



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

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Tuesday, June 27, 2023

10:00 AM

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore,
Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. George Blakemore
2. Jodie Wiederkehr
3. Michele Miedlar
4. Jessica Guzlas
5. Carol Milan

PRESIDENT

[23-0422](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jacqueline Samuel, PhD

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Expiration Date: 12/31/2024

Summary: The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent on specific steps to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan, the Forest Preserves of Cook County's ambitious long-range plan to restore our forest preserves to ecological health and ensure that all the residents of Cook County are welcome at the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Dr. Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality of life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing committee/ Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the Illinois ACE's Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include National Louis University REACH Award, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Courage Award, and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District area. Dr. Samuel was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago. Her areas of expertise include Urban Management, Community Development, Policymaking, Project Management, and Community Psychology.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 23-0422 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0384](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-0544 - APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES AND MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that, effective upon passage, the following Commissioners are designated and appointed as President Pro Tempore, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the

Board.

Section 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be Commissioner Daley.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the committees and of the subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:

AUDIT (7 members)

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: S. Morrison

Members: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller

BOTANIC GARDEN (9 members)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gordon, ~~Johnson~~, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION (9)

Chair: Miller

Vice-Chair: Gordon Johnson

Members: Anaya, Britton, ~~Gordon~~, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members)

Chair: Miller

Vice-Chair: Quezada

Members: Anaya, Deer, Degnen, ~~Johnson~~, Lowry, Moore, K. Morrison, Stamps

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (7 members)

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Britton, Miller, K. Morrison, Quezada, Trevor

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Lowry

Vice-Chair: Deer

Members: All Board Members

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION (7 members)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Lowry

Members: Degnen, ~~Johnson~~, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, Stamps

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (5 members)

Chair: S. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Trevor

Members: Gordon, Morita, Quezada

LABOR (9 members)

Chair: Anaya

Vice Chair: Quezada ~~Johnson~~

Members: Aguilar, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, ~~Quezada~~, Stamps

LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members)

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Aguilar

Members: Britton, ~~Johnson~~, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL

RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: All Board Members

PENSION (7 members)

Chair: Gainer

Vice-Chair: Anaya

Members: Daley, ~~Johnson~~, Miller, K. Morrison, Trevor, Stamps

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Anaya

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: All Board Members

RECREATION AND ENGAGEMENT (7 members)

Chair: S. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Stamps ~~Johnson~~

Members: Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison, Quezada

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (9 members)

Chair: Lowry

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison

ZOOLOGICAL (9 members)

Chair: K. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: Aguilar, Daley, Deer, Miller, S. Morrison, Quezada, Trevor

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0384. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[23-0386](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Morton Arboretum for tree planting utilizing funds received through the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Grant Period: 5/9/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$35,000.00 in direct match

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 5, 6, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded grant funds from the Morton Arboretum via the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program to plant a total of sixty (60) trees in picnic groves within key preserves in southwest Cook County including Midlothian Meadows, Yankee Woods, Catalina Grove, St. Mihiel Woods, and Turtlehead Lake. These planting efforts serve to reduce the negative impacts of historical ash tree loss due to the Emerald Ash Borer and other stresses that trees in the urban environment face, including impacts from deer, invasive species, and an increasingly stressful climate.

The project will increase forest diversity and resiliency, improve wildlife habitat, and provide additional benefits in the form of improved air and water quality as well as shade for visitors' enjoyment. Trees will consist of a diverse mix of native species.

Total project costs are \$60,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$35,000.00 or approximately 58% in direct match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0386. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0387](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend its Partnership Agreement with Openlands, Chicago, Illinois

Reason: The Forest Preserves wishes to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands in order to complete restoration activities undertaken in association with the installation of a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods.

Contract Period: 1/11/2022 - 9/30/2023

Proposed Partnership Agreement Extension: 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: N/A. This is an extension for time only. The project will continue to be implemented at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: Due to project delays, Openlands has requested and been granted a one-year extension from the Walder Foundation to complete a grant-funded project supporting approximately twenty-one (21) acres of ecological restoration at Beaubien Woods. As a result, the Forest Preserves is subsequently seeking to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands in order to accommodate completion of the project.

This request is an extension for time only. The project is being conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, and builds on plans developed by the Forest Preserves, local communities, and several other governmental organizations and nonprofits to create inviting and culturally relevant access to nature and the Little Calumet River in a way that fosters a healthy community. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 10/5/2021, per Board Item No. 21-0453. The original agreement also referred to the creation of a community gathering space, which has been addressed via a separate partnership agreement with The Field Museum of Natural History and Artist Christine Perri (See Board Item No. 22-0521).

