



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

Journal of Proceedings of the FPD Board of

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Commissioners

Virtual Meeting

10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

PRESIDENT

[21-0315](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 1 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

1-13-1: DEFINITIONS.

1-13-2: CODE OF CONDUCT.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Click for full text: <https://tinyurl.com/tfm7fe6m>

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0315 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0270](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND LEGAL FEES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 19 of Title 1 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted as follows:

A. District Reports to Litigation Subcommittee.

1. **Notice of Monetary Counterclaims and Fee Requests.** If the Forest Preserve District of Cook County is a party to any civil legal action in state or federal court, the District’s Chief Attorney shall provide notice to the Litigation Subcommittee (as defined below) prior to a filing for monetary counterclaim, request for monetary sanctions, request for statutory reimbursement and/or request for fees in excess of \$50,000. If the Chief Attorney is unable to provide notice to the Litigation Subcommittee in advance of filing, the Chief Attorney shall inform the Chair of the Litigation Subcommittee in advance of filing and provide notice to the Litigation Subcommittee at its next scheduled meeting.
2. **Settlement.** The District shall request authority from the Litigation Subcommittee prior to settling any matter in excess of \$30,000. District attorneys shall provide a written settlement analysis and recommendation to the Subcommittee and shall be prepared to present that recommendation at a meeting of the Subcommittee. In addition, District attorneys shall provide the Litigation Subcommittee written information regarding cases anticipated to settle in excess of \$500,000 and shall place that informational item on the Litigation Subcommittee’s agenda at least one month in advance of seeking authority to settle.
3. **Permission to Try.** The District shall obtain the approval of the Litigation Subcommittee

prior to taking a matter to trial in state or federal court. When the District recommends that a civil matter proceed to trial, it shall provide a revised Case Summary (as defined below) and recommendation to the Litigation Subcommittee. The Chief Attorney shall be prepared to present that recommendation at a meeting of the Subcommittee. Prior to seeking the authority to bring a matter to trial, the District must present a revised Case Budget (as defined below) with the estimated cost of the potential trial to the Litigation Subcommittee for approval.

4. **Appeals.** The Chief Attorney must notify the Chair of any final and appealable ruling having a negative financial impact on the District in excess of \$50,000 in civil matters within 72 hours of the ruling. If an appeal may result in the imposition of accrued interest upon the District, the Chief Attorney must obtain authorization from the Litigation Subcommittee before pursuing the appeal. However, the District shall take all steps necessary to protect the interests and preserve the appeal rights of the District pending a decision to appeal, including the filing of appropriate post-trial motions or a notice of appeal when necessary. The decision to appeal must be approved by the Litigation Subcommittee.
5. **Exceptions.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to litigation or settlements subject to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. (820 ILCS 305/1 *et seq.*)

B. State's Attorneys Forest Preserve District of Cook County Representation

The District may engage Assistant State's Attorneys assigned from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office to represent the District in certain civil litigation matters at rates and terms set forth in the then-applicable intergovernmental agreement.

C. District Guidelines for Outside Counsel

1. **Short title.** This subdivision shall be known and may be cited as the "District Guidelines for Outside Counsel."
2. **Purpose.** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County may engage Outside Counsel to operate under the direction of the District's Chief Attorney or Responsible Attorney (see defined terms below).
3. **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
 - a. *Case Budget* means the estimate of legal fees and expenses through the time of judgment or other completion including costs associated with the use of third-party vendors.

- b. *Case Summary* means the report prepared by Outside Counsel and submitted to the Litigation Subcommittee that updates the Litigation Subcommittee on the progress and status of the case assigned to Outside Counsel.
 - c. *Chair of the Litigation Subcommittee* or *Chair* means the chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners.
 - d. *Litigation Subcommittee* or *Subcommittee* means the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners.
 - e. *Non-Contested Matter* means any matter that requires legal analysis, but is not adversarial litigation.
 - f. *Outside Counsel* is a law firm or individual attorney engaged by the District to represent it in an assigned legal matter under the direction of a Responsible Attorney.
 - g. *Quarterly Status Reports* means the written reports that update the status of the case, made in writing and submitted to the Chair of the Subcommittee on Litigation at least four times annually.
 - h. *Responsible Attorney* is a designated staff attorney employed by the District.
4. **Applicability.** This Chapter shall apply to all Outside Counsel engaged by the District. All Outside Counsel who represents the District in multiple litigation matters, must comply fully with the terms of this Chapter for each separate matter of representation. No attorney may file an appearance in a lawsuit on behalf of the District unless they have been authorized by the General Superintendent, Chief Attorney or Responsible Attorney to file an appearance.

D. Case Management.

1. **Case Management.** Each Outside Counsel who has filed an appearance on behalf of the District:
 - a. Shall submit a Case Budget and a Case Summary to the Litigation Subcommittee within thirty (30) days of their engagement or as soon thereafter as the Subcommittee meets, unless there is a conflict of interests in disclosing such information to the Litigation Subcommittee. This information

and other communications between Outside Counsel and the Litigation Subcommittee shall constitute privileged and confidential attorney-client communications; and

- b. Shall include in the Case Summary the major activities anticipated for a successful outcome of the case. The Case Summary shall also include estimates of potential liability, whether the case is appropriate for settlement, and the assessment of the probable outcome of litigation; and
 - c. Shall report any modifications or deviations to the initial Case Summary in Quarterly Status Reports to the Chair.
2. **Review of Case Summary and Budget.** The Subcommittee shall review the Case Summary and Budget. The Responsible Attorney is not prohibited from initiating legal activities reasonably necessary to adequately protect the legal interests of the District prior to the Subcommittee's review of the Case Summary and Budget.
 3. **Estimated Case Budget.** The Case Budget shall include an estimate of legal fees and expenses through the time of judgment or other completion and shall allocate the fees and expenses associated with each phase.
 4. **Workers' Compensation.** For claims subject to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, the Case Summary and Budget shall be submitted to the Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation.

