



DATE: August 28, 2023

MEMO TO: Paras Parekh, Chair
Planning Committee

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

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a request from ComEd for a temporary construction easement within District property for ComEd's installation of poles and lines within the existing right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to District property on the south side of Town Line Road, north of York House Road, at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: Under the proposed easement, ComEd will pay to the District a \$1,000.00 Application Fee, a Monetary Fee, and any necessary Tree Compensation Fees, and will reimburse the District for costs, all per the License and Easement Ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Under Section 6 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 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..."

In furtherance of its "smart grid" program, Com Ed is installing new poles and lines within the existing ROW on the south side Town Line Road, north of York House Road, on Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve. In conjunction with that project, ComEd has asked the District for a temporary construction easement within District property adjacent to the existing ROW. ComEd would use the proposed temporary easement premises for construction activities, including potential excavation and vegetation management.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate the granting of a temporary easement to ComEd as set forth above.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Board Operations, and Corporate Counsel.