



**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Monday, August 25, 2014**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District’s Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, August 25, 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  
 Sandra Hart  
 Craig Taylor

**Also Present:**

Ann Maine  
 Diane Hewitt  
 Audrey Nixon  
 Steve Mandel  
 Alex Ty Kovach  
 Randall Seebach  
 Mary Kann  
 Nan Buckardt  
 Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
 Jim Anderson

Debra Ramai  
 Matt Norton, Holland & Knight  
 Jim McConoughey, Conserve Lake County  
 Nathan Aaberg, Liberty Prairie Foundation  
 Barb Thompson, Lake County Audubon Society  
 Dean Sontag  
 Norm Hansen  
 Tom Payleitner  
 Jim Dopler

**Committee Members Absent:**

Bill Durkin

**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 OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2014**

Motion by member Taylor, second by member Hart to approve the Minutes of the Open and Closed Session Minutes of the June 30, 2014 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the Minutes were circulated for signatures.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None**

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Letter from League of Illinois Bicyclists regarding extending hours for nighttime cycling in the Forest Preserves**

A letter was received from the League of Illinois Bicyclists requesting permission to access Forest Preserve trails before sunrise and after dusk by cyclists riding bicycles equipped with lighting equipment that adheres to Illinois State law, to allow a safer commuting alternative to cycling on busy arterial roads. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding issues of risk and safety, enforcement of rules, and whether or not this use was compatible with the District’s mission of providing trails for recreation (e.g., designing for nature experiences rather than ‘point A to point B’ commuting).

It was the consensus of the Committee to have staff look at other forest preserve districts and park districts that allow nighttime cycling to see what policies, procedures, and methods they have developed, and what outcomes they have experienced. Matt Norton advised that the District’s Risk Manager, Mary Kann, also consult with PDRMA regarding potential risks. The League of Illinois Bicyclists will be notified that staff will report their findings at the October 6, 2014 Planning and Restoration Committee meeting.



**6.2 Letter from Rotary Club of Long Grove, Kildeer and Hawthorn Woods regarding Little Free Library**

Director Tully explained that a potential new Forest Preserve use is being requested by the Rotary Club of Long Grove, Kildeer and Hawthorn Woods. The Rotary Club is looking to introduce the [Little Free Library Program](#) within the Lake County Forest Preserves; specifically, at this time, Heron Creek. The program involves placing small kiosks in public spaces with the intention for people to “leave a book, take a book” as a way to facilitate literacy and the love of reading. The Rotary Club would take responsibility for maintenance of the library structure, and controlling the reading content within the library.

Nan Buckardt, the District’s Director of Environmental Education, informed the Committee of a similar educational pilot program named *Trail Tales* that the District will be instituting next week at Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Ryerson Conservation Area, where a nature-related book is transformed into story boards with a Little Free Library located at the end of the trail. Each story panel instructs the participant on an activity that relates to the nearby setting.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that the program being proposed by the Rotary Club was not a good fit within the forest preserves, since it does not relate specifically to nature in the way that the existing *Trail Tales* program does.

**7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

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

**8.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving an Amendment to the Sustainable Farming License Agreement with Conserve Lake County (CLC) at the Casey Trail and Greenway**

As a member of the CLC board, member Calabresa recused herself from discussion of this matter. After review and discussion, motion by member Carlson, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously with member Calabresa abstaining. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 For Information Only – Proposed Lyons Woods-Waukegan Savanna Trail Connection**

Director Seebach presented the proposed Lyons Woods-Waukegan Savanna Trail Connection to the Committee. The project area follows the ComEd corridor and is bounded on the west by Green Bay Road, McClory Bike Path on the east, Yorkhouse Road on the north, and by Blanchard Road on the south. This connection is part of a larger effort to link together three forest preserves, two regional trails, two parks and a large residential area of Beach Park and Waukegan. When complete the overall trail will stretch 6.9 miles from the Robert McClory Bike Path at Lyons Woods through Waukegan Savanna to the Des Plaines River Trail at Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve. The proposed two mile trail section between Lyons Woods and Waukegan Savanna will require a partnership with ComEd, and Waukegan Park District for use of land within the ComED corridor and the park district’s Bevier Park and Callahan Park.

Commissioner Hewitt, who was present for the meeting, thanked Commissioners Paxton, Durkin, Cunningham and Nixon from neighboring Districts for their support, and stated that a partnership is being assembled with multiple municipalities, townships and other agencies to support the project. President Maine and Chair Carter reminded those present that it is a fine example of the goals associated with the District’s Strategic Plan and 100-Year Vision.



**9.2 Approve a Motion to (i) release Committee Closed Session Minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee Closed Session Minutes not previously released, and (iii) erase Verbatim Recordings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the District's Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records**

After review and discussion, motion by member Carlson, 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.

Chair Carter called for a motion to approve Items 9.3 through 9.10. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Sauer to approve the items with one motion. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

**9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for the Des Plaines River Trail-Ryerson North Project to Pearson Brown Associates, Inc., Libertyville, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$26,330.00**

**9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for the Des Plaines River Trail Bridge Connection at Lake Carina Forest Preserve to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Itasca, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$149,996.00**

**9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for the Everett Road Trail Connection to Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., Vernon Hills, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$143,040.00**

**9.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Oak Woodland Restoration, Phase III Clearing Project at MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$203,004.22**

**9.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Oak Woodland Restoration, Phase III Clearing Project at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$176,285.04**

**9.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Oak Woodland Restoration, Phase I Clearing Project at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$166,621.08**

**9.9 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase IV Woody Invasive Clearing Project at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Conservation Lake Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$71,716.02**

**9.10 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase III Woody Invasive Clearing Project at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin in the Contract Price of \$84,686.44**

Motion by member Carlson, second by member Sauer to approve the recommendations for Items 9.3 through 9.10 as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendations were circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.



**9.11 Recommend approval of a Resolution Ratifying and Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of a USDA Forest Service-Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Grant to fund Reforestation at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve**

After review and discussion, motion by member Hart, 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.

**10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**11.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014.

**13.0 ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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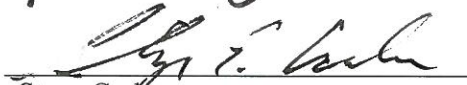
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Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair

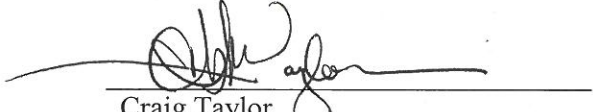
  
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Public Sign-In Sheet

Name and Address (please print clearly)	RE: Agenda Item/Area of Interest
BARB THOMPSON	LEAS
Jim Dopfen	Little Free Library
Nathan Aaberg	Liberty Prairie Fdn.
Tom PAYLEITNER	NIGHT CYCLING DEPT