E. Fees, Expenses, and Rates

1. **Fees and Expenses.** Outside Counsel shall be paid reasonable fees and costs based on the type and nature of the case. Such fees and costs shall conform to the fees and costs authorized under this Section. Outside Counsel must pay for all expenses in advance unless otherwise expressly directed by the court or the Chief Attorney or Responsible Attorney. Reimbursement of expenses shall be requested as part of Outside Counsel's invoices. Expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:
 - a. *Photocopying.* Reasonable photocopying at actual cost, not to exceed \$0.10 per page.
 - b. *Messenger service.* The use of messengers when there is a genuine need for expedited delivery at actual charges of a third-party vendor or, when an in-house firm messenger is used, at actual cost (not at the paralegal or legal assistant billing rate).
 - c. *Computerized research.* Actual costs of reasonably necessary computerized

research services.

- d. Experts.* The reasonable fees of qualified consulting and testifying experts retained to provide opinions necessary to the defense or prosecution of the litigation, except that all expert fees must be pre-approved by the Chief Attorney if they are anticipated to exceed \$500.
 - e. Travel.* Air travel expenses must not exceed the highest fare coach rate for the flight. Mileage expenses shall be at the Internal Revenue Service deductible rates. Hotels, car rental companies and airlines offering moderate prices and discounted corporate rates shall be used. Outside Counsel shall reduce the hourly rate charged by fifty percent (50%) while an attorney or paraprofessional is traveling, unless legal work is being performed and is documented.
- 2. General business costs.** Law firm overhead expenses including, but not limited to, rent, electricity, supplies, secretarial and support services, computer system expenses, overtime expenses, local telephone service and other similar expenses, shall be considered part of the Outside Counsel's hourly rate.
- 3. Miscellaneous costs.** Outside Counsel shall not seek reimbursement of fees for:
- a. Preparing an invoice;
 - b. Conducting a conflicts check;
 - c. Entertainment expenses;
 - d. Food and beverages while working and/or hosting meetings;
 - e. Excessive staffing;
 - f. Work resulting from attorney error;
 - g. Purely clerical work;
 - h. Preparing an estimated Case Budget;
 - i. Court filing and appearance fees from which the District is exempt.

Under most circumstances, only one attorney should bill for attending court appearances, depositions, client conferences, and Litigation Subcommittee meetings. Outside Counsel shall seek prior approval from the Chief Attorney if the Outside Counsel seeks to have more than one attorney in appearance.

- 4. Invoices.** Unless otherwise expressly directed by the court, Outside Counsel shall submit invoices for work performed on a periodic basis, no more frequently than monthly and no less frequently than quarterly. If the accumulated charges for the period are less than \$500, the charges shall be included in the next periodic invoice. The time spent performing the chargeable services shall be recorded on a daily basis to the nearest 1/10th of an hour and shall be broken down in detail, describing the work performed by each individual

during that time period. Invoices shall contain the amount charged for each attorney and paraprofessional, including the time, the hourly rate and summary total for each. Invoices shall itemize expenses according to categories including the following: photocopying, messenger service, computerized research, experts and travel. Invoices shall be paid subject to the approval of the Litigation Subcommittee and the District Board of Commissioners. For Non-Contested Matters, invoices totaling less than \$5,000 per such matter may be approved at the discretion of the Chief Attorney.

5. **Rate structure.** The District expects Outside Counsel to take reasonable steps to minimize the amount of costs and disbursements charged to District matters, consistent with applicable time and responsiveness constraints. Outside Counsel shall bill for their services on an hourly basis in an amount not to exceed rates negotiated with and accepted by the District, but in no event shall rates exceed \$290 per hour per attorney and \$90 per hour per paralegal, without approval of the Litigation Subcommittee. Outside Counsel shall not bill for the use of law clerk(s) without prior authorization from the Chief Attorney. Outside Counsel may propose alternative fee structures such as blended, flat or contingent rate upon approval of the Litigation Subcommittee.
6. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede Forest Preserve District of Cook County Resolution 08-R-09.
7. To the fullest extent consistent with this Chapter, Outside Counsel shall adhere to any Billing Guidelines for Outside Counsel issued by the District's Legal Department, as published on its website and as may be amended from time to time.
8. **Conflicts of Interests.**
 - a. *Modification of Guidelines.* There may be circumstances in which the District Guidelines for Outside Counsel requires modification. The Litigation Subcommittee shall examine these situations on a case-by-case basis and may modify the Guidelines accordingly for the course of that representation.
 - b. *Conflicts Check.* Before rendering any legal services, Outside Counsel must conduct a conflict of interest review and provide the Responsible Attorney with a written list of all actual or potential conflicts of interest and matters that may present the appearance of a conflict.
 - c. *Timely Notification.* Outside Counsel must provide the Responsible Attorney a written notice of any actual or potential conflicts or the appearance of a conflict within five (5) days of learning of the conflict.
 - d. *Waiver.* Outside Counsel must be free of any conflict of interest under the rules of professional conduct unless the conflict is waived by the District.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect September 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0270 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0300](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF WEST 24TH PLACE

WHEREAS, under the authority granted pursuant to 70 ILCS 810/8, the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, after due investigation and consideration, has determined that the nature and extent of the public use and the public interest to be subserved is such as to warrant the vacation of the street described in the following ordinance, which street is located within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and is not a part of any state or county highway.

