



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

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

10:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita,
Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)
Absent: Deer (1) excused

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was allow for remote participation in meeting. 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) excused

CONSENT CALENDAR

[24-0162](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. TOM MEEHAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES AT THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to congratulate

Dr. Tom Meehan on his retirement as Vice President of Veterinary Services at the Chicago Zoological Society after 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meehan has had a monumental impact on the field of Zoological Medicine over the last five decades, and his countless noteworthy contributions have immensely benefited veterinary medicine, animal welfare and conservation efforts locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meehan started his work at Brookfield Zoo in July of 1993 as the Director of Veterinary Services, after having served as a veterinarian at Lincoln Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Meehan has been a voice for free ranging wildlife, tirelessly working to maintain the ability of veterinarians to legally provide the best care possible for wildlife, even when it doesn't fit the traditional domestic animal models of veterinary practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meehan built strong partnerships with regional conservation organizations, including the Forest Preserves of Cook County, working alongside Forest Preserves wildlife biologists to better understand the health of the local environment. These partnerships led to the development of the Illinois Zoological and Wildlife Health Management Residency Program, a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the University of Illinois, Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Brookfield Zoo committed to population health and conservation; and

WHEREAS, before specialized pathology services were available to most zoological institutions, Dr. Meehan worked with pathologists at local and state academic institutions to develop what is now known as the University of Illinois Zoological Pathology Program, one of the first shared zoo and wildlife pathology programs of its kind which has grown to be one of the most productive and well-recognized teams of pathologists serving the zoo, wildlife and aquatic animal communities today; and

WHEREAS, in his commitment to advancing the care of zoological animals, Dr. Meehan was a major force behind the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians' efforts to establish guidelines for Zoo and Aquarium Veterinary Medical Programs and Veterinary Hospitals, which were later adopted in full by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums ("AZA"). Serving for 23 years on the AZA independent Accreditation Commission and as an advisor, Dr. Meehan had a positive and significant direct impact on the health and welfare of animals across the United States; and

WHEREAS, his passion for mentorship and education at all levels led Dr. Meehan to help develop exhibits and programs at Brookfield Zoo supporting early childhood education and contributing to the development of the area of study now known as conservation psychology, which began at Brookfield Zoo. He was instrumental in organizing the needed collaborative support that allowed for the development of one of the most sought-after professional training programs, the Illinois Zoological and Aquatic Animal Residency Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meehan has worked tirelessly over his career to improve the care and well-being of primates, particularly gorillas, by advancing conservation efforts, standards of medical management,

husbandry and breeding for this species. In addition to working directly with the species, Dr. Meehan has published extensively on primates and gorillas, serving as both the Gorilla Species Survival Plan vet advisor and the Great Ape Taxon Advisory Group advisor, and has been an integral part of the Great Ape Heart Project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meehan has held professional roles with the United States Animal Health Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. He is also the recipient of many honors and awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Inspector of the Year, among others; and

WHEREAS, through it all, Dr. Meehan has been a remarkable veterinarian, steadfast professional, trusted colleague, dedicated mentor, compassionate leader, and constant teacher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Dr. Tom Meehan for his dedication, service, and enormous contributions as Vice President of Veterinary Services at the Chicago Zoological Society and wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Tom Meehan as a token of appreciation for his strong partnership with the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0162. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Henrietta Saunders, Conservation and Policy Council

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[24-0161](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: Annual Energy Expense Report

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Summary: On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into agreements recommended by Ameresco, Inc. (Board Item No. 21-0125). Previously, on 10/20/2020, the Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Ameresco, Inc. to provide, in part, procurement of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy (Board Item No. 20-0363). On 11/14/2023, the Board of Commissioners approved an extension of the contract with Ameresco, Inc. until 9/30/2025 (Board Item No. 23-0452). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to refer 24-0161 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0163](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Resident Watchman Annual Report

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Summary: This report is required per Section 1-9-3 (Fees and Occupancy of District Lands) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances. The report provides names, job titles, and salaries of employees who occupied property within the Resident Watchman Program for fiscal year 2023 and includes other program-related information.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 24-0163. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0063](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of January 2024. 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 24-0063. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0146](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers’ Compensation Report - January 2024

