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**DATE:** November 4, 2019

**MEMO TO:** John Wasik, Chair  
Planning Committee

**Agenda Item#** 9.9

**FROM:** Randall L. Seebach  
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase an approximately 26-acre parcel in Fremont Township, known as the Dearlove Gilmer Road property, for \$505,000.00 as an addition to Ray Lake Forest Preserve.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The purchase price of the Dearlove Gilmer Road property is \$505,000.00, which will be funded from the 2008 Referendum Bonds, which are included in the adopted FY 2018/19 Budget (Series 2015A) account number 31314100-801000.

**BACKGROUND:** At the direction of the Planning Committee, District staff has reviewed the property to determine its 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 protecting wildlife habitat, preserving wetlands, prairies and forests, providing scenic vistas, adding to existing preserves, protecting existing Forest Preserve holdings, and will serve as a visual, topographic and ecologic extension of adjoining District properties.

The property is located on Gilmer Road, approximately one mile north of Route 176 and 1.5 miles south of Fairfield Road in unincorporated Fremont Township. The District is currently under contract to purchase a 99-acre tract of land that is adjacent to the property and is owned by the same owner.

A contract to purchase the property has been negotiated by District staff and signed by the owner. Pursuant to the contract, the District will pay \$505,000.00 for the property. At the time the contract was executed, a land survey was not available to determine the exact acreage of the parcel. The property is vacant.

**REVIEWED BY OTHERS:** Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel.

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

**MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Your **PLANNING COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution to Purchase an Approximately 26-acre Parcel as an Addition to Ray Lake Forest Preserve (Dearlove Gilmer Road Property),” and requests its approval.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Date: 11-4-2019    Roll Call Vote: Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
                           Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0

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

**A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AN APPROXIMATELY 26-ACRE PARCEL  
AS AN ADDITION TO RAY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE  
(DEARLOVE GILMER ROAD PROPERTY)**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns a certain parcel of land known as Ray Lake Forest Preserve ("Ray Lake"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Committee (the "Committee") of the District has reviewed certain land in Fremont Township and within the corporate limits of the District that is suitable for District purposes, which land includes approximately 26 acres, is known as the Dearlove Gilmer Road Property, is privately-owned, and is depicted as the "Subject Parcel" in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property will expand upon, and enhance, the holdings of Ray Lake, will provide expanded forest preserve opportunities in an ecologically important portion of Lake County, and is a visual, topographic and ecologic extension of District properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Department of Planning and Land Preservation has negotiated a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the Property pursuant to which the District would purchase the Property from the owner (the "Purchase Agreement"), and the owner of the Property has executed the Purchase Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has recommended that the District approve the Purchase Agreement and purchase the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that (i) the Property is suitable for District purposes, (ii) acquisition of the Property would expand upon and enhance the holdings of Ray Lake, protect wildlife habitat, protect against flooding, preserving wetlands, provide 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 approve the Purchase Agreement and acquire 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: Approval of Purchase Agreement.** The Purchase Agreement is hereby approved. The District shall purchase the Property from the owner of the Property, upon the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and such other terms and conditions as shall be approved by the District, for \$505,000.00. The President, Secretary, and Executive Director of the District (and the Executive Director's designees) are hereby authorized and directed (i) to execute and attest to, on behalf of the District, the Purchase Agreement and all other documents that are necessary to complete the acquisition of the Property provided that any documents have first been approved by the District's

Corporate Counsel, and (ii) to take such other actions as may be necessary to complete the acquisition of the Property.

**Section 3: Authority to Pay Owner.** The Treasurer of the District is hereby authorized to pay for the Property, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Exhibit A

## Legend



Forest Preserve Boundary

Under Contract to District

Subject Parcel



Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Land Preservation and Special Projects  
1899 W Winchester Rd  
Libertyville, Illinois 60048  
847-958-3351

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.

Prepared using information from:  
Lake County Department of Information  
& Technology: GIS/Mapping Division  
18 North County Street  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4357  
847-377-2373



2017 Aerial Photo

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