



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

Minutes of the Real Estate Committee

9:40 AM

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (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.

26-0213

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/10/2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 26-0213. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (2)

26-0167

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 ComEd, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 1,806 feet of new 4” conduit and cable, directional bored within the 95th Street/Archer Avenue intersection right-of-way (ROW), in the vicinity of Red Gate Woods. This new line is to replace an existing overhead line of similar length with the same end points that needs to be moved for the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) intersection reconstruction project that is scheduled to start in the spring. There was no existing license for the existing line which is entirely within IDOT road right-of-way.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$60,946.28

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,350.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$72,796.28 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 0.6219 Acre(s)

Concurrency(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):17

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 26-0167. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (2)

26-0168

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 ComEd, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain approximately 482 feet of existing electric line overhead on newly installed power poles on the north side of Dundee Road in Palatine, to accommodate an Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) road improvement project. The road improvement project includes reconstruction of the road over a culvert and a new 8-foot-wide shared use path and retaining wall on the south side of Dundee Road within the existing road right of way (ROW). The proposed location of the overhead electric line would require removal of eight (8) trees, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$16,265.84

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$7,350.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$28,115.84 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$18,547.94

The area of the License is: 0.166 acre(s)

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): 14

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 26-0168. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (2)

26-0169

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent and a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Des Plaines River Road north of Foster Avenue in Schiller Park for 0.501 acres or 21,823 square feet.

Reason: IDOT is seeking to address safety and the potential collapse of the road into the Des Plaines River and improve pedestrian safety. The permanent easement is for construction and maintenance of a retaining wall, rip rap, a new sidewalk and other related improvements described in the plans and specifications. The temporary easement will be used for construction access. The work would require removal of sixteen (16) living trees and one (1) dead tree, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners. Staff is recommending waiver of easement compensation in light of safety and environmental benefits of riverbank stabilization. IDOT has agreed to pay tree mitigation fees. The term of the temporary easement is five (5) years, or completion of construction, whichever comes first.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.298 acres, and the area for the temporary easement is 0.203 acres. IDOT indicates that seventeen (17) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$3,650.00 waived

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$148,295.73

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

District(s): 9

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0169. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (2)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Anaya, Moore, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and Stamps (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairwoman



Secretary

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