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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE REPORTER: Today is May 19th, 2026.

3 HEARING OFFICER: Convening this public
4 hearing. It's about 9:31, Tuesday morning, May
5 19. It's my understanding that the applicant has
6 rested.

7 MR. MORAN: That is correct. Although
8 we do wish to offer the exhibits that we had
9 identified -- marked for identification during the
10 course of the hearing, offer each of those,
11 including an additional exhibit today, which is
12 Cheryl Smith's resume. We'd offer that into
13 evidence --

14 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

15 MR. MORAN: -- as well.

16 HEARING OFFICER: Do you want to wait
17 until the close of all of the testimony, if there
18 is any additional --

19 MR. MORAN: Yeah. Yes. Yeah. Clearly.

20 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. All right. So
21 upon the close of the applicant's testimony, the
22 parties registered to participate may offer expert
23 witnesses and evidence that they wish to be
24 considered. As we know, there are two entries of

1 appearance, one on behalf of the Lake County
2 staff, on behalf of SWALCO. SWALCO, I guess you
3 pronounce it.

4 Ms. Zwick, do you have any
5 evidence to present?

6 MS. ZWICK: I do not.

7 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. And Dirk is
8 not here this morning, but, Walter, maybe you can
9 answer for SWALCO. Do you have any evidence to
10 present?

11 MR. WILLIS: We do not.

12 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Upon the close
13 of -- of all of the testimony, then the County may
14 present any witnesses and evidence it wishes to
15 present. Does the County wish to present any
16 evidence or witnesses?

17 MS. FOX: No, Your Honor.

18 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Now, upon the
19 close of all of the testimony then, members of the
20 public may present unsworn, oral comment to the
21 hearing officer. Is there anyone present who
22 desires to make oral public comment? I notice
23 from the registration at the table as you enter
24 that there is the name of one person, Jerry

1 Hollister from Saddle Brook Farms, which I think
2 is a subdivision close to the site. Does not
3 appear that she is present. Anyone else desire to
4 make any public comment?

5 Since there is no public comment,
6 we will go now to summary statements by the
7 applicant, any other parties, and the County.

8 Possibly at this time, Mr. Moran,
9 you would want to introduce your exhibits?

10 MR. MORAN: Yes. And that would be
11 each of the exhibits that have already been
12 presented to the witnesses for authentication.
13 And we have an additional exhibit, which is the
14 resume of Cheryl Smith, which is marked as
15 Petitioner's Exhibit 10, which -- which I would
16 ask to distribute to each of the participants,
17 including you, Mr. Hearing Officer. Here's Ms.
18 Smith's. Here are the other exhibits --

19 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

20 MR. MORAN: -- reflecting the resumes
21 of the other witnesses who previously testified.
22 This is Petitioner's Exhibit 10.

23 (EXHIBIT 10 MARKED)

24 MR. MORAN: And I would also -- if it

1 hasn't been admitted already, I don't recall
2 whether, Mr. Hearing Officer, you admitted it, but
3 Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which is a site location
4 application. Petitioner's Exhibit 2 was the -- my
5 affidavit relating to the service and publication
6 of the notice of this public hearing. And then
7 the -- exhibit 3 was the PowerPoint booklet that
8 we distributed yesterday before the testimony was
9 being presented. So those are the then exhibits
10 that we will now formally offer as exhibits.

11 HEARING OFFICER: Any objection to the
12 admission of these exhibits?

13 MS. ZWICK: No objection.

14 MS. FOX: No objection.

15 (EXHIBITS 1 to 3 MARKED)

16 HEARING OFFICER: Are there any summary
17 statements next that the applicant would like to
18 make. And then we'll ask the other parties and
19 the County?

20 Mr. Moran?

21 MR. MORAN: The applicant would simply
22 propose to submit its proposed findings of fact
23 and conclusions of law at the appropriate time --

24 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

1 MR. MORAN: -- as opposed to making any
2 kind of a closing statement.

3 HEARING OFFICER: All right. And I'll
4 get to that in this -- in this process here.

5 Does anyone else desire to make a
6 summary statement or a closing argument?

7 Ms. Zwick?

8 MS. ZWICK: No.

9 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Fox?

10 MS. FOX: No, Mr. Hearing Officer.

11 HEARING OFFICER: Walter?