



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Real Estate Committee**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

9:30 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

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

According to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board's Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 1-4-30, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board and at committee meetings of the Board. Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

14-0101

PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL REQUEST

Department(s): Planning & Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves"), as Licensor to Renew and Amend a License Agreement with ComEd ("Grantee"), to allow Grantee to continue to operate, replace, and maintain electric transmission facilities on nine parcels owned by the Preserves, as described in the License Agreement dated 7/14/1958 and recorded as Document 17271279 in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds on 7/25/1958.

The original License Agreement expired on 7/14/2008. The amended Agreement, as proposed, will extend the term of the License for 20 years, commencing on 7/14/2008 and terminating on 7/14/2028.

Term: Twenty (20) Years

License Fee: \$7,500,000.00. One-time upfront fee of \$2,250,000.00 to bring the License current. Annual fee of \$375,000.00 due on or before the renewal date for the remaining 14 years of the License, commencing on 7/14/2008 and ending on 7/14/2028.

Renewal Application Fee: \$500.00, included in License Fee

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00, included in License Fee. ~~One time upfront fee of \$2,250,000.00 to bring the License current. Annual fee of \$375,000.00 due on or before the renewal date for the remaining 14 years of the License, commencing on 7/14/2008 and ending on 7/14/2028.~~

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 109.26 Acres

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

District(s): 6 and 17

Legislative History 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

14-0170

Sponsors: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A Resolution Opposing the United States Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Use of the Fullerton Woods and Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range for Stormwater Management

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“U.S. Army Corps”) issued an Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries of Illinois and Wisconsin (the “Report”);

WHEREAS, the Report sought to create a comprehensive plan for addressing flooding and stormwater along the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, the Report proposed a variety of remediation measures along the Des Plaines river, including the creation of a reservoir within the Aptakistic Creek watershed, in Lake County, Illinois, near the Village of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2013, the Village of Buffalo Grove passed a resolution opposing the siting of the reservoir at Aptakistic Creek; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps issued a “Documentation of Changes to the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment” (the “Documentation of Changes”) in response to the Village of Buffalo Grove’s resolution;

WHEREAS, the Documentation of Changes removed the proposal for a reservoir within the Aptakisic Creek watershed and proposed the creation of two reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County were never presented with and have not ruled upon the proposal within the Documentation of Changes;

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of the reservoirs is not supported as a land use under law and is against the mission and land use policies of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners convene a public hearing to discuss the proposed creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and/or his designee, report to the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners on the proposed reservoirs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will investigate the creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this Resolution be tendered to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Legislative History 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

14-0172

Sponsors: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REPURPOSING THE WATCHMAN’S HOUSE AT 87TH AND BEVERLY AVENUE IN THE DAN RYAN FOREST PRESERVES

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) watchman’s house at 87th and Beverly Avenue in the Dan Ryan Preserves has been unoccupied for a few years; and recently, this structure sustained significant damage due to water pipes breaking and will need extensive renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Dan Ryan Preserves has another watchman’s house located at 91st and Longwood Drive, which is approximately one half mile away from the house located at 87th and Beverly Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the watchman’s house at 87th and Beverly Avenue is conveniently located along the Major Taylor Bicycle Trail. Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor was an American cyclist who won the world 1-mile track cycling championship in 1899 after setting numerous world records and overcoming racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this unfortunate property damage at the watchman’s house located on 87th and Beverly Ave provides a unique opportunity for the Preserves to explore alternative use for the structure; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the local community and elected officials and with the identification of the appropriate funds, the watchman's house located at 87th and Beverly Ave. can become a new public destination for the Preserves; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests that the Superintendent of the Preserves, and/or his designee, examine the cost and benefit of removing the watchman's house located at 87th and Beverly from the Preserve's Resident Watchman program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is also requested that the Superintendent of the Preserves, and/or his designee conduct outreach with the Dan Ryan Preserves local community and elected officials to explore interest in alternative uses and funding sources for said watchman's house.

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