



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

Real Estate Committee

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

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 virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall 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 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> 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. 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.

21-0276

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 04/13/2021

[21-0223](#)

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 easement and a temporary easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at IL Route 7 (Southwest Highway) and 131st Street in the Groundhog Slough forest preserve for less than 0.2 acres for roadway improvements.

Reason: Permanent and temporary easements are needed at the northwest corner of Southwest Highway and 131st Street as part of a larger drainage improvement project between 131st and 135th Streets. This road segment has experienced severe flooding due to inadequate drainage infrastructure. Stormwater would be conveyed via new storm sewers and improved ditches to Mill Creek and the Cal Sag Channel. The proposed drainage improvements will allow for more effective management of the water levels at McGinnis Slough, which drains via storm sewer to the ditch along Southwest Highway.

A small permanent easement is needed on Forest Preserves land adjoining the roadways for slight roadway widening, installation of traffic signal equipment, an underground drainage culvert, and a roadside ditch. A Forest Preserves sign will need to be relocated.

A small temporary easement is also needed for period of five (5) years to construct the improvements.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.078 acres and the area for the temporary easement is 0.064 acres. IDOT indicates that 0 trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$6,800.00, including \$5,900.00 for permanent and \$900.00 for temporary easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easements are subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

Legislative History : 4/13/21 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Real Estate Committee



Secretary

Chairman: Anaya

Vice-Chairman: Moore

Members: Committee of the Whole