



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

**Real Estate Committee**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**9:30 AM**

**Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st Street,  
Brookfield, Illinois**

**People attending the meeting should enter from the South Gate at 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield, IL 60513**

**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 Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st Street, Brookfield, 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.facebook.com/FPDCC/> or <https://www.facebook.com/FPDCC/live> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony 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.

**23-0468**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/27/2023

[23-0015](#)

**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 and temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Des Plaines River Road south of Foster Avenue in Schiller Park for a total of 0.7 acres or approximately 30,325 square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT is seeking the grant of a permanent easement on 0.61 acres and a temporary easement on 0.09 acres of Forest Preserves property to rebuild part of an existing culvert and headwall on Des Plaines River Road over an unnamed creek south of Foster Avenue and north of the Forest Preserves’ River Bend Family Picnic Area in Schiller Park.

The culvert is in poor condition, and the land around it has eroded. Improvements include erosion control upgrades at the east end of the culvert and a new headwall and sidewalk. Most of the permanent easement area is currently within the road right-of-way. A permanent easement in this area was not previously acquired by IDOT but would now be formally acquired. Only approximately 0.1 acres of Forest Preserves property outside the road right-of-way would be impacted.

The proposed culvert replacement will improve road safety and reduce erosion in the creek. The Forest Preserves would receive compensation for the value of the easements and trees.

The area for the permanent easement is 26,371 square feet or 0.6054 acres, and the area for the temporary easement is 3,953 square feet or 0.091 acres. IDOT indicates that fourteen (14) trees in total, including eight (8) live elm, bur oak and hackberry trees, two (2) dead elm trees, and four (4) buckthorn trees are expected to be removed for this project. In practice, once a project subject to tree mitigation fees starts, occasionally more trees will need to be removed than originally estimated. In such instances, the Forest Preserves will increase the Tree Mitigation Fee in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (See Board Item No. 20-0279), provided that any increase above 20% of the original Tree Mitigation Fee will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

**Easement Fee:** \$1,300.00

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$14,264.38

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

**District(s):** 9

**Legislative History :** 6/27/23 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature reads "Lynne M. Turner" in a cursive script.

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Secretary

Chair: Anaya

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: Committee of the Whole