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers’ Compensation Claim Payments for the month of January 2024. Payments total \$89,400.75 for January 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 24-0146. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0152](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 3/12/2024 - 4/16/2024

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

Tuesday, 3/12; 7pm - 8:30pm

National Girl Scout Birthday Evening Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy an evening walk through the woods. *Open to all levels of Girl Scout Troops. Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 3/14; 11am - 1pm

Nature Hike and Journaling, Orland Grassland, Orland Park

Discover the joy of drawing and writing while learning and taking a hike in nature. Create a journal or bring your own.

Thursday, 3/14; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Weaving Workshop, Swallow Cliff Pavilion, Palos Park

Create a small wall hanging art piece using natural materials. *Supplies and instruction will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Ages 10-17 with an adult.*

Saturday, 3/16; 9am - 11am

The Energy of Water: A Forest Therapy Walk, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Join us as we explore the movement of water all around us. Participants will be guided through a grounding exercise, walk, tea ceremony and a water mandala activity. *Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 3/16; 10am

Women's History in Conservation Walk, Plum Creek Meadow, Chicago Heights

Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious mind who wants to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. *This hike will be 1.8 miles and will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation.*

Saturday, 3/16; 10am - 12pm

Restoration and S'mores, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Help restore our woodlands by cutting down invasive species and having a brush pile burn. *S'mores and light snacks will be provided after the restoration work. Registration required. Ages 12 and up.*

Please call (708) 868-0606.

Saturday, 3/16; 10:30am

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 3/16; 1pm

Marzanna Craft for Kids - in Polish, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Poznaj Słowiańską tradycję witania wiosny i stwórz własną "Marzannę". *Wstęp wolny, rejestracja pod numerem 708-366-6530. Program dla dzieci do lat 12 w towarzystwie opiekuna.*

Saturday, 3/16; 1:30pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 3/16; 1pm

Signs of Spring, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us for a walk looking for signs of spring's arrival and learn about plants and animals' response to the longer days. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 3/17; 11am - 3pm

Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping, and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 3/17; 12pm

Mental Health Tune-Ups, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn about the importance of mental health and how to help raise awareness while benefiting from time spent in nature. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Wednesday, 3/20; 11am - 2pm

Celebrate Spring Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Celebrate the vernal equinox and the arrival of spring by painting a bird house, learning about seasonal changes, building, and playing with natural materials, as well as other kid-friendly activities. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Thursday, 3/21; 1pm**Teen Exploration Day: The Botany of Zelda, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Inspired by the Nintendo game, learn how the fictional plants of Hyrule Forest connect to our native plants. *Registration required. Ages 12-17. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 3/23; 8am**Wellness in the Woods: Bike Ride, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Learn about Marshall “Major” Taylor and his connection to the Forest Preserves. Join us on a 16-mile guided bike ride on the trail named in his honor. *Must bring your own bike and helmet.*

Saturday, 3/23; 11am**Accessibility Trail Outing, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood**

Join us on a 1.7-mile paved trail with resting points throughout. Perfect for those who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility. *Grove 6. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 3/23; 1pm**Muddy Paws Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Let’s search the muddy trails to identify what other animals are using them.

Saturday, 3/23; 1pm - 3pm**Spring Eggstravaganza, Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago**

Celebrate the changing season and learn about Cook County’s wildlife through crafts, themed walks, refreshments and more. *For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 3/23; 1pm - 3pm**Painting and Papercrafts, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate spring with arts and crafts inspired by the changing season. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Ages 13-17 with an adult. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 3/24; 11am - 2pm**Truckin’ Into Spring, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs**

The event is hosted in partnership with Go Ape Chicago. Enjoy activities including the nature obstacle course named Treetop Nets. Food trucks and vendors will be onsite. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Sunday, 3/24; 1pm**Artist as Naturalist, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Celebrate Women's History Month by learning how artists made scientific discoveries accessible to society. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 3/24; 1:30pm

Bucket Bug Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk through our sugar bush to learn about early spring insects. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 3/25; 11:45pm - 3am

