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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 20, 2016**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. President Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Secretary called the roll. Those Commissioners present were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and President Pietrowski. Mrs. Tobias and Mr. Metzger were absent. A quorum was established with twenty-two Commissioners present and two absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved to approve the March 16, 2016 minutes. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski asked for a voice vote on the approval of the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Claims to be Paid in April 2016**

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the payment of claims for this month and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$77,186.99. Ms. Polanco seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the March claims. Those Commissioners that voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and President Pietrowski. All Commissioners present voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Turner provided an update on the Sycamore Forest Preserve project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. The motion carried unanimously.

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Douglas J. Johnson, Secretary  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
District Commissioners

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Mark Pietrowski Jr., President  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
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This new Forest Preserve (former Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park) will be named *Sycamore Forest Preserve* to honor the Sycamore Community and named after the Sycamore Tree that grows in floodplain areas. “Kishwaukee” is a Potawatomi word meaning “big tree” or “sycamore”. The east branch of the south branch of the Kishwaukee River flows northwest through this site.

### **Land improvements include:**

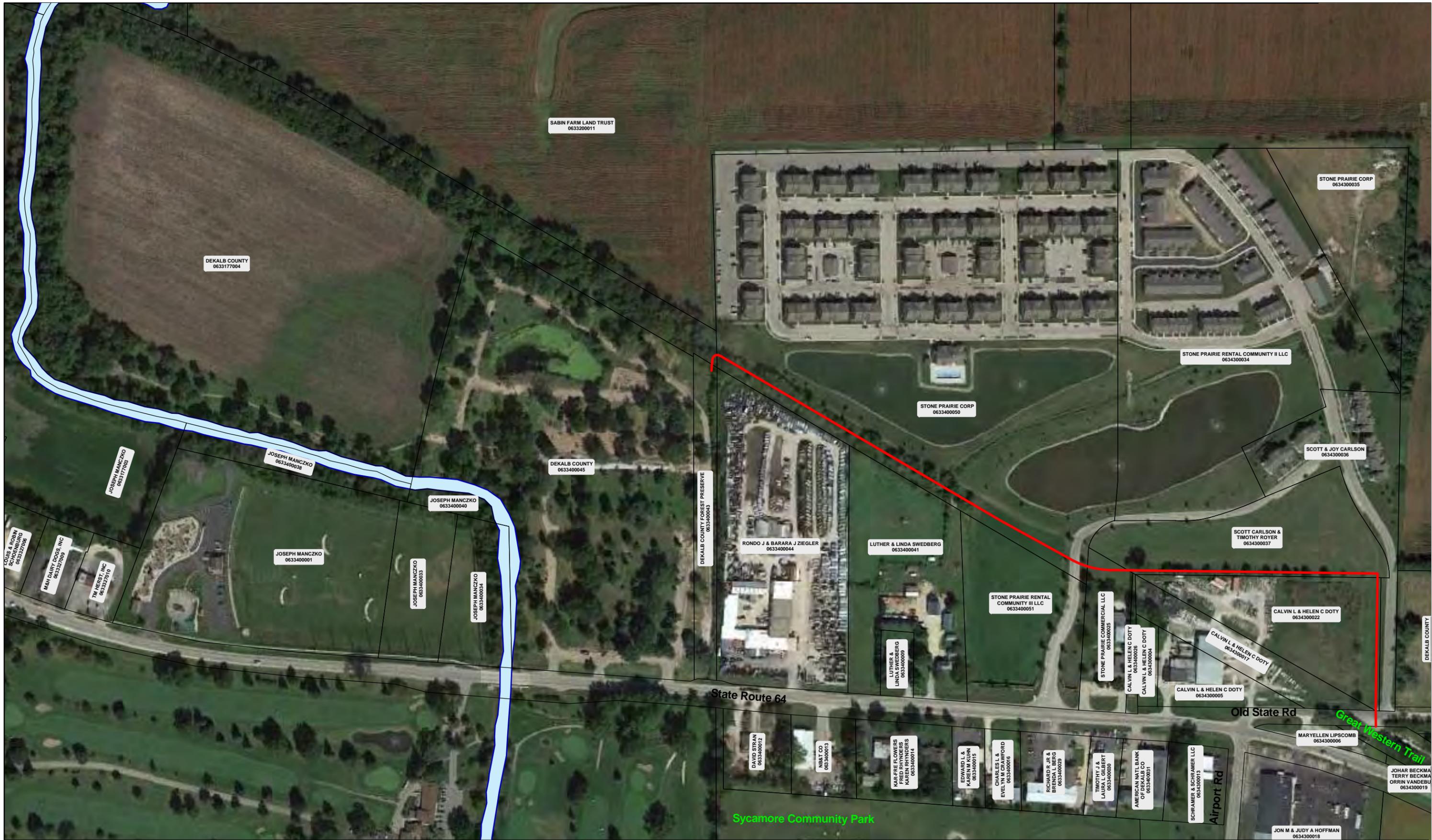
#### **2015**

- Mow future picnic areas and litter clean up.
- 2 herbicide treatments and weeds mowed on 30 acre former N.W. floodplain farmed area and plant wetland and prairie seed mix in winter 2015-2016.
- Phase 1 Environmental Survey completed to assure no contamination issues.

#### **2016 - 2017**

- Work on connecting the Great Western Trail to *Sycamore Forest Preserve*.
- Remove dead trees and small “clumps” of trees in picnic areas and trim lower branches of trees to open up the view through the picnic areas. In the future plant Sycamore and Swamp White Oak trees in picnic areas.
- Mow future picnic areas and litter clean up.
- Develop picnic areas and green spaces. Construct 2 open air shelters
- Improve parking areas near RT. 64 and develop trailhead near east parking area.
- Improve access road to pond for fishing and picnic areas
- Develop hiking and cross-country ski trails.

Plan on *Sycamore Forest Preserve* area open to public in late 2016 or 2017



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State Route 64

Old State Rd

Great Western Trail

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EDWARD L & KAREN M KUHN  
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Sycamore Community Park

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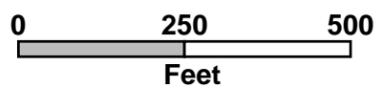
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# 2016 Sycamore Forest Preserve and GWT Connection

Proposed Trail Connection from The Great Western Trail to Evergreen Village



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