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0387. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 23-0015 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0333](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Davey Resource Group, Elmhurst, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012312 and #74000012313 (Board Item Nos. 23-0334 and 23-0335)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0334 and 23-0335)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012305 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf

courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Davey Resource Group was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0333. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0334](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC, Orland Park, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012305 and #74000012313 (Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0335)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0335)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012312 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to

legal review and approval.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0334. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0335](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Trees “R” Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012305 and #74000012312 (Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0334)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0334)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012313 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Trees “R” Us, Inc. was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0335. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0388](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: BCR Automotive Group DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): One (1) Ford F150 Lightning Pro pick-up truck, and one (1) Ford F150 Hybrid K9 pick-up truck

Contract Value: \$148,433.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$148,433.00

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266; Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Vehicle Purchase 51010.560266; and Equipment Supplies and Maintenance Service 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000012589 issued under Project # 23-FL-211 (City of Chicago Contract No. 115511)

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Facilities and Fleet Department received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee to purchase two vehicles to meet the growing staff needs of the Law Enforcement and Resource Management Departments. One (1) Ford F150 Lightning Pro pick-up truck will be assigned to the Resource Management Department. The purchase of the pick-up truck will support expanding departmental operations, and pilot electric vehicles for the Preserves.

One (1) Ford F150 Hybrid K9 pick-up truck will be assigned to the Law Enforcement Department. This request will be predominantly funded with a \$75,000.00 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) sub-award from the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (Board Item No. 22-0527). The proposed K9 vehicle will help improve the Forest Preserves’ responsiveness to search and rescue efforts, aid in the detection of contraband, and better assist partner agencies with missing persons.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve

23-0388. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0380](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Stanard & Associates, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase the contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Stanard & Associates, Inc. (“Stanard”) will provide services that include but are not limited to behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations and examinations for law enforcement positions.

Original Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months from 5/19/2017 - 5/18/2020 with three (3) one-year extension options; Administrative Extension 5/19/2020 - 5/18/2021; Board Approved Extension (3/16/2021) 5/19/2021- 5/18/2022; exercise of optional renewal 5/19/2022 - 5/18/2023; and Administrative Extension 5/19/2023 - 6/30/2023

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$190,000.00

Original Approval: 5/11/2017, \$120,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 3/16/2021, \$70,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$25,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000004454 issued under Project #17-70-001

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Stanard provides behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations, and examinations for law enforcement positions in accordance with the Forest Preserves' Employment Plan. The Forest Preserves will issue Request for Proposals in 2023 for services to commence in early 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0380. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0392](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of April 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 23-0392. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0397](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - April 2023

Report Period: 4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of April 2023. Payments total \$157,846.20 for April 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 23-0397. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0393](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities: 6/27/2023 - 7/17/2023

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Wednesday, 6/28; 6pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Free workshop covering basic camping skills. *All ages.*

Thursday, 6/29; 9:30am - 11:30am

International Mud Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, Chicago

Join others around the globe for a morning of splashing, squishing, making mud pies and more! *Dress to get messy. All ages. Grove 2.*

Thursday, 6/29; 1pm - 3pm

Archery, Cherry Hill Woods, Willow Springs

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Friday, 6/30; 9am - 12pm

Paddle Day, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove

Paddlers of all skill levels can experience nature by exploring these waterways. *Group reservations required. Ages 5 and up. Equipment provided. Timed paddles. Meet at South Boat Launch.*

Saturday, 7/1; 1pm

Teen Exploration Day: Red, White and Blue, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Walk along on Bur Edge Trail and try to spot flowers, fruits or animals wearing our national colors! *Teens and their families are welcome.*

Saturday, 7/1; 8:30pm

Bat Monitoring Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Using monitoring technology, participate in a search for resident bat activity on our trails. *Ages: 12 and up.*

Sunday, 7/2; 1pm

Dragonflies: Nature's Airshow, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Watch the dragonflies acrobatic display at the CCC Quarry. Includes a moderate 1-mile hike to the CCC Quarry. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045. Ages 12 and up.*

Sunday, 7/2; 1:30pm

Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us for an up-close look at one of our ambassador animals.

Friday, 7/7; 1pm - 3pm

Art in Nature, National Grove, North Riverside

Explore the symbolism between art in nature. Create land art, write a poem, and make tie dye using fruits and spices. *Drop-in. Grove 1.*

Friday, 7/7; 8pm

Sunset Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for an evening walk in the woods as the sun sets and the fireflies flash. *Family program.*

Saturday, 7/8; 10am - 3pm

Kids' Fest, Wampum Lake, Thornton Township

Fishing, canoeing, archery and more! *Registration encouraged. Canoe slots limited.*

Saturday, 7/8; 11am - 3pm

Book Exchange, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Bring gently used books and exchange them for new titles. Enjoy crafts, light refreshments and story time. *Five books maximum for donation.*

Thursday, 7/13; 11am - 2pm

Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Go on a bug hunt, follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies, explore bugs through dance and music, and create your own insect!

Saturday, 7/15; 10am - 2pm

Nature Detectives: Animal Homes Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Look high and low for signs of animal homes during this fun scavenger hunt on our trails. *Drop-in.*

Saturday, 7/15; 12pm - 4pm

Outdoor Block Party: Self-Love Series, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Enjoy music, nature play, games, walks, artmaking projects and more. Light of Loving Kindness will host yoga from 11:30am - 1pm.

Sunday, 7/16; 9am

Hooray for Herons, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a short talk and walk to see herons and other birds. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 7/16; 1:30pm

Bug-a-Palooza, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about the amazing diversity of insects as we catch and release them.

Monday, 7/17; 8:45pm

Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month and view the stars and planets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 23-0393. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023

[23-0288](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2022

Report Period: 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program’s parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefiting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2022 include 60% of awarded contracts; and 51% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in eleven (11) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to receive and file 23-0288. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023

[23-0434](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 5/23/2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0434. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023

[23-0331](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, BRIDGET DEGNEN, MONICA GORDON, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 2 - FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROPERTY, CHAPTER 3 - TRESPASS AND USE OF PROPERTY, SECTION 2-3-5 - DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING and SECTION 2-3-9 -PENALTY of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as Follows:

2-3-5. DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING.

- (a) No person shall deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse

or debris in or upon the property of the Forest Preserve District, nor in any watercourse, lake, pond or slough within the Forest Preserve District. See also Section 2-2-2 of this Code.

- (b) *Penalty.* Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. In addition to the above-referenced fine, any person or entity deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Section shall be liable for the cost to legally dispose of any deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid, or placed ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse or debris, as well as the cost to repair, replace or restore property damaged as a result of such person's or entity's breach.

2-3-9. PENALTY

- (b) *Penalty clause.* Unless another penalty is expressly stated in this chapter of the Forest Preserve District Code, Any any person, firm, or corporation or agents, employees or contractors of such who violate, disobey, omit, neglect or refuse to comply with or who resist enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to fines of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) but not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each day on which such person continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply, after notification thereof. In addition to the above, any person deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Code shall be liable for the cost or expense incurred by the District, as determined by the General Superintendent or his designee, to repair, replace or restore the item or property damaged as a result of such person's breach. ~~The first paragraph of this Section 2 3 9(b) shall not apply for violations of Section 2 3 5 (Dumping Garbage; Littering).~~

In determining the amount of the fine, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:

- 1) The gravity of the offense,
- 2) The respondent's past history with respect to compliance with the provisions of this chapter,
- 3) The respondent's financial situation,
- 4) The extent of respondent's cooperation,
- 5) The likelihood that the respondent will violate the provisions of this chapter in

the future, unless deterred from doing so by the imposition of the maximum fine, and

- 6) Any other factors relevant to the circumstances relating to the violation.

This ordinance, as amended, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve as substituted 23-0331. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0332](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

POLLUTING AND LITTERING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, SECTION 3-3-19 - POLLUTING AND LITTERING of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

3-3-19. POLLUTING AND LITTERING.

- A. *Littering:* No unauthorized person shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind, whether waste or otherwise, in the Forest Preserve, except refuse, ashes, garbage and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic or other permitted activity provided such material is deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- B. *Polluting:* No material of any kind shall be left or deposited in the Forest Preserve so as to pollute the land, waters or air coursing through or over the Forest Preserve or otherwise to

interfere with proper use and enjoyment of the Forest Preserve. No person shall throw, cast, deposit, damage, lay, place or scatter in the waters adjacent to the Forest Preserve, or on any waterway, harbor or lagoon of the Forest Preserve or upon any bathing beaches of the Forest Preserve any glass, bottles, nails, cans or other sharp or cutting substances of any kind. No person shall throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in the bathing beaches or waters in any Forest Preserve or in any storm sewer, or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

- C. *Penalty:* Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. In addition to the above-referenced fine, any person or entity deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Section shall be liable for the cost to legally dispose of any prohibited litter or pollutants, as well as the cost to repair, replace, or restore property damaged as a result of such person's or entity's breach.