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Watch this celestial phenomenon unfold into the wee hours of the morning. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Wednesday, 3/27 through Friday, 3/29; 9am - 3pm

Spring Nature Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Learn the significance of spring in Native American culture while participating in various timed activities with Trickster Cultural Center. *Registration required. Please call (773) 758-8899.*

Wednesday, 3/27; 10am - 1pm

Spring Break-OUT Adventure, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Enjoy time out of school with activities including archery, nature play, hikes, art, and other fun. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Wednesday, 3/27; 11am

Spring Break Feeding Frenzy, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Learn what, why and how staff feed the animal ambassadors at the nature center. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Wednesday, 3/27; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Thursday, 3/28; 10am - 1pm

Spring Breakout Adventures, Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center, Chicago

Try a variety of outdoor recreation activities while spending school break in nature. *For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Friday, 3/29; 11am - 2pm

Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Explore, discover, and create! Spend your spring break outside with several outdoor recreation activities.

Saturday, 3/30; 1pm

Micro-Safari Part II, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

The microscopic adventure through Crabtree's waters continues. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Thursday, 4/4; 5pm

Wellness in the Woods: Bike Ride, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights

Join us on a guided bike ride for 5 miles. *Must bring your own bike and helmet.*

Saturday, 4/6; 10am - 2pm

2nd Annual Trash Bash, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Make spring cleaning more sustainable! Our event partners will be collecting electronics, prescription drugs, books, musical instruments, bikes, clothing and more. *The first 50 donors will receive a free "Don't be Trashy" t-shirt. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 4/6; 11am - 1pm

Arab American Heritage Month, Elizabeth Conkey-South, Palos Heights

Learn and explore contributions from the Arab American Community.

Sunday, 4/7; 2pm

Arab American Heritage Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month by participating in a guided walk to learn more about the culture and history and its impact on our country. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Monday, 4/8; 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Partial Solar Eclipse, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us and watch the eclipse safely. *A solar telescope and eclipse glasses are available on-site. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Monday, 4/8; 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Solar Eclipse Viewing, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us and watch the eclipse. *A solar telescope and eclipse glasses are available on-site. For more information, please call (708) 366-6530.*

Wednesday, 4/10; 5:30pm - 7pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration required. Please visit the website for more information.*

Friday, 4/12; 1pm - 3pm

Bird Painting Workshop Step-by-Step: Goldfinch, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for bird painting. *All skill levels are welcomed, and all supplies are provided. Registration required. The cost is \$5 per person. Ages 15 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Friday, 4/12; 7pm

Timberdoodle Walks, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Observe and learn about the American woodcock courtship display in the darkening sky. *Registration required. Ages 7 and up. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 4/13; 8am

Fishing Derby, Papoose Lake, Palos Park

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing. Prizes awarded.

Saturday, 4/13; 9am - 10am

Animal Origami, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Observe bird feeder activity as we make origami animals such as bunnies, insects, and birds, including your own favorite animal! *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 4/13; 9am - 3pm

ENTICE Workshop: The Wonderful World of Lichens, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

In partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, explore the world of lichens by learning about this symbiotic partnership. You will learn how to identify lichens and how they can be incorporated into your classroom. *Professional Development hours available. Registration required. For more information, please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 4/13; 11am - 12:30pm

Wilderness Survival 101, Deer Grove-East Palatine

This hands-on program demonstrates how to use the natural resources around you. *Grove 4. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 4/13; 1pm - 2pm

Teen Exploration Day: Wilderness Survival 101, Deer Grove-East Palatine

This hands-on program demonstrates how to use the natural resources around you. *Grove 4. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 4/13 through Sunday 4/14

Camping Leadership Immersion Course, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

This overnight training course will teach you the skills needed to plan and lead group camping trips. The course will cover such topics as safety, day-hiking, tent, stove-set up, teambuilding and leadership skills, as well as educational offerings. After training, you will gain access to the gear library and group site. *Registration required. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes food and camping gear. Ages 18 and up. For registration and more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 4/14; 11am

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 4/14; 12:30pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 4/14; 1pm

