



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

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Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:45 AM

Virtual Meeting

Special Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

NO SPEAKERS

ITEMS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

[20-0419](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 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.

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$24,371.72

License Application Fee: \$500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,600.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$34,471.72 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$197,280.93

Additional Mitigation Fees: The Grantees will pay an additional \$50,000.00 for nearby restoration work

The area of the License is: 0.277 Acres

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve as amended 20-0419. 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)

[21-0005](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Glenwood Academy (Owner of Record)

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

Description of Real Estate: Portion of Glenwood Academy, 500 West 187th St, Village of Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Part of PIN 32-04-300-018-0000

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AREA = 313,385 SQ. FT. OR 7.194 ACRES

731,734 SQ. FT. OR 16.798 ACRES

1,045,119 SQ. FT. OR 23.992 ACRES

Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00 plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$135,000.00 in total)

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified two parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Glenwood Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as a portion of Glenwood Academy, Glenwood, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 23.992 ± acres. The Property contains the confluence of Butterfield Creek and Thorn Creek, and the acquisition would bolster the Forest Preserves holdings near Glenwood Woods.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$125,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$135,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

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 effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0005. 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)

[21-0004](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR GLENWOOD WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 4, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Glenwood Woods in District 6.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

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Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 6

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0004. 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)

[21-0156](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Niles, Illinois (“Niles”).

Goods or Services: Niles is requesting an IGA to construct and maintain trail improvements on the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Recently, Niles reduced Howard Street from a 4-lane road to a 2-lane road and added protected bike lanes and a pedestrian refuge island along Howard Street at the North Branch Trail crossing. Niles is looking to add additional safety measures in the form of advance warning signs and refresh other standard trail markings to reinforce awareness by trail users as they approach the crossing.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

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

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: \$4,671.00 (waived)

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

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles proposes to construct and maintain trail improvements to the North Branch Trail near the Howard Street crossing. Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance

costs associated with the project. No trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) program fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0156. 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)

[21-0155](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Roosevelt Road and First Avenue in Miller Meadow for 0.032 acres, or 1,394 square feet.

Reason: IDOT has requested a permanent easement on the south side of Roosevelt Road just east of First Avenue in Miller Meadow to construct approximately 130 linear feet of sidewalk as part of improvements it is making to the nearby intersection. The sidewalk would allow Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy students and others to more safely walk from the bus stop on the south side of Roosevelt Road to its intersection with First Avenue.

The sidewalk will be installed by IDOT and maintained by the Village of Forest Park as part of an intergovernmental agreement between those parties.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.032 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$5,000.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

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

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 21-0155. 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 DEBORAH SIMS, seconded by Commissioner ALMA E. ANAYA, that this was 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

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