

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD
FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE
Executive Session Minutes
February 13, 2019**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve Committee of DeKalb County, Illinois held an Executive Session on February 13, 2019, in the Legislative Center's Gathertorium, 200 N. Main Street, Sycamore, Illinois. The session was called by a majority roll call vote of the Forest Preserve Committee at their special meeting of the same day.

The session started at 6:32 p.m. Those Members in attendance were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Jeff Whelan, and Chairman Paul Stoddard.

Also present was Forest Preserve District Superintendent Terry Hannan.

**PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN 5 ILCS
120/2(C)(5)**

Nehring Addition

Mr. Hannan shared that this property has been on our radar for at least 25 years. The land was held in the Bank of Lyons Trust, after numerous attempts to contact land owner, there was no land owner information given by the bank.

Recently I was contacted by a local realtor and the owner would like to sell. DeKalb Park District is interested in being a partner in this acquisition since the land connects to the Park District Nature Trail. The land is listed at \$4,200 /acre. About 16.61 acres would be Forest Preserve and 8.55 acres DeKalb Park District (25.16 acres total). Forest Preserve and Park District are meeting with DeKalb County Community Foundation to discuss grant opportunities. Last month, the Forest Preserve Committee gave consensus to continue moving forward with this acquisition.

Mr. Tim Hughes arrived at 6:39 p.m.

The Committee discussion on making an offer for this land acquisition.

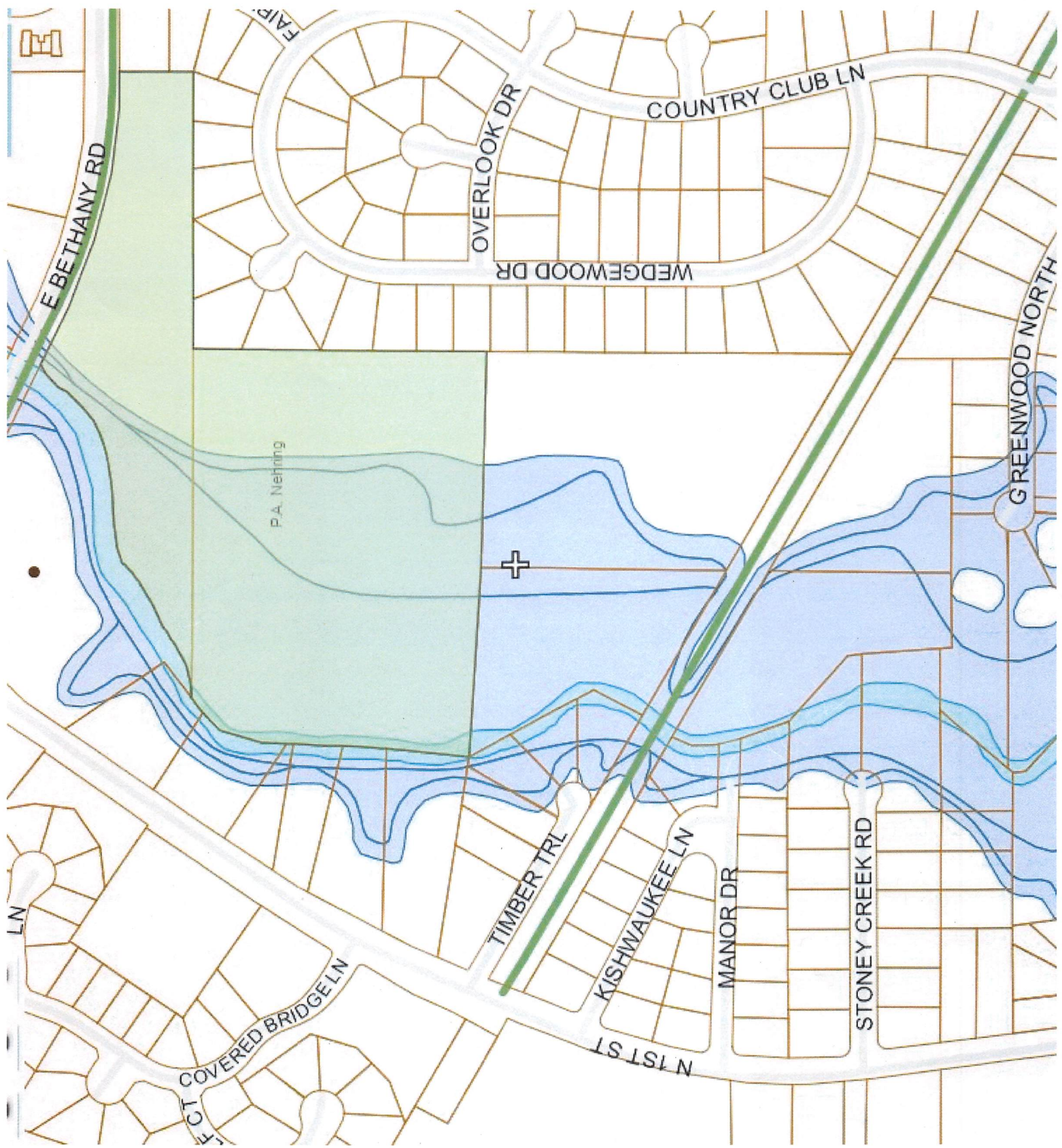
Mr. Whelan moved to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Open Forest Preserve Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Those voting yeas were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Stoddard. None were opposed and Mr. Roman was absent.



Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/18/2020

Released: 11/18/2020



P.A. Nehring

E BETHANY RD

OVERLOOK DR

COUNTRY CLUB LN

WEDGEWOOD DR

GREENWOOD NORTH

TIMBER TRL

KISHWAUKEE LN

MANOR DR

STONEY CREEK RD

N 1ST ST

ECT COVERED BRIDGE LN

LN

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To preserve, protect and restore the flora, fauna and natural beauties of our lands, as near as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the education and recreation of our citizens”

Considerations when evaluating land acquisitions and donations : **P.A. Nehring Forest Preserve Addition**

Willing seller or donor and Acquisition Opportunity. Yes

Natural resource value, protection of rare, endangered and threatened species habitat. Yes
natural resource value and Kishwaukee River access / habitat

Adjacent to existing forest preserve. Yes

Greenway and trails connection potential to parks, forest preserves, schools, homes, and businesses.
Yes

Land along waterways or floodplains protecting water quality and flood control. Yes

Restoration potential for forest, prairie and wetlands. Yes

Grant potential, and other ways to leverage more funding to assist in acquisition and improvement costs. Yes

Selling price, bargain sale, charitable contributions and donations. Yes

Economy of scale if adjacent to existing preserve, less travel time with maintenance equipment, patrol time, easier to manage larger sites than a number of smaller sites.
Larger sites can have more plant and animal natural resource value. Yes

Minimize development and maintenance costs. If adjacent to existing Forest Preserve, does existing Forest Preserve have access, water, electric, toilet, shelter, roads, trails, parking, nearby maintenance equipment, etc., that would not require more work and reduce land improvement costs at newly acquired site. Yes

Land complies with state, county and private foundation land preservation, recreation, conservation plans, Kishwaukee and Fox River Watershed plans, DeKalb County Greenways and Trails Plan, Illinois Association of Conservation and Forest Preserve District and Forest Preserve Mission Statement. Yes

Clean title, no liens or encumbrance and follow P.D.R.M.A. Land Acquisition
Environmental Review (pollution / contamination reports)
Will need to be determined as with all Forest Preserve acquisitions

Forest Preserve Supt. and Natural Resource Manager will advise Forest Preserve Committee on natural resource value considerations, restoration potential, greenway and trail connections, grant opportunities and landscape design