



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

**Minutes of the Real Estate Committee**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**9:45 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**Chairwoman Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**No Speakers**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/23/2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 24-0393. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Other Part(ies):** Sargon Zaya (“Purchaser”)

**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed sale be approved.

**Description of Real Estate:** Surplus Parcel 14

4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois

LOT 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 4, IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 10 ½ ACRES (EXCEPT R.R.) OF LOT 1 IN COUNTY CLERKS DIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 3RD PRIME MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 10-28-209-037

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 7,446 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.17103 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**Section:** N/A

**Parcel(s):** Surplus Parcel 14

**Fiscal Impact:** \$310,000.00 in revenue (minus closing costs not to exceed \$10,000.00)

**Accounts:** Anticipated Land Sales/Surplus 51006.411466

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) recently concluded a bidding process for the sale of a surplus parcel that has been approved for sale by the State Legislature, Surplus Parcel 14, consisting of approximately 0.17103 acres (the “Surplus Parcel”) commonly known as 4834 Kirk Street, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois. The Surplus Parcel is not contiguous with or connected to any other Forest Preserves property.

During the mid-1980s, Forest Preserves staff undertook a comprehensive study of all Forest Preserves holdings, resulting in a list of 30 parcels being considered for disposal. Subsequently, the Forest Preserves

sought and obtained permission from the State Legislature via Public Act 84-867 (9/23/1985) to offer 28 of the 30 aforementioned parcels for sale, including Surplus Parcel 14, with the monies to accrue to the Forest Preserves Real Estate Acquisition Fund.

The Forest Preserves marketed the Surplus Parcel for sale through local government outreach, on-site signage, and online. The Forest Preserves requested “best offers” from interested parties in the form of a standardized Letter of Intent (“LOI”), setting a minimum bid price of \$195,000.00, which was based upon M.A.I. certified appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves. Three (3) bids were received, and Purchaser was the best responsive bidder. The Purchaser has agreed to purchase the Surplus Parcel from the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$310,000.00) (the “Purchase Price”).

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves’ Legal Department, to accept the aforementioned Purchase Price, less any customary closing costs, as full compensation for the sale of the Surplus Parcel and to convey by quitclaim deed all of the Forest Preserves’ right, title and interest in the Surplus Parcel.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 24-0317. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 903 feet of gas main along Rand Road in Des Plaines. The new line will replace an existing gas line that needs to be relocated to accommodate road construction work by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The existing gas line was installed pursuant to License #837 issued in 1970. Conveyance of small easement areas to IDOT for road improvements was approved by the Board of Commissioners separately in 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0123). No trees will need to be removed for this project.

**Term:** Ten (10) years

**License Fee:** \$29,851.24

**License Application Fee:** \$1,500.00

**Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$7,200.00

**Additional Fee:** \$3,000.00. This fee will be used to support restoration work in the Des Plaines River corridor.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$44,551.24 for the term of the License

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.31 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 Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve**

**24-0299. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita,  
K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to amend a License to the Village of Crestwood, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a new underground drainpipe and related improvements on Forest Preserves land in Rubio Woods to address severe erosion at the base of an existing unauthorized earthen berm. Erosion has occurred in recent months after a new trunk storm sewer and flood control basin were completed in 2023 under the original license (#1782) to the Village of Crestwood (“Village”). The license amendment would expand the license area for the new drainpipe and defer the requirement to remove the unauthorized berm for another year after completion of the proposed new improvements, which are currently in the engineering design phase. Final amendment is subject to Forest Preserves review and approval of final plans and specifications. No trees will be removed for this project, and the original license term will not be changed. Additionally, with the exception of the Review Fee and a License Fee to accommodate the additional license area under the amendment, the other license fees have already been paid by the Village through the original license (See Board Item No. 21-0007).

**Term:** Seven (7) years

**Additional License Fee:** \$9,831.36

**Additional Review Fee:** \$3,000.00

**License Application Fee:** N/A

**YELAR Fee:** N/A

Total one-time upfront fee of \$12,831.36 for the remaining term of the amended License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

**The area of the License is:** 0.1463 acre(s)

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final license amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee will be required to meet any additional insurance requirements under the License Amendment.

The Forest Preserves staff recommend that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license amendment, subject to the Department of Planning and Development’s review and approval of final plans and specifications.

District(s): 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-0266. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S.Morrison (1) (excused)

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson STANLEY MOORE, seconded by Commissioner BRIDGET GAINER, that this was adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S.Morrison (excused) (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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