



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 9:30 AM via remote and at the Administration Offices located at Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by Chair Barbara Wojnicki at 9:30 AM. Remote=*

Members Present:

Attendee Name:

Status:

Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Commissioner David Brown	Present
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present
President Chris Kious	Present
Chairman Barbara Wojnicki	Present
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present*
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann	Present*
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present*
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present* (Arrived via remote @ 9:49 a.m.)

Others Present:

Commissioners: Davoust*, Berman*; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.; Dir. of Ops. Goreth; Dir. of NRM Haberthur; Comm. Affairs Coordinator Kovach; ITD Staff Thompson and Recording Secretary Figliozzi

II. Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2021

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Bill Lenert, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Cherryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Jarett Sanchez, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Myrna Molina

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

None.

IV. Bids and Proposals

None.

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of the Structures Sub-Committee Recommendations

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the District's Structures Sub-Committee visited five sites to evaluate

existing structures for demolition.

The first site visited, was the **Settler's Hill Golf Course**, where the Sub-Committee toured the powerhouse and silo, which structures are remaining from the Kane County Poor Farm. The Sub-Committee concluded that the limestone silo has deteriorated and poses a safety hazard, and recommends the structure be removed. The Sub-Committee is recommending that the powerhouse structure remain, and further structural and historical evaluations be conducted to determine future use.

The second site visited was the **Les Arends Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured a one-car garage structure, which had previously been used for storage. The Sub-Committee determined that this structure does not serve as a viable asset to the District and recommends the structure be removed.

The third site was the **Aurora West Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured the previous farmstead and the Natural Resource Management Department main operation facility. The site dates back to the early 1930's. The structures at this site consist of a two-story farmhouse, machine shed, and three smaller out buildings. The Sub-Committee determined that these structures do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommends the structures be removed.

The fourth site was the **Big Rock Forest Preserve**, where the Sub-Committee toured the steel machine shed, which was part of the previous gravel mining operation. This structure was utilized for storage and is no longer needed. The Sub-Committee determined that this structure does not serve as a viable asset to the District, and recommends the structure be removed.

The fifth and final site was the **Deer Valley Golf Course**. This site was recently closed, and is currently being transferred, back to a natural state. This site consists of the clubhouse, machine shed, and a small out building. The Sub-Committee has determined that the club house may be of some value, and would like to have this structure advertised to be sold and moved by the purchaser. The Sub-Committee has determined that the remaining out buildings do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommends the structures be removed.

In 2018, the **Rutland Forest Preserve** house and garage were toured as part of the Sub-Committee. At that time, the Sub-Committee chose to keep the structures at this site, in hopes that an outside government or not-for-profit organization would be interested in utilizing the structures for other purposes. No outside agency interest has been expressed to date. At this time, the current Sub-Committee has determined that the Rutland Forest Preserve structures do not serve as viable assets to the District, and recommend the structures be removed.

The structures Subcommittee discussed the removal of concrete fence bases located at the **Freeman Kame-Meagher Forest Preserve**. The concrete bases were left onsite by the previous owner. There are a total of an estimated 108 bases on site to be removed.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Bates asked about the silo at Settler's Hill and the historical aspect. Exec. Dir. Meyers indicated that the Kane County Development Director Mark VanKerkhoff

evaluated the structure, and determined that it is not be viable in its current state. Meyers stated that an evaluation was conducted which included a maintenance summary. The recommendation is to save the building and remove the silo.

Commissioner Kenyon moved to follow the recommendations brought forth by the Sub-Committee with the inclusion of demolishing the house at the Deer Valley Golf Course if it does not sell in auction. (Molina arrived via remote @ 9:49 AM)

Commissioner Kenyon moved to include the brick house in Aurora West in the auction, Dir. Goreth stated that the house could not be moved unless it was taken apart, felt this was not an option.

Commissioner Kenyon amended his motion to demo the house, Lenert second his motion, roll call vote, motion carried.

Commissioner Lenert moved to follow the remainder of the recommendations as presented, Kenyon second the motion, roll call vote, (Bates Abstained) motion carried by majority.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]Next: 7/8/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Cherryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Barbara Wojnicki

VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation or Personnel

None.

VII. Communications

Chief of Planning Anderson Jr. shared pictures and provided an update of the Hughes Creek Golf Course parking lot. The Strikers facility parking lot was also repaved and striped. Anderson noted that the restriping provides additional direction and safety for the public.

Present Kious asked about the Carpentersville parking lot. Anderson provided an update, noting an evaluation to the entrance off of Rt. 31 will need to be discussed. Kious stated he has received a lot of compliments of the renovation.

Commissioner Davoust asked about the status of the Settler's Hill utilities for the club house. Anderson responded they are in the process. Exec. Dir. Meyers stated that the electric is under evaluation. Davoust asked about temporary staff for the club house location, although not I the budget, was hopeful for a grant. Meyers stated that a Recreation Park grant would help fund the facility. Davoust noted in the meantime the Committee and staff should consider ways to operate the location currently.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Mavis Bates, David Brown, Cherryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Barbara Wojnicki

Barbara Wojnicki, Chairman
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Adjournment until: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9:30 am
via zoom and in person at the Kane County
Government Center Bldg. A, 2nd fl. Geneva, Illinois
60134

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary