



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Real Estate Committee

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

9:00 AM

Virtual meeting

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers may speak live from the Commissioners reception area at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W.Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

22-0463

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 09/20/2022

[22-0025](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Touhy Avenue over North Branch of Chicago River for 0.266 acre or 11,587 square feet.

Reason: IDOT has requested three (3) permanent easements on the north and south side of Touhy Avenue and the Forest Preserves land immediately adjacent to the North Branch of the Chicago River. The project is proposed to improve aging bridge and road infrastructure, as well as improve pedestrian safety along Touhy Avenue.

As part of the planned bridge replacement, IDOT will expand the existing 5-wide sidewalk on the north side of the bridge to become a 15-foot sidepath to improve safety for North Branch Trail users crossing the bridge. The trail crossing improvements will also include ADA upgrades and replacement of a traffic signal that is currently the Forest Preserves’ jurisdiction. The Forest Preserves is responsible for annual maintenance costs (currently exceeding \$5,000.00) as well as replacement costs for a new signal (valued at \$287,500.00). The Village of Niles has approved an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT to accept responsibility for traffic signal ownership, replacement and maintenance costs. IDOT is seeking donation of easements and waiver of tree mitigation and related fees due to the proposed trail safety and financial benefits to the Forest Preserves.

The area for the permanent easement is 11,587 square feet or 0.266 acre. IDOT indicates that twenty-three (23) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: Estimated \$31,200.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: Estimated \$81,850.00 (waived)

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 13

Legislative History : 9/20/22 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee

[22-0368](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain natural gas pipeline on Lee Road, 1,039 feet of which is new replacement pipe and an additional 1,759 feet of existing

pipe, all of which were included in License #279 issued in 1946.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$88,641.87

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00

Additional Fee: \$16,000.00. This fee is to support ecological work in Chipilly Woods.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$116,041.87 for the term of the License

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.9635 acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 14

Legislative History : 9/20/22 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee

[22-0369](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain natural gas pipeline along Belmont Avenue and Forest Preserve Avenue, 1,085 feet of which is new replacement pipe and an additional 3,518 feet of existing pipe, all of which were included in license (#178) approved in

1949.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$145,825.07

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00

Additional Fee: \$25,000.00. This fee is to support restoration work at Che Che Pin Qua Woods and other locations in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$182,225.07 for the term of the License

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 1.5851 acres

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee will be required to meet the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 8

Legislative History : 9/20/22 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee



Secretary

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Vice-Chairman: Moore

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