Sauer, second by member Taylor to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Minutes were circulated for signatures.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

All public comment was reserved for Item 8.1 on the Agenda.

**5.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None**

**6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Executive Director Kovach presented an update of District projects, news and upcoming events.

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**8.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Policy Direction requested on whether to consider expanded trail hours**

As was the policy direction of the Committee during their August 25, 2014 meeting regarding extending trail hours to accommodate bicycle commuters, Director Tully reported his findings on what policies other forest preserve and park districts have in place for trail use. Discussion ensued regarding modifications to the existing facilities (e.g., solar-powered gates that open automatically via timers, lighted parking lots), potential reorganization of Operations and Public Safety staff hours, the costs and risks associated with extending the hours for trail access. Mr. Tully reminded the Committee that, even if



the District can make trails and parking lots safer for night use, consideration must be given to the multiple road crossings (along trail systems such as the Des Plaines River Trail and Millennium Trail), over which the District has no jurisdiction. There was also a question of how the District would enforce opening trails to only commuters with appropriate lighting on their bikes, when there are birders, walkers/hikers, cross-country skiers, and cyclists without the required bicycle lighting who would likely take advantage of the open trails at night.

Public comment in favor of changing District policy to extend trail hours was from the following:

- Ed Barsotti, *League of Illinois Bicyclists*
- Norm Hansen
- Chris Barouka
- Evan Larsson
- Steve Fluhr, *M&M Cyclery, Mundelein, Illinois*

The discussion continued, and it was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Tully to further investigate the potential impacts to staffing and the costs involved with changing the hours of Operation from the current 6:30a.m. - Sunset to 5:30a.m - ½ hour after sunset or 6:00 p.m., whichever is latest. The District has approximately 65 gates throughout the forest preserves that are not equipped with solar power. Mr. Tully will also provide a proposed time and cost schedule for phasing in solar gates at those locations. Director of Administration, Mary Kann, will contact PDRMA regarding the potential risks associated with extending the trail hours, and work with Mr. Tully regarding staffing issues. Mr. Tully will return with a report to help Committee make an informed decision.

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

### **9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Phase I Engineering Services for the Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Connection to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Itasca, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$116,839.50**

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

### **9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Phase I Engineering Services for the Lyons Woods-Waukegan Savanna Trail Connection to Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, Inc., Vernon Hills, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$74,892.00**

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Carlson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

### **9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Broberg Marsh Phase I Wetland Invasive Clearing Project at Lakewood Forest Preserve to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$257,750.00**

After review and discussion, motion by member Hart, second by member Carlson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.



**9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Schreiber Lake Phase I Clearing Project at Lakewood Forest Preserve to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$141,584.44**

After review and discussion, motion by member Sauer, second by member Calabresa to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase III Clearing Project at Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$117,136.22**

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Invasive Woody Species Clearing Project at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$94,461.80**

After review and discussion, motion by member Sauer, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for Stream Gauge and Sediment Monitoring at Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve**

After review and discussion, motion by member Carlson, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing termination of the Contract with Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. for the Des Plaines River Dam Removals at MacArthur Woods and Captain Daniel Wright Wood Forest Preserves, and permission to re-bid the project**

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Carlson to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.9 Museum Presentation**

Because Bill Durkin was the only member of the Committee who had not yet seen the presentation, it was recommended and agreed to that member Durkin would arrange with Executive Director Kovach to receive the presentation in a meeting outside of Committee.

**10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11.0 POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**12.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014.



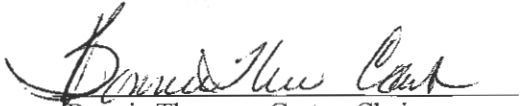
13.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

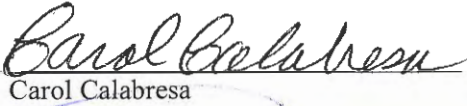
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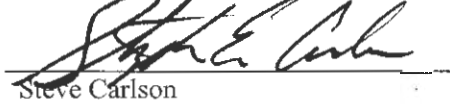
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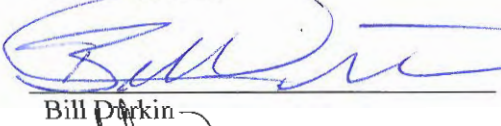
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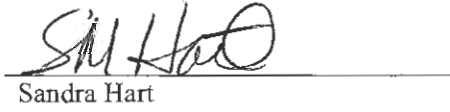
  
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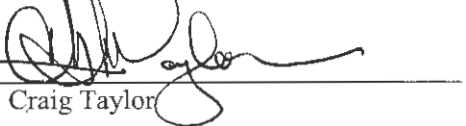
  
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