

**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 2, 2009 Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Larry Troutman at 7:45 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 West Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois.

**II. Attendance**

A quorum was present; five members were in attendance.

Committee Members Present: Larry Troutman, Vice-Chair; Gil Anderson; Audrey Clair; Kathy Dehn and Scott Lager

Committee Members Absent: Mary Ann Deutsche, Chair; Steve Baker, Bill Bromer

Staff Present: Ralph Schultz, Director of Planning & Operations; and Larry Newton, Land Preservation Coordinator

**III. Approval of August 31, 2009 Minutes**

Motion by Lager, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of the August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (5-0).

**IV. Staff Reports**

**A. CIP Acquisition Status Report**

Schultz reported that no acquisition activity has occurred in the past month, so current balance and obligations remain the same as August. There are two proposed acquisitions that the Board will be considering at its November meeting (Parcels SC8A & B) as well as a proposed addition to the acquisition list (three parcels along Forked Creek in Wesley Township).

**B. CIP Project Status Report**

Schultz discussed master planning at South Rock Run, Rock Run Rookery and Lake Chaminwood; Riverview Farmstead architectural services; and Hadley Valley Preserve's opening.

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Approval of Resolution No. 09-45, Authorizing the Acquisition of Parcel SC8A in the Spring Creek Resource Plan as Part of the 2007 Bond Extension Acquisition Program

Newton mentioned that the subject parcel lies between Messenger Woods Preserve and Hadley Valley Preserve and amounts to 25.6 acres along Spring Creek. Acquisition of this parcel would allow the District to reduce the gap in public ownership along the creek in Homer Township. There are no structures on the parcel and a farm license will be granted to the current tenant farmer for the next growing season.

Staff recently submitted a natural areas grant application to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation seeking to offset some of the acquisition costs for this parcel. The District is still awaiting word from the Foundation regarding grant award.

Motion by Dehn, seconded by Clair, to recommend approval of Resolution 09-45. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- B. Approval of Resolution No. 09-46, Authorizing the Acquisition of Parcel SC8B in the Spring Creek Resource Plan as Part of the 2007 Bond Extension Acquisition Program

Newton mentioned that the subject parcel lies between Messenger Woods Preserve and Hadley Valley Preserve and amounts to 10.8 acres along Spring Creek. Acquisition of this parcel would allow the District to reduce the gap in public ownership along the creek in Homer Township. There are three structures on the parcel: a pole building, a manufactured home and a garage. The owner has agreed to demolish the pole building prior to closing and the District has agreed to allow a residential license for the current tenant of the manufactured home for up to 24 months from closing.

Staff recently submitted a natural areas grant application to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation seeking to offset some of the acquisition costs for this parcel. The District is still awaiting word from the Foundation regarding grant award.

Motion by Clair, seconded by Anderson, to recommend approval of Resolution 09-46. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- C. Approval of Resolution No. 09-47, Authorizing the Initiation of Negotiations for Three Parcels in the Forked Creek Resource Plan as Part of the 2007 Bond Extension Acquisition Program

Newton mentioned that the owner of three parcels along Forked Creek in Wesley Township between John Wesley Preserve and Donohue Grove Preserve approached the District about acquisition. The parcels amount to approximately 136 acres, are bisected by Forked Creek and contain some mature woods. Acquisition of the parcels would allow the District to reduce the gap in public ownership along Forked Creek in this area.

In order to negotiate in good faith, the Board would need to issue the remaining bonds available under the 2007 Bond Extension program. Staff notified the owners that negotiations would only commence if the Board approved the sale of the remaining bonds.

Motion by Lagger, seconded by Clair, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 09-47. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (5-0).

## **VII. Announcements**

There were no announcements

**VIII. Next Meeting Date**

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn passed by a unanimous voice vote (5-0). The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Newton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Larry Newton  
Land Preservation Coordinator