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Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve as substituted 23-0332. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0362](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

RESTITUTION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 4 - GENERAL PENALTY, Section 1-4-1 - GENERAL PENALTY AND LATE FEE of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

1-4-1: GENERAL PENALTY AND LATE FEE.

- A. Whenever in any provision of this Code the doing of any act or the omission to do any act or duty is declared to be a breach thereof, and there shall be no specific fine or penalty declared for such breach or where the penalty provision specifically references this section, any person who shall be convicted of any such breach shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such breach (excluding any applicable restitution costs as described in Section 1-4-1(D) below).
- B. In determining the amount of the fine, the following factors may be taken into consideration:
1. The gravity of the offense;
 2. The respondent's past history with respect to compliance with the provisions of this chapter;
 3. The respondent's financial situation, if known;
 4. The extent of respondent's cooperation;
 5. The likelihood that the respondent will violate the provisions of this chapter in the future, unless deterred from doing so by the imposition of the maximum fine; and
 6. Any other factors relevant to the circumstances relating to the violation.
- C. A late fee shall be assessed against a respondent who fails to fully pay any fine and costs assessed pursuant to this Code, within thirty-five (35) days after service of the order assessing the fine. Where the respondent appeals an order to the Circuit Court, the thirty-five-day period shall be tolled during pendency of the appeal. The Director of Department of Revenue or the Director's designate may in his or her discretion waive the late fee where the respondent has entered into a payment plan and is in compliance with that plan. The amount of the late fee shall be based on the total amount of the fines and costs assessed against the respondent, using the following formula:
1. Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or less: The late fee shall be equal to the total amount of the fine, where the fine is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or less.
 2. More than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00): The late fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), plus twenty (20) percent of the total amount of the fine in excess of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), where the amount of the fine is more than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- D. In addition to the above, any person deemed to be in breach of the provisions of this Code shall be liable for the cost or expense incurred by the District, as determined by the General Superintendent or his designee, to repair, replace or restore the item or property damaged as a result of such person's breach.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect August 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve as substituted 23-0362. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0385](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 6/27/2023

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present: \$55,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present: \$494,266.40

Legal Fees for 6/27/2023 to Be Approved: \$47,835.80

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0385. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0382](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 6/27/2023

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$230,133.46

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$0.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present: \$4,500.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$42,500.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0382. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

[23-0390](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for April 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 23-0390. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

[23-0378](#)

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Damon Howell

Position: Treasurer

Department/Board/Commission: Forest Preserves of Cook County

Effective date: Immediate

Summary: Pursuant to Section 1-6-9 (Personnel Provisions) of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, Mr. Damon Howell is hereby appointed to the position of Treasurer of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Per the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-6-3-A, the Treasurer is also considered the Chief Financial Officer of the Forest Preserves.

Mr. Howell has a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business Management from Augusta College and a Master of Science degree in Accounting from Governor's State University.

Mr. Howell has held various positions in the finance field, including Acting Treasurer and Interim Chief Financial Officer since April, Comptroller of the Forest Preserves since 2019 and Field Auditor in the Office of the Cook County Auditor from 2001 until 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0378. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023

[23-0356](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Refer to Real Estate Committee

Item Number: 22-0276

Fiscal Impact: \$51,428.74 in additional tree mitigation revenue

Account(s): N/A

District(s): 14

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED LICENSE

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensors to grant a License to ComEd, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 2,585 feet of underground electric cable and 875 feet of pole-mounted electric cable along Dundee and Lee roads in Northbrook, Illinois. The cable will replace some existing line and add new line to improve access and response time to outages. The work would require removal of twenty-two ~~three smaller~~ trees including six trees with no value. No trail closures are anticipated.

Term: Ten (10) years

License Fee: \$109,614.33

License Application Fee: \$1,500.00

License Review Fees: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,900.00

Additional Fee: \$20,000.00. This fee is to support ecological restoration work in Chipilly Woods.

Total one-time upfront fee of \$141,014.33 for the term of the License

Tree Mitigation Fee: ~~\$1,655.77~~ \$53,084.51

The area of the License is: 1.1915 Acres

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve

23-0356. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, moved to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Deer (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.