Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Forest Preserve Headquarters
August 26, 2026

PRESENT
Judy Barnard
Mike Eickman
Gloria Lind - Absent
Cheryl Maggio
Jerry Paulson
Emily Porter
Jeff Tilly

STAFF
Daniel Olson, Executive Director
Jody Kennay, Human Resources Manager
Steve Chapman, Director of Finance

GUESTS
Alex Mills

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM, by President Jeff Tilly.

ROLL CALL
President Jeff Tilly called the roll.

Daniel Olson prefaced the meeting by letting the Board know that they are being recorded visually and audibly by an OWL system.

INTRODUCTION
Daniel Olson reminded the Board on the process of the strategic plan and what has already occurred leading up to this planning session. Bob Holsman, from DJ Case & Associates, introduced himself and who he represents to the Board. The Board and Alex Mills then introduced themselves to Bob Holsman.

PRESENTATION
Cheryl Maggio requested data on the results from the strategic planning objectives created in 2014.

The Board and Bob Holsman discussed the reliability of the community needs survey. Cheryl Maggio asked whether or not the groups that were not reached in the initial survey have had an opportunity to participate. Daniel Olson explained that although there has not been a follow-up survey for these groups yet, it could be something discussed as a part of the strategic plan.

Bob Holsman and the Board reworked the structure of the strategic planning process to include additional Board meetings that would pertain to the top levels of the planning hierarchies. Once those objectives are agreed upon, a strategic planning committee consisting of staff and two Board members would work on developing the other hierarchies of the strategic plan.

Bob Holsman ultimately proposed a revised strategic planning process to bring to the Board meeting next month.

ADJOURNMENT
Emily Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Cheryl Maggio seconded; **motion passed unanimously.**
Next regular Board Meeting– 5:30 PM Wednesday, September 16th, Forest Preserve Headquarters

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Wendlandt
Recording Secretary