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That all that part of West 24th Place described as follows:

THAT PORTION OF WEST 24TH PLACE LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO LOTS 151,152 & 153 IN TALMAN & THIELE'S WEST 22ND STREET ADDITION TO EDGEWOOD BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1665 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 39, NORTH RANGE 12 EAST, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE WEST 589.38 FEET THEREOF). SAID PORTION BEING 66 FEET WIDE AS PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED FOR A PUBLIC STREET.

TOTAL AREA TO BE VACATED: 0.190 ACRE/8,250 SQ FT MORE OR LESS.

As shown outlined on the plat hereto attached, which plat, for greater certainty, is hereby made a part of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby vacated and closed in as much as the same is no longer required for public use and the public interest will be subserved by such vacation.

- 2. The Secretary of the Board, under corporate seal of the District, shall duly certify to a copy of this ordinance and cause the same to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, within sixty days after its passage and approval.

District 16

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0300 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0301](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF SHERMER ROAD

WHEREAS, under the authority granted pursuant to 70 ILCS 810/8, the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, after due investigation and consideration, has determined that the nature and extent of the public use and the public interest to be subserved is such as to warrant the vacation of the street described in the following ordinance, which street is located within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and is not a part of any state or county highway.

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

- 1. That all that part of Shermer Road described as follows:

THAT PORTION OF SHERMER ROAD LYING BETWEEN DUNDEE ROAD AND WAUKEGAN ROAD IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PORTION BEING 100 FEET WIDE AS DEDICATED FOR A PUBLIC STREET BY DOCUMENT

NUMBER 11745019 TO THE VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TOTAL AREA TO BE VACATED: 1.899 ACRES/82,739 SQ FT MORE OR LESS.

As shown outlined on the plat hereto attached, which plat, for greater certainty, is hereby made a part of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby vacated and closed in as much as the same is no longer required for public use and the public interest will be subserved by such vacation.

2. The Secretary of the Board, under corporate seal of the District, shall duly certify to a copy of this ordinance and cause the same to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, within sixty days after its passage and approval.

District 14

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0301 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0302](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF SOMME PRAIRIE GROVE AS AN ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021, at the 238th meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Somme Prairie Grove was approved for dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, dedication of a site as a Nature Preserve provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of exceptional ecological or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Somme Prairie Grove Nature Preserve is an approximately 85-acre portion of the preserves located in the village of Northbrook in northeast Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the site consists of high-quality mesic savanna and dry-mesic woodland that support a host of conservative native plant species and a rich assemblage of savanna and shrubland breeding birds; and

WHEREAS, Somme Prairie Grove has benefitted from a vibrant stewardship community since 1980, and represents one of the oldest and most comprehensive savanna and woodland restorations in the Midwest. The recovery of Somme Prairie Grove is credited to the longstanding participation of this cohort of dedicated and talented citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, authority to submit this addition for registration was granted by the Board of Commissioners on February 24, 2021 per Board Item No. 21-0151 pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 810/9); and

WHEREAS, the addition of Somme Prairie Grove establishes the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 27th Illinois Nature Preserve. The Forest Preserves of Cook County now currently owns and manages 27 dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and 5 Land and Water Reserves totaling approximately 10,405 acres; and

WHEREAS, dedication of Somme Prairie Grove advances the goal set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate eligible lands for Illinois Nature Preserve protection, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge the dedication and protection

of Somme Prairie Grove as an Illinois Nature Preserve, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0302. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[21-0316](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

Grantor: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept and enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") for grant funding for a Caldwell Woods Wellness Studio located in Chicago, Illinois.

Grant Amount: \$1,228,800.00

Grant Period: Two (2) years from date of full contract execution

Fiscal Impact: \$409,700.00 match

Accounts: Revenue account 51010.411437 (State Governmental Grants)

Concurrences:

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

approval.

District(s): ~~15~~ 9

Summary: The scope of work for this project includes design and construction of renovation of an existing warming shelter building at Caldwell Woods to offer year-round recreation and wellness programs, visitor information on nearby recreation facilities, natural resources and volunteer opportunities. The project will also include accessibility, energy efficiency, wayfinding signs, and other related improvements. The IDNR Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Program would fund 75% of the estimated total project cost of \$1,638,500.00 and the Forest Preserves would provide 25% match estimated at \$409,700.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0316. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0287](#)

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 Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain an automated meter radio pedestal, transformer and 15 feet of cable from an existing handhole at Bullfrog Lake. By placing the approximately 3-foot tall pedestal boxes and shorter transformer, ComEd will be able to upgrade their facilities from 3G to 4G capability with minimal impact as there are no tree impacts as part of this license request. However, the Forest Preserves is requiring that ComEd place vegetation in front of the new above-ground infrastructure to shield it from public view.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$4,500.00

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$15,750.00 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.0052 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): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0287 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Present: Arroyo (1)

[21-0288](#)

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 Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 292 feet of buried fiber optic cable around the Winnetka substation on Forest Preserves property. The Winnetka substation, which provides power to ComEd customers in the village and was created in 1995 via License #1602, is increasing its power capacity and this cable is anticipated to provide a faster, more reliable and more secure system with minimal impact as there are no tree impacts or trail closures as part of this license request.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$9,049.59

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$20,299.59 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.1006 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): 13

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0288 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Present: Arroyo (1)

[21-0291](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: At the 11/17/2020 meeting of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Board Item No. 20-0419 was introduced. It related to amending a License to the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System to locate, operate and maintain a water main in the Tinley Creek Preserves. Board Item No. 20-0419 was not approved until 3/18/2021.

In the interim period between when the item was introduced and when it was approved, several trees were removed under the direction of the Forest Preserves. Ecological restoration work within the license area resulted in removal of several trees which previously were included in this license applicant's tree mitigation survey. Under the Forest Preserves' Tree Mitigation Plan, the license applicant is not responsible for tree mitigation fees for these trees that were removed by the Forest Preserves, necessitating a reduction of the licensee's tree mitigation fee.

Item Number: 20-0419

Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Account(s): N/A (Revenue Generating)

District(s): 17

Original Text of Item:

Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to amend a License to the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System ("the Grantees"), to locate, operate and maintain a water main in the Tinley Creek Preserves. Additional license area, associated fees and additional benefits would supplement the original license area of roughly 7 acres and original fees and benefits of roughly \$3.7 million approved in 2015 (Agenda No. 15-0201). The applicant is requesting an amendment to shift two (2) proposed shafts west of the original proposed locations to avoid interference with ComEd wires and towers during construction. Modifications to the plans to reduce the additional license area and associated tree removal have been made since the introduction of this request.

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$4,400.00

License Application Fee: \$500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,600.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$14,500.00 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: ~~\$47,854.48~~ \$35,479.93

Additional Mitigation Fees: The Grantees will pay an additional \$10,000 for nearby restoration work

The area of the License is: 0.027 Acres

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met 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): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0291. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0303](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend agreement

Goods or Services: Right of Entry to perform stream maintenance on Forest Preserves property as part of the Small Stream Maintenance Program through 2031

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: Original 1/9/2017 - 1/8/2022; proposed extension 1/9/2022 - 12/31/2031

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting to extend its Right of Entry agreement with MWRD to grant the MWRD and its contractors limited access to Forest Preserves property for the purpose of removing blockages and debris from small watercourses for an additional ten (10) years. The MWRD is the stormwater regulatory agency for Cook County, as designated by the State of Illinois. The work conducted through the Small Stream Maintenance Program improves water flow and helps mitigate stormwater and flooding-related issues throughout the Forest Preserves and its neighboring communities.

A Right of Entry was previously granted to the MWRD in September 2006, which was subsequently renewed in January 2012 and again most recently by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2016, per Board Item No. 16-0461. This agreement calls for no direct cost to the Forest Preserves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0303. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0309](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to extend and increase

Goods or Services: Extension of an on-going partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to continue deconstruction and demolition of additional vacant Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") buildings at various locations

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: Original contract period, 4/11/2014 - 3/10/2015; 1st amendment period, 3/11/2015 - 6/30/2016; 2nd amendment period, 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017; 3rd amendment period, 7/1/2017-6/30/2018; 4th amendment period, 7/1/2018-6/30/2019; 5th amendment period, 7/1/2019-6/30/2021

Agreement Period Extension Requested: 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024

Fiscal Impact: Current Contract Value: \$200,000.00. Requested Increase: \$100,000.00

Accounts: Land Improvements 51001.560019, 51009.560019; and Site Amenities 51009.560060

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Cook County Sheriff's Office has a voluntary program to train participants from the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center to provide deconstruction and building material salvage services. Upon completion of the program, each participant receives basic carpentry and building material reuse training and an OSHA 10-hour safety certificate. The Forest Preserves seeks authority to continue to use this program to remove unneeded buildings from recently acquired properties and other properties as needed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sheriff's Office was unable to demolish as many structures as they had planned to in the previous amendment period. The Forest Preserves is seeking to extend the agreement for three (3) years and to increase funding to cover these sites and several others listed in the amended agreement. \$184,839.00 in contract value was previously approved by the Board of Commissioners (Board Item No. 16-0234). Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0309. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0340](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to extend and increase the Intergovernmental Agreement entered into with the University of Illinois at Chicago (“UIC”)

Goods or Services: Consulting services for the Forest Preserves’ REDI committee initiatives

Agreement Number: N/A

Original Agreement Period: 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020; Board Approved Extension 7/1/2020 - 8/31/2021

Proposed Agreement Period: 9/1/2021 - 12/31/2023

Original Fiscal Impact: \$70,000.00

Proposed Increase: \$95,000.00 (FY 2021 \$10,000.00, FY 2022 \$65,000.00; FY 2023 \$20,000.00)

Accounts: Consulting Services 51001.520840

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In 2019, the Forest Preserves of Cook County entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Illinois at Chicago to assist the Forest Preserves in formulating and implementing initiatives to promote racial equity, diversity and inclusion. UIC Professor Dr. Kathleen Yang-Clayton works directly with the Forest Preserves REDI Committee to provide on-going support and guidance. During phases 1 and 2, Dr. Yang-Clayton trained Forest Preserves staff cohorts on racial equity centered program implementation and introduced the committee members to racial equity in public administration. Committee members have completed “train the trainer” sessions and are now conducting racial equity training for all Forest Preserves departments.

Due to disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the work originally planned for 2020 was extended into 2021. In addition, the Forest Preserves is expanding the work to include racial equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives within the Forest Preserves Police Department. UIC will continue to support the Forest Preserves on improving business processes, while embracing cultural diversity and inclusion among employees, visitors, and partners. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0340. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0292](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT**Department(s):** Legal Department**Vendor:** Abacus Data Systems d/b/a AbacusNext, San Diego, California**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute**Good(s) or Service(s):** Legal database and case management system**Contract Value:** \$45,000.00**Contract Period:** 8/1/2021 - 7/31/2022 with two (2) optional one-year extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$7,500.00; FY 2022 \$7,500.00; FY 2022 \$7,500.00 (optional from 7/31/2022); FY 2023 \$15,000.00 (optional); and FY 2024 \$7,500.00 (optional)**Accounts:** Professional/Technical Membership Fees 51001.501790**Contract Number(s):** N/A**Concurrences:**

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

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): N/A**Summary:** In 2016, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves entering a contract with Abacus (Board No. 16-0117). Attorneys and other Legal Department staff utilize Abacus for case management services. The database is used to track the status of requests and assignments in the Legal Department. It also creates customized workflows, data reports and case management to ensure legal services are handled efficiently and effectively.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a need for Legal staff to access the Abacus system remotely for operational continuity. The Forest Preserves entered a one (1) year sole source contract for Abacus cloud-based services which allowed Legal staff to track and access matters remotely. The Forest Preserves now seeks authorization to enter a new sole source contract to continue using the Abacus software. The agreement is a form software agreement that includes non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves, including with respect to disclaimers, limitations on liability, warranties, and

indemnification. The Legal Department is exploring in-house options for case management and intends to either discontinue use of third-party legal software or bid for a subsequent contract by late 2023/early 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0292. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0197](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Western Remac, Inc., primary place of business Woodridge, Illinois, for Districtwide Signage.

Reason: Contract #74000009232 issued under Project #21-80-01 Districtwide Signage includes fabrication and/or installation of new outdoor wayfinding, identification, information and interpretive signs at specified gateway sites and trailhead locations, and replacement of existing wood signs at various locations specified in the contract documents.

Bid Opening Date: 5/26/2021

Bid Results:

- 1. Western Remac, Inc.* \$984,297.00

* Only one bid was received. This bid opportunity was reposted to provide a second opportunity to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$984,297.00

Contract Period: Three (3) years from Notice to Proceed

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51057.560019, 51058.560019, 51051.560019, 51030.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: Districtwide

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0197. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0286](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter a contract with A B Petroleum Services, Crystal Lake, Illinois, for supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel.

Reason: Contract #74000009187 issued under Solicitation #21-53-006083 is for supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel to twenty (20) Districtwide fueling stations.

Bid Opening Date: 4/22/2021

Bid Results:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. * | \$3,076,871.60 |
| 2. A B Petroleum | \$3,125,897.60 |
| 3. Colonial Oil Industries, Inc. | \$3,294,153.60 |
| 4. Black Dog Corporation | \$3,370,107.60 |

* Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. was not selected because it did not meet all the M/WBE participatory goals recommended for this contract.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$3,125,897.60 (FY 2021 \$390,737.20; FY 2022 \$781,484.40; FY 2023 \$781,484.40; FY 2024 \$781,484.40; FY 2025 \$390,737.20)

Contract Period: 7/6/2021 - 7/5/2025 with three (3) one-year optional renewal extensions to be exercised with the approval of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Account Name/Number: Automotive Operation and Maintenance 29270.540250

District: Districtwide

Concurrence(s)

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0286. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0310](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Matthew Paving, Inc., primary place of business Oak Lawn, Illinois, for Districtwide Transportation Improvements at Flossmoor Road Bicycle Lot in Country Club Hills, Vollmer Road Grove in Matteson, Arrowhead Lake in Orland Park, Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest, McGinnis Slough in Orland Park and Tampier Lake West in Orland Park.

Reason: Contract #7400009219 issued under Project #19-80-67G-21C3 Districtwide Transportation Improvements at six (6) far south locations (Flossmoor Road Bicycle Lot, Vollmer Road Grove, Arrowhead Lake, Camp Sullivan, McGinnis Slough and Tampier Lake West). The work includes, but is not limited to, parking lot resurfacing, concrete sidewalk and pads, drainage improvements, pavement markings, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 5/19/2021

Bid Results:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Matthew Paving, Inc. | \$716,910.95 |
| 2. Enlight Contracting, LLC | \$734,140.15 |
| 3. M&J Asphalt Paving Co, Inc. | \$823,318.50 |

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$716,910.95

Contract Period: One hundred and eighty-one (181) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvement 51029.560019 and 51009.560019

District: 5, 6, 17

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0310. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0304](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 4/30/2021

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for April 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0304. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0305](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 4/1/2021 - 4/30/2021

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of April 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0305. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0312](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - April 2021

Report Period: 4/1/2021 - 4/30/2021

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of April 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0312. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0314](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 5/10/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$1,839,564.89

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$764,347.74

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$314,601.69

Legal Fees for 5/10/2021 to Be Approved: \$39,526.85

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0314. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0313](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 6/22/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$362,175.30

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$40,666.60

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0313. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0331](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 05/11/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0331. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0317](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 6/22/2021 - 7/27/2021

Please bring a facemask to Forest Preserves events and activities. Facemask requirements listed below are for unvaccinated patrons. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Tuesday, 6/22 through Monday, 9/6

Dinos Everywhere! Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are BIGGER and BADDER than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos Everywhere features acres of earth shakers, including the largest Argentinosaurus that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Zoogoers will be able to search for this amazing life-like animatronics located throughout the park.

Thursday, 6/24; 8pm

Moon Walk & Folktale, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

A folktale recited by a librarian from LaGrange Park Library will accompany this guided walk under the strawberry full moon. We will search for native frogs and toads between narrations on the 1-mile White Oak Trail. *All Ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708- 839-6897.*

Saturday, 6/26; 1pm**The Importance of Pollinators, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Pollinators play an important role in our ecosystems. Learn about their functions and the common pollinator plants found here at Sand Ridge Campus.

Registration and facemasks required. Registration can be done by phone (708-868-0606), in person at our nature center (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or via email at sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.

Saturday, 6/26; 10am - 12pm**Pollinator Party, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come celebrate with us as we increase and promote public awareness of the importance of pollinators and wildlife specifically including monarch butterflies, bats, birds, and other insects. Activities include nature-based family fun, bee programming, and wildflower hikes. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Saturday, 6/26; 10:30am**Pond Dip for Tweens and Teens, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist as we dip net in our pond to investigate macroinvertebrates and learn what they can tell us about the pond habitat at Trailside Museum. *For ages 11 to 16. Bring your own boots, or shoes that can get wet. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 6/27; 1pm**The Secret Life of Snakes, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we learn about our scaly friends and meet one of our resident snakes. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Wednesday, 6/30; 1pm**Kayak the Salt Creek River Trail, Bemis Woods-North, Westchester**

Join us as we paddle over 8 miles of the Salt Creek River Trail from Bemis Woods to Plank Road Meadow. Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. A shuttle will be provided back to Bemis Woods at the conclusion of the trip. *Space is limited and registration is required, call 312-533-5751. Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 6/30; 10am**School's Out for Summer Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist for a casual nature hike to explore and enjoy early summer along our trails. *For adults and children w/an adult. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Thursday, 7/1; 10am**S.E.N.I.O.R.S., Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Seniors Enjoying Nature Inside/Outside Rain or Shine! Join us for a nature inspired adventure for seniors. *Ages 55 and over. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 7/3; 10am**Nature for Little Ones: Red, white, blue (and green!), Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Little ones with their families are invited to a nature program made just for them! Summer is filled with color, and we will go on a color-themed outdoor scavenger hunt to find red, white, blue, and more.

Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.

Friday, 7/2; 10am - 12pm**Fridays in the Field: Birds and Nests, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

University of Illinois Extension Certified Master Naturalists will connect visitors with nature through inquiry-based activities on the grounds when the buildings are closed. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 7/3; 7:30pm**What Glows in the Dark? Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover why fireflies glow in the dark before setting out on a one-mile adventure looking for these incredible creatures. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Sunday, 7/4; 10am**Picture Perfect Prairie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your camera or use your phone to photograph insects and flowers in the prairie. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Sunday, 7/4; 1:30pm**The Bald Eagle: Celebrating Our Symbol, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Bald Eagles are pretty cool. Stop by and learn why. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 7/4; 1pm**Red, White, and Blue, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

On Independence Day, walk the Bur Edge Trail (1.4 miles) with a naturalist and look for plants and animals wearing USA Red, white and blue. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesdays, 7/7 through 7/28; 9:30am - 10:30am**Yoga, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Enjoy basic yoga stretches and breathing at Dan Ryan Woods-Forest preserves. This is for all levels. Focus, breathe, stretch! Grab your mat and a block or pillow. Do not forget to bring your water! This class is at Dan Ryan Woods Location! This program is brought to you in partnership with GiGi Tonye' Arts & Fitness. *Please bring your own yoga mat. Call or email to register at Jessica.Becker@cookcountyl.gov or 312-415-2970.*

Friday, 7/9; 9:30am - 11 am**Nature Journaling Workshop, Schiller Woods, Chicago**

Learn the essentials of keeping an illustrated nature journal to deepen your observations and connection to nature wherever you find it. No drawing or journaling experience is necessary to begin this expansive practice of curiosity and exploration. Led by Maureen Clare Murphy, Illinois Extension Master Naturalist. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-533-5751.*

Friday, 7/9; 8pm**Sunset Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Lighting bugs - or do you say fireflies? - will Highlight this walk around the pond and river, with musical accompaniment by summer birds. Join John Elliott of Chicago Audubon for a casual evening stroll. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Saturday, 7/10; 11am - 3pm**Butterfly Count, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sign up today! Join us for the NABA butterfly count in the southwest Forest Preserves of Cook County. Help scientists learn more about butterflies with Forest Preserves of Cook County, Orland Park Public Library, and the North America Butterfly Association. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Saturday, 7/10; 10am - 2pm**Kids Fest, Wampum Lake, Thornton**

Enjoy this annual event suitable for the whole family. Enjoy the great outdoors with recreation, arts and crafts, games and more! *Registration and facemasks required. Visit [kidsfest2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kidsfest2021).*

Saturday, 7/10; 6am**Early Risers, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Nature center grounds will be open early for hiking, bird watching & photographers looking to explore and capture nature in the early morning light. *Bathroom doors will open from the outside at 6 am. Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 7/11; 10am - 2pm**Don't Lose Your Head, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

How well can you recognize animals from their skulls? Test yourself with this fun quiz for all-ages. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 7/13; 11am (Facebook Live)**Creative Reduce to Reuse, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A tutorial demonstration of an at-home project to reduce waste and repurpose home goods. *Ages 13 and up.*

Wednesday, 7/14; 6:00pm - 7:30pm**Camping 101, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Free demonstration-based workshop series teaching basic camping skills. All ages: children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a folding chair/blanket for seating. Do you have your own tent that you

need practice with? Bring it and we will help! For more information visit, eventbrite.com/e/camping-101-workshop. Registration and facemasks required.

Wednesday, 7/14; 9am**Hooray for Herons, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a Naturalist outside at the Museum for a short talk about these fascinating birds that can be found visiting the pond at Trailside. Talk will be followed by a short walk by the pond and along the Des Plaines River. For adults and families. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.

Thursday, 7/15; 8pm - 10pm**Nature's Fireworks and Symphony, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Bring your camera or use your phone to photograph insects and flowers in the prairie. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.

Thursday, 7/15; 11am - 2pm**Mini Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Try your hand at catching and identifying bugs, make insect themed crafts, and follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies. Nature play and other self-guided activities will be offered, as well. Facemasks required.

Thursday, 7/15; 7pm**Trailside Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for an evening in the great outdoors by the Museum, to discuss the book *Field Notes of an Unintentional Birder* by Julie Zarank. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 7/17; 12pm - 4pm**Outdoor Block Party, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Create your own adventure with family and friends this summer with music, nature play, artmaking projects, games, walks, and more.

Saturday, 7/17; 8:30pm**Batty for Bats Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Bats of Cook County are nocturnal insectivores. Participate in a night hike around Black Oak Trail in search for signs of Bat activity. Registration and facemasks required.

Saturday, 7/17; 9:30am - 11:30am**Dog Days of Summer, Beck Lake Boat Launch, Glenview**

Partake in a doggy paddle, guided nature walks, paw print painting on a tree cookie, and more! BYO-Dog. Dogs must be pet and person-friendly and remain on leash at all times. Dog PFD's not provided. To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/dog-days-of-summer. Facemasks required.

Sunday, 7/18; 1:30pm**Hummingbird Happiness, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we observe these tiny creatures in flight around our bird garden and trails and talk about how to attract them to your home. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Sunday, 7/18; 1pm**Mammal Murmur, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for this outdoor presentation on some of the Mammals that call Cook County home. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 7/20 through Thursday, 7/22; 9:30am - 2:30pm**Forest Ecology - Teacher Field Science Workshop, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Hands-on field work with naturalists and NGSS guidance from Illinois Science Teachers Association will give you what you need to bring nature into your classroom.

A 3-day workshop dedicated to helping you see the forest in addition to the trees. Learn how to identify trees, measure forest health, understand the forest's past and even predict its future. You will leave confident in teaching students how to read the landscape by measuring biotic and abiotic factors of their environment. Enjoy three days in the field, plus one evening Zoom session on Tuesday, July 20. *Registration is limited: ilsience.org/event. Facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045 for more information.*

Wednesday, 7/21; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**Nighttime Discovery Celebration, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs**

Join us for an evening of discovery as we celebrate the night sky! Hikes, activities, and crafts will be offered to help us better understand the wonders of the natural light from the moon and stars. *Registration encouraged. Visit nighttimepulaski.eventbrite.com. Facemasks required.*

Thursday, 7/22; 6pm -7:30pm**Get Started with Nature Journaling, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us at Trailside to learn the essentials of keeping an illustrated nature journal, to deepen your observations and connection to nature wherever you find it. No drawing or journaling experience is necessary to begin this practice of curiosity and exploration. Instructor: Maureen Clare Murphy, IL Extension Master Naturalist intern. *Ages 13yrs and up. Adults and teens only. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Thursday, 7/22; 7pm (Via Zoom)**Planting for Monarch Butterflies in All Their Life Stages, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Most people know that Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed plants, however, adult Monarch Butterflies also need excellent flower nectar sources to fuel their North and South migrations, as well as when they are mating and laying eggs. We will discuss some of the best native plant species for your yard to help Monarch Butterflies spring to fall.

Friday, 7/23; 7:30pm

Creatures of the Night, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how local nocturnal animals and specially adapted to the night. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Friday, 7/23; 8:30pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Let the full buck moon be our guide as we hike the one-mile White Oak trail while listening to the sweet sounds of signing insects. *All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 7/25; 10:30am and 1:30pm

The Buzz on Bees, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Visit our beehives and meet the beekeepers to learn about bees, pollination, and honey. *All Ages. Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 7/27; 6pm

Twilight Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Some of our local wildlife begin their day just as the sun begins to set. Learn about these animals and more on a guided walk. *\$3 per person; Limited space available. Registration and facemasks required.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0317. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[21-0244](#)

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 Oakton Community College (“OCC”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 114-foot sidepath, guardrail and stormwater improvements on the west side of College Drive, approximately one quarter mile north of Golf Road at Kloempken Prairie. This sidepath is designed to provide a safer route to the campus for bicyclists and pedestrians, who currently must share College Drive with motor vehicles. OCC has agreed to include interpretive signage at this location, notifying sidepath users of the adjacent forest preserve.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$4,710.74

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$15,960.74 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.0523 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final 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): 9

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0244. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0243](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): The Village of Melrose Park (“Melrose Park”)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with Melrose Park to widen and maintain two (2) drainage ditches in Thatcher Woods.

Goods or Services: The authority requested is to grant permission to Melrose Park to widen and maintain two (2) existing drainage ditches on approximately 0.17 acres of Forest Preserves land located on the west side of the Des Plaines River in Thatcher Woods just south of North Avenue.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

Fiscal Impact: \$15,000.00 one-time upfront payment to the Forest Preserves for ecological restoration

License Fee: \$15,495.87 (waived)

License Application Fees: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 9

Summary: Melrose Park seeks permission to widen and maintain two (2) existing drainage ditches on Forest Preserves land, at no cost to the Forest Preserves, to avoid standing water near adjacent residential property. The Forest Preserves and Melrose Park have been exploring mutually acceptable solutions to avoid stormwater retention near the residences dating back to at least 2016. Dredging will impact two (2) corridors, one approximately 350 feet in length to the east of the residential complex to the Des Plaines River and the other 150 feet in length running south from the complex to the river. No trees will be impacted. Melrose Park will maintain the ditches to ensure stormwater does not build-up on Forest Preserves property. In view of past arrangements between the Forest Preserves and municipalities to

resolve stormwater drainage, the Forest Preserves has agreed in this instance to waive licensing fees and requirements. Melrose Park has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves \$15,000.00 for restoration work to be performed on Forest Preserves property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0243. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[21-0273](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'21 2nd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: May 2021

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 21-0273. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

[21-0266](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, JOHN P. DALEY, LUIS ARROYO JR., KEVIN B. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DONNA MILLER, BRANDON JOHNSON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN, BILL LOWRY, DEBORAH SIMS, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SEAN M. MORRISON and ALMA E. ANAYA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE CLEAN ENERGY FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS, over one hundred years ago, visionary leaders had the foresight to create the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) with the mission “to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space”; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has experienced a one-degree Fahrenheit increase in average annual temperature since the beginning of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, recent climate projections published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other scientific organizations, predict that if global emissions of greenhouse gases continue to rise, historically unprecedented warming is anticipated in the Midwest region in the next few decades; and

WHEREAS, along with a projected rise in annual temperatures, studies also project that the Midwest region likely will experience increased events of extreme precipitation during winter and spring, and intense summer droughts, stronger storms, more street and basement flooding and combined sewer overflows into Lake Michigan, worse air, and strains on local government budgets as heat and flooding damage infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves’ mission drives it to consider the impacts of a changing climate on its own lands, on the communities of which the Forest Preserves is a part, and the planet; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and four U.S. cities and counties across thirty-seven states, including the City of Chicago, have already adopted ambitious 100% clean energy goals, and seventy-two U.S. cities and counties across seven states have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used, community-wide, from clean, non-polluting, and renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, "clean energy" and "renewable energy" include energy derived from wind, solar, existing hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas, and wave technology sources. These sources of energy have significant public health and co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities in Cook County and around the country; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019 the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County adopted a resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and to implement a plan to achieve such targets (Board Item No. 19-0128); and

WHEREAS, a Clean Energy Framework has been created for the Forest Preserves by the University of Illinois Prairie Research Institute at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, along with the support and

collaboration of key stakeholders, content experts, climate experts, and Forest Preserves staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Forest Preserves’ Clean Energy Framework and the goal that One Hundred Percent (100%) of electricity consumed by the Forest Preserves shall be generated through renewable-energy resources and associated technologies by 2050.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0266. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Moore (1)

NEW ITEMS

This was suspend the rules

[21-0346](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, LUIS ARROYO JR., SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, STANLEY MOORE, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, SEAN M. MORRISON and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN ELECTION RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE PROPOSITION OF INCREASING THE LIMITING RATE FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO THE VOTERS OF SAID FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (“*PTELL*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the “*Board*”) does hereby find and determine that the limiting rate for the District is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the Board that the need exists for increasing the limiting rate for the District by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the current limiting rate for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the District, and establishing the same at 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property beginning in the first levy year after approval; and

WHEREAS, before the District is authorized to increase its limiting rate to 0.076%, a proposition therefor (the “*Proposition*”) must be submitted to the voters of the District as provided by PTELL, and be approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the Proposition at an election to be held in Cook County and for the District on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-2 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”) requires that an election resolution shall not be adopted more than one year prior to the election and it is therefore necessary to approve a form of election resolution relating to the Proposition which shall be adopted at a later date in accordance with the Election Code.

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed and approved the form of election resolution as set forth in this Resolution:

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Election Resolution. The Election Resolution set forth in this Section 2 is hereby approved as to form subject to completion with relevant financial details when available as contemplated therein. The Board shall consider the Election Resolution at a meeting held within one year of the election in accordance with the Election Code:

AN ELECTION RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION OF INCREASING THE LIMITING RATE FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO THE VOTERS OF SAID FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (“*PTELL*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the “*Board*”) does hereby find and determine that the limiting rate for the District is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the limiting rate for the District for levy year 2019 was 0.051% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the Board that the need exists for increasing the limiting rate for the District by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2019 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and establishing the same at 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022; and

WHEREAS, before the District is authorized to increase its limiting rate to 0.076%, a proposition therefor (the “*Proposition*”) must be submitted to the voters of the District as provided by PTELL, and be approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the Proposition at an election to be held in Cook County and for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law; and

WHEREAS, PTELL requires that the ballot for the Proposition shall have printed thereon, but not as a part of the Proposition, certain supplemental information as set forth and described in PTELL; and

WHEREAS, such supplemental information shall be supplied by the District to the election authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approved the supplemental information appearing on the form of ballot for the Proposition hereinafter set forth in this Resolution:

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest

Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Need to Submit to Voters. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the limiting rate for the District be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2019 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and be established at 0.076% of the equalized assessed valuation of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022.

Section 3. Submission to Voters. The Proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "Election").

Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Board (the "County Board") of the County of Cook, Illinois (the "County"), for voters of the District at the Election.

Section 5. Election Notice. The County Clerk of the County (the "County Clerk") shall give notice of the Election, including the Spanish, Chinese and Asian Indian translations thereof as deemed required by law by the County Clerk (the "Notice"), in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a

local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the County Clerk.

Section 6. Local Notice. The Secretary of the Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District.

Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation. It is hereby found and determined that Chicago Sun Times is local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”).

Section 8. Form of Notice. The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

Notice is Hereby Given that at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2022, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois:

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2019 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, with public disclosure of expenditures, and be equal to 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022?

YES ___

NO ____

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$85,127,981 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$126,857,385.

(2) For the 2022 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$7.29.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2022 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

/s/ Karen A. Yarbrough

County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

Section 9. Form of Ballot. That the ballot to be used at the Election, including the Spanish, Chinese and Asian Indian translations thereof as deemed required by law by the County Clerk, shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

Official Ballot

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois - Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat Protection
One-Year Limiting Rate Increase

(Instructions to Voters: Mark a cross (X) in
the space opposite the word indicating the way
you desire to vote.)

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.025% above the limiting rate for levy year 2019 for the purposes of conserving and restoring land to good health, protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, providing natural flood water storage, protecting wildlife habitat, protecting forests to improve air quality, improving and maintaining existing forest preserves and trails of said District, and other lawful purposes of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, with public disclosure of expenditures, and be equal to 0.076% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022?

YES ___
NO ___

- (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$85,127,981 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$126,857,385.
- (2) For the 2022 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$7.29.
- (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2022 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

(Back of Paper Ballot)
Official Ballot

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to increase the limiting rate for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, at the general election held on November 8, 2022.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

/s/ Karen A. Yarbrough
County Clerk, The County of Cook, Illinois

Section 10.Election Judges. The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board to act in the precincts at which the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

Section 11.Filing of Ordinance. After the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the Board shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerk in order that the Proposition may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

Section 12.Canvass of Election. The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

Section 13.Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 14.Repealer and Effective Date. All ordinances, orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to refer 21-0346 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.