



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

Minutes of the Real Estate Committee

9:15 AM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (9)

Absent: Moore, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Morita, and Vásquez (6)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, S. Morrison (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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.

No public speakers

26-0151

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 26-0151. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (9)

Absent: Moore, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Morita, and Vásquez (6)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, S. Morrison (2)

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 Licensors 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 26-0005. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (9)

Absent: Moore, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Morita, and Vásquez (6)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, S. Morrison (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (9)

Absent: Moore, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Morita, and Vásquez (6)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, S. Morrison (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairwoman



Secretary

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