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## Forest Preserve District, Planning and Utilization Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Cheryl Strathmann, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem, Mavis Bates,  
Executive Director Benjamin Haberthur  
Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mike Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Mike Linder, Vern Tepe

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

### I. Call to Order

Chair Strathmann called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

**PRESENT** President Chris Kious  
Chair Cheryl Strathmann  
Commissioner Michael Kenyon  
Commissioner Vern Tepe  
Commissioner Michael Linder  
Commissioner Ron Ford (Remote)  
Commissioner Anita Lewis  
Commissioner Michelle Gumz (Remote)

**ABSENT** Commissioner Mavis Bates

**Also Present:** Commissioners Allan (Remote), Juby (Remote), Molina (Remote), Roth; Exec. Dir. Haberthur; NRM Dir. Chess; CFO Petschke & staff Marano, Carrano; Chief of Planning & Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez & staff Tegge; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk; Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and Admin staff Rafferty.

### II. Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2023

**RESULT:** APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE  
**MOVER:** Michael Linder  
**SECONDER:** Anita Lewis  
**AYE:** Cheryl Strathmann, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz,  
Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, and Vern Tepe  
**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates

### III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

*Jeff Hedrich, a Forest Preserve Lake Run Volunteer Steward, spoke in favor of the community affairs newsletter and social media promoting the volunteer workdays. He stated that volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Thanked staff for all of their promotional efforts.*

#### **IV. Bids and Proposals**

##### **A. Resolution Approving Bids for Pavement Projects at Dick Young and Muirhead Springs Forest Preserves**

*Dir. of Ops. Pentecost presented the bids for the pavement projects, noting this year staff decided to bid the projects together. During the 2022-23 Budget process, two asphalt projects were identified as priorities and received approval for bidding. These projects were the Dick Young parking lot off of Nelson Lake Road and the remaining gravel parking lot at the Muirhead Springs Maintenance Yard. The Dick Young parking lot is in poor condition with cracking and potholes throughout. Additionally, the path leading from the parking lot to the shelter and restrooms is not ADA compliant. The Muirhead Springs Maintenance Shop Yard has previously received two of three separate asphalt installations replacing the gravel; this project would complete the entirety of the yard. The bid was sent to 49 vendors with eight responding. Champion Paving Corp. out of Hampshire, Illinois was the lowest qualified bidder for the Dick Young Forest Preserve, Base Bid #1 and Alternate #1, in the amount of \$59,992.57. Obsidian Asphalt Paving out of West Chicago, Illinois was the lowest qualified bidder for the Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve, Base Bid #2, in the amount of \$81,068.00. Staff recommends an 8% contingency to cover any unforeseen additional costs that may arise during these projects.*

**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

**RESULT:** **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**TO:** Forest Preserve District Executive Committee  
**MOVER:** Anita Lewis  
**SECONDER:** Michael Linder  
**AYE:** Cheryl Strathmann, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz,  
Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, and Vern Tepe  
**ABSENT:** Mavis Bates

#### **V. New or Unfinished Business**

*None.*

#### **VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel**

*None.*

#### **VII. Communications**

*Exec. Dir. Haberthur reported the recent Earth Day planting event was a success; something new implemented this year was a combination of shrubs and oak trees. Haberthur noted this was the best practice for this particular landscape at Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve. There were a number of volunteers including Amazon, Scouts and Senator Don Dewitt. Staff included a live band this year, the Red gate jazz trio played while everyone planted.*

*Exec. Dir. Haberthur stated, the profit forecast for the Native plant sale would allow for 2 or 3 viewing scopes, they are hopeful for the in person sales on Saturday April 29, 2023.*

*New this year is the launch of the online shelter reservations through our software program, Sportsman.*

*The Conservation Foundation Earth Day dinner will be held tonight, April 25, 2023. There are two seats open for anyone wanted to attend.*

*Exec. Dir. Haberthur introduced the District's new Agricultural Coordinator Michelle Blackburn.*

**VIII. Chairman's Comments**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Kenyon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mavis Bates

Cherryl Strathmann, Chair  
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

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Recording Secretary