Accessible Wildflower Walk, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

This leisurely walk will highlight wildflowers along a paved driveway. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 4/14; 1pm - 3pm

Sand Ridge Service Days: Garlic Mustard Pull, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us each month as we care for the Sand Ridge Campus with a variety of activities! Earn service-learning hours. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 4/14; 2pm

GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in a technology-inspired scavenger hunt. *Registration required. All ages. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and file 24-0152. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[24-0139](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 2 - Contracts and Purchases of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

Section. 1-8-2 CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

- A. Conditions and Restrictions on Awarding a Contract
- B. Signatures Required on Contracts
- C. Purchase Orders
- D. Effect of Tax or Fee Delinquency
- E. Bids by Local Business
- F. Recycled Product Procurement Policy
- G. Cook County Resident Employment Requirement
- H. Contracts for Supplies, Material and Work
- I. Powers and duties of Purchasing Agent
- J. Rules and Regulations
- K. No Delegation of Power to Act for Expenditure Exceeding \$150,000.00
- L. Contracts for a Period Exceeding Three (3) Years
- M. Competitive Bidding Contracts
- N. Requests for Proposals or Requests for Qualifications
- O. Purchase Procedure
- P. Sole Source Procurements
- Q. Emergency Purchases
- R. [Section Deleted].

- S. Construction, Maintenance, and Repair of Public Works
- T. Living Wage
- U. Disqualification for Noncompliance with Child Support Order:
- V. Disqualification Due to Prior Default or Termination
- W. False Statements
- X. Comparative Government Procurement
- Y. Innovative Procurement
- Z. Joint Procurements
- AA. Consortium and Group Procurements
- BB. Procurement and Disbursements Reports
- CC. Selection of Professional Services for Debt Transactions

Full text of this ordinance amendment can be found here: <https://bit.ly/24-0139>

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve 24-0139. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0140](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

DESIGN-BUILD PROCUREMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 6 - Design-Build Procurements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted as Follows:

1-8-6: Design-Build Procurements

- A. Definitions
- B. Solicitation of Proposals
- C. Scope and Performance Criteria
- D. Procedures for Selection
- E. Combined Evaluations Phases for Projects Estimated to be Less than \$12,000,000

- F. Submission of Proposals
- G. Award
- H. Reports and Evaluation

Full text of this ordinance can be found here: <https://bit.ly/24-0140>

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Finance committee to approve 24-0140. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0154](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Seal Tight Exteriors, Inc., primary place of business Steger, Illinois, for three (3) new roofs at George W. Dunne Golf Course clubhouse and driving range buildings and at Tinley Creek Canine Training building.

Reason: Contract #74000013894 issued under Solicitation #23-80-010227 for Project #23-80-21 Roof Replacements at George W. Dunne Golf Course and Tinley Creek Canine Training. The work includes, but is not limited to, removal of existing roofs, new roof insulation and new shingle roofs at George W. Dunne Golf Course clubhouse and driving range buildings and at Tinley Creek Canine Training building, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 2/2/2024

Bid Results:

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| 1. Seal Tight Exteriors, Inc. | \$193,400.00 |
| 2. All American Roofing, Inc. DBA All American Exteriors Solutions | \$242,000.00 |
| 3. SLOG Group, LLC | \$254,325.83 |

4. L. Marshall, Inc. \$334,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$193,400.00

Contract Period: Three hundred and sixty (360) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Property Maintenance and Operations 51034.560105 and 51009.560105

District: 6

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Finance committee to approve 24-0154. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0145](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 3/12/2024

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$171,256.51

Legal Fees for 3/12/2024 to Be Approved: \$26,241.55

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

with the recommendation of the Finance committee to approve 24-0145. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0129](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -3/12/2024

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present:	\$162,392.10
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$42,641.13
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present:	\$12,500.00
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved:	\$0.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Finance committee to approve 24-0129. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0074](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2024

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for January 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Finance committee to receive and file 24-0074. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

[24-0090](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 23, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet Woods in District 5.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

1588 13th Street, Ford Heights, Cook County, Illinois

PARCEL 1:

