

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 11, 2018

I. Call to Order

President Gilmour called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:40 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Cullick, Gilmour, Davidson, Gryder, Hendrix, Prochaska, and Purcell all were present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by President Hendrix. All, aye. Opposed, none.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens in attendance.

V. Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Cullick left the meeting room at 6:41 pm.

Director Guritz provided an executive director's report along with reports from site supervisors.

Commissioner Cullick re-entered the meeting at 6:41 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

VI. Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve – Survey Results and Preliminary Plan Presentation – Upland Design

Director Guritz thanked Michelle Kelly and the Upland Design support staff for their work on the Pickerill-Pigott Master Plan.

Michelle Kelly of Upland Design provided an overview of the master plan phases. Based on the public meetings, visits, and surveys, there is more data on public interests for the development of the preserve. About 95 percent of the survey respondents were Kendall County residents. The activities and amenities that received the highest reported interests included hiking, scenic viewing, photography, and picnic areas.

Commissioner Hendrix remarked that within the activities that survey participants indicated they currently participate in includes biking.

Michelle Kelly remarked that both biking and fishing were ranked highly by the survey respondents.

Commissioner Purcell asked about the length of the proposed trails.

Director Guritz responded there are about 5 miles of proposed trails within the Phase I and Phase II development plans.

Michelle Kelly remarked that there are 4 buildings on the preserve, with staff recommending the demolition of the Pigott ranch house and the Pickerill estate metal storage building. The entry road will be widened, with a new parking lot with a 50 car capacity installed, along with a 2 unit restroom at the welcome center. Natural area restoration, and construction of an overlook is included in Phase I. Phase II would include a larger shelter and a counsel ring near the Pickerill estate house. This project is eligible for participation in the 2019 Illinois State-IDNR OSLAD program.

Director Guritz remarked that the placement of the shelters can be switched should Commission have a preference once the final cost calculations are presented.

Commissioner Hendrix asked how this list of activities was made for the survey.

Director Guritz stated that the list of activities are typical for forest preserve areas, with an 'other' category included for participants to share other interests not included within the activities list.

Commissioner Gryder asked how long it is expected to complete Phase II development.

Director Guritz stated that Phase II can be completed at any point in the future once Phase I development is completed.

Commissioner Hendrix asked once the plan is approved, if there can be changes made.

Director Guritz responded that the Phase I projects will need to be completed as presented, with the scope of Phase II improvements changed at any time.

Commissioner Hendrix asked where water will be available to the public.

Michelle Kelly responded that Upland Design will work to include a water fountain at the lower shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

VII. Review of a Proposal from Midwest Environmental Consulting for Completion of a Lead and Asbestos Inspection at the Pigott Ranch House

The Committee of the Whole elected to postpone discussion on item VII until the following meeting.

VIII. Hoover Rail Crossing Improvement Project Updates

Director Guritz reported that IDOT may pay for the proposed ComEd and OmniTRAX easements that are required to bring electrical service to the crossing gates.

IX. Chubb Insurance Group Coverage Renewal for Equestrian Program Participants and Volunteers

The Committee of the Whole elected to postpone discussion on item IX until the following meeting.

X. Executive Session

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to enter into executive session under 2c5 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Roll call: Commissioner Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Hendrix, and Prochaska, aye. Opposed, Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried by a vote of 6:1.

Executive session called to order at 7:22 pm.

Commissioner Purcell left the meeting room at 7:48 pm and returned at 7:50 pm.

Commissioner Purcell left the meeting room at 8:03 pm and returned at 8:15 pm.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:22 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Hendrix. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:23 pm.

XI. Kendall County Highway Department Cost Estimates for Completion of Cherry Road and Senior Planning Asselmeier Review of Questions

Pertaining to the Development of Parcels Adjacent to Henneberry Forest Preserve

The Committee of the Whole elected to postpone discussion on item XI until the following meeting.

XII. Motion to Forward for Commission Consideration the Approval of the Submission of a District Request to the Oswegoland Park District to Consider the Release and Reassignment of the Open Space Parcels at Henneberry Woods Subdivision – Lot K and Lot RR to the District, including the Potential Establishment of Trail Corridor Easements for Future Trail Connections to Henneberry Forest Preserve Waa Kee Sha Park

The Committee of the Whole elected to postpone discussion on item XII until the following meeting.

XIII. Other Items of Business

- Pickerill-Pigott Preliminary Master Plan Public Hearing
Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 5-7 PM at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse, 110 W. Madison Street Yorkville, IL 60560

XIV. Citizens to be Heard

No public comments were received from citizens attending the meeting.

XV. Adjournment

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hendrix. Aye, all. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Executive Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District