



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

Real Estate Committee

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:15 AM

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

Issued On: 01/28/2026

NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Room A, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony are encouraged to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting and shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

26-0151

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/13/2026

[26-0005](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Nicor Gas Company, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a 4-inch gas main, the total length of which is 2,728 linear feet of pipe on Forest Preserves land, including 2,112 feet on land designated for the operation of a zoo by the Chicago Zoological Society (“Zoo-designated land”) and the remaining 616 feet outside Zoo-designated land. At the standard license width of 15 feet, the license area is 0.21 acre(s) outside Zoo-designated land and 0.73 acre(s) inside Zoo-designated land. Historically, the Zoo has had the autonomy to allow utility infrastructure installation deemed essential to its operation and maintenance without going through the Forest Preserves’ license approval process. Due to part of the licensed area being outside Zoo-designated land, this license request is being submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. License fees are only being charged for the portion of the gas main which will be located outside Zoo-designated land. The Zoo’s risk management staff have indicated this secondary gas line is needed as backup service in case of emergencies to avoid disruption in natural gas service. One (1) tree (a callery pear) will need to be removed. The new line will be located substantially within existing rights-of-way and a large portion will be under an existing shared use path.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$20,787.88

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,350.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$32,637.88 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$323.87

The area of the License is: 0.94 acre(s), of which 0.21 acre(s) is outside Zoo-designated land.

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): 16

Legislative History : 1/13/26 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynne M. Turner", is centered within a light gray rectangular box. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary

Chairwoman: Anaya

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: Committee of the Whole