LOTS 16 TO 30 IN BLOCK 1, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 2, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 3, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 4, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 13, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 14, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 15, LOTS 16 TO 30 IN BLOCK 16, LOTS 16 TO 30 IN BLOCK 17, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 18, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 19, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 20, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 25, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 26, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 27, LOTS 24 TO 30 IN BLOCK 28, LOTS 23 TO 30 IN BLOCK 30, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 31, LOTS 1 TO 30 IN BLOCK 32, LOTS 1 TO 9 IN BLOCK 33, LOTS 22 TO 30 IN BLOCK 33, LOTS 23 TO 30 IN BLOCK 34, ALL IN DE FORREST SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 18, 1891 IN BOOK 48 PAGE 30 AS DOCUMENT 1470496 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THAT PART VACATED SUMMIT AVENUE LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOTS 16 TO 30 IN BLOCK 4 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ALSO PARCEL 3: THE EAST 1/2 OF THAT PART VACATED SUMMIT AVENUE LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOTS 16 TO 30 IN BLOCK 13 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ALSO PARCEL 4:

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PINs:

32-23-204-031, 32-23-205-031, 32-23-206-031, 32-23-207-032, 32-23-212-031, 32-23-213-031, 32-23-214-031, 32-23-215-033, 32-23-220-031, 32-23-221-031, 32-23-222-031, 32-23-223-034, 32-23-228-031, 32-23-229-031, 32-23-230-031, 32-23-231-032, 32-23-236-031, 32-23-237-031, 32-23-238-032, 32-23-241-033, 32-23-241-034, 32-23-242-032

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 2,450,773 SQUARE FEET, OR 56.262 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the Real Estate committee to approve 24-0090. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

Nays: Morrison (1)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0089](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): Larry A. Paarlberg and Marcia Christine Paarlberg, As Joint Tenants (Owners of

Record)

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

Description of Real Estate: 1588 13th Street, Ford Heights, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): PINS

32-23-204-031	32-23-205-031	32-23-206-031	32-23-207-032	32-23-212-031
32-23-213-031	32-23-214-031	32-23-215-033	32-23-220-031	32-23-221-031
32-23-222-031	32-23-223-034	32-23-228-031	32-23-229-031	32-23-230-031
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SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 2,450,773 SQUARE FEET, OR 56.262 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,410,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,420,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and ARPA Fund 51032.560010

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified several parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Sweet Woods (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 1588 13th Street, Ford Heights, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 56.262 ± acres. The Property has natural and fallowed land.

Through negotiations, the Owners of Record (the “Sellers”), have agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,410,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,420,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

The Property contains three parcels comprising approximately 2.85 ± acres which are located within the Lincoln Highway Corridor Study Area and the Ford Heights-Cottage Grove/Route 30 TIF boundary (the “Study/TIF Area”). The Forest Preserves proposes to use the portion of the Property that overlaps with the Study/TIF Area for Forest Preserves uses authorized under its Enabling Statute. In the interest of full transparency, if within five (5) years of closing on the proposed acquisition another government entity, including without limitation, Cook County, Cook County Land Bank Authority, and the Village of Ford Heights, desires that the Forest Preserves convey the Study/TIF Area to the acquiring government entity for fair market value for a public purpose via the Local Government Property Transfer Act, then the Forest Preserves would be willing to explore such conveyance, subject to approval of the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0089. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)
- Nayes:** Morrison (1)
- Absent:** Deer and Gainer (2)

[24-0137](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at 123rd Street in Palos Hills for 0.082 Acres or 3,572 square feet for construction access. The construction would impact twenty-two (22) living trees and two (2) dead 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.

Reason: IDOT intends to replace an existing culvert under the road at 123rd Street and 93rd Avenue in Palos Hills and requests this temporary easement for site access. The term of the temporary easement is five (5) years, or completion of construction, whichever comes first.

The area needed for construction access will not require a permanent easement but only a temporary easement of approximately 0.082 acres. IDOT indicates that twenty-four (24) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$1,400.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$233,343.78

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

District(s): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, concur with the recommendation of the Real Estate Committee to approve 24-0137. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Deer and Gainer (2) excused

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

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

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