

**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
June 1, 2010 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Ann Deutsche at 7:32 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 West Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois.

II. Attendance

A quorum was present; six members were in attendance.

Committee Members Present: Mary Ann Deutsche, Chair; Gil Anderson, Bill Bromer; Audrey Clair; Kathy Dehn; Larry Troutman

Committee Members Absent: Steve Baker, Scott Lagger

Staff Present: Andrew Hawkins and Larry Newton

III. Approval of May 3, 2010 Minutes

Motion by Bromer, seconded by Dehn, to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (6-0).

IV. Staff Reports

A. CIP Acquisition Status Report

Hawkins reviewed the CIP Acquisition Status Report.

B. CIP Status Report

Hawkins discussed the status of the Veteran's Memorial Trail, the DuPage River Greenway and Hammel Woods North, Teale Woods, Potawatomi Woods and Prairie Bluff Preserve.

C. Public Comments on Proposed White-Tailed Deer Management Plan

Hawkins mentioned that Will County residents continued to provide comment on the District's proposed Deer Management Program through the District's Web site, via e-mail and by phone. Individuals that initiated three petitions; one in support of public hunting and two in opposition to various aspects of deer management, continued to collect signatures.

Upon analysis of the comments provided by Will County residents, the following generalizations can be made:

1. More Will County residents are expressing concern and opposition to deer hunting (not sharpshooting) as time progresses, more information is shared, and this issue receives more coverage in local papers.
2. Hunters continue to support a public hunting option.
3. Adjacent landowners and frequent preserve visitors are still expressing safety concerns for children, pets and property if the District were to implement a public hunting program.

V. Old Business

A. Approval of Control Methods Associated with the Proposed White-Tailed Deer Management Plan

Hawkins mentioned that no vote would be taken by the CAC on the proposed Deer Management Plan, but further discussion and clarification took place.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Resolution No. 10-21, Authorizing the Acceptance of an Easement from Northern Border Pipeline Company at Rock Run Rookery Preserve.

Newton mentioned that in April 1998, the District granted License No. 98-01 to NBP for installation and maintenance of a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline across the Old Plank Road Trail in New Lenox Township (see Exhibit A). At that time, NBP paid a \$9,000.00 license fee to the District for the right to cross OPRT. License No. 98-01 carries a term of 20 years (expiring in 2018) and is renewable at no additional cost to NBP.

Earlier this year, the District approached NBP requesting an easement on NBP property at Rock Run Rookery to install and maintain a portion of the entrance road for the proposed preserve development (see Exhibit B). The easement is necessary due to topographic and wetland conditions at the preserve which make access to Youngs Road problematic. NBP agreed to grant an easement at Rock Run Rookery at no charge to the District in exchange for renewal of License No. 98-01 on the OPRT for another 20-year term running concurrent with the proposed Rock Run Rookery easement.

NBP is aware that a license is required to utilize District land and the District is aware that an easement will be required for an access on property owned by the NBP. The attached Access Easement (Exhibit C) provides the granting of an easement to the District over a portion of NBP property adjacent to Rock Run Rookery over a portion of land owned by the NBP.

Motion by Dehn, seconded by Clair, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 10-21. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, 6-0.

B. Review of Forked Creek Greenway Land Use Plan

Newton mentioned that in 2009, the District initiated a master planning process for Forked Creek Greenway including Forked Creek Preserve, Donohue Grove Preserve and John Wesley Preserve.

The planning process culminated in the development of a Land Use Plan for the greenway and the individual preserves (attached). A Land Use Plan is the result of the initial research phase and is the first step in preserve planning as laid out in the Administrative Guidelines for the District's Preserve Planning and Land Use Policy and consists of the following steps:

1. Preparation of base mapping of the planning area with resources and environmentally sensitive areas delineated and land use classification demarcations illustrated.
2. Internal and external coordination with District Supervisors and appropriate local and regional agencies; and a review of issues, opportunities, concerns, and constraints.
3. Establishment of goals and objectives providing the foundation and framework for future site design and planning through the Preserve Improvement and Management Plan process.
4. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Operations Committee input on the plan as appropriate, for adoption by the CAC, Operations Committee, and District Board of Commissioners.

A Land Use Plan provides baseline information for future improvements and program activities. Facility development and site restoration plans will be prioritized and phased in the subsequent planning stage for the Preserve Improvement and Management Plan.

This Land Use Plan for Forked Creek Greenway including Forked Creek Preserve, Donohue Grove Preserve and John Wesley Preserve is also being provided to the Operations Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee in June for a one month review period. The plan will be scheduled for consideration by the Operations Committee at their July meeting.

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2010.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Dehn, seconded by Troutman, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Larry Newton
Land Preservation Coordinator