



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY

17540 W. LARAWAY ROAD • JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60433

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 1, 2016 Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Attendance

Mary Ann Deutsche, Larry Troutman, Patti Nugent, Bill Bromer, Mike Reilly, Gil Anderson, Steve Baker and Jonathan Jones were in attendance.

Staff present: Ralph Schultz and Andrew Hawkins
- III. Review of the December 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Baker, to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (8-0).
- IV. Staff Reports
  - A. CIP Acquisition Status Report: Schultz reported that in December the District closed on the last properties in the current Land Acquisition Program. Since 1999 there has been approximately 191 million spent preserving land throughout the County.
  - B. Quarterly CIP Report: Schultz reported that the 2 large projects remain in CIP will be bid for construction in 2016.
- V. Old Business
  - A. The was not old business to review.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Discussion - Land Preservation Review and Recommendations: Schultz stated that District Staff will continue discussions with the Finance Committee to see if this is any interest in funding a Strategic Land Acquisition Program (Program). Should funding become available, the Program would need to be reactive in nature. Finance Committee has requested that Staff look in to three options for funding the Program:
    1. Establishment of a line of credit via an Incentive Ordinance
    2. Issue a straight bond issue by refinancing existing debt
    3. Utilize Fund Reserve and just pay cash

Schultz distributed a sample Strategic Land Acquisition Project Review Form which was based off of the last Land Evaluation System criteria utilized in prioritizing properties for preservation. Schultz asked CAC Members if they thought that a review form similar to the one distributed would be workable in a reactive land acquisition program. All present agreed that a review form similar to the one distributed would indeed be useful, however; they would like to possibly establish new criteria for the goals and objections that would be more specific to this Program. All present agreed to continue the discussion at the May CAC Meeting.

VII. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

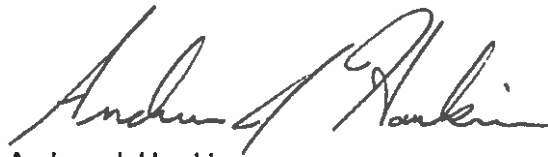
VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Next Meeting Date – Monday May 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Hawkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Hawkins" clearly distinguishable.

Andrew J. Hawkins  
Superintendent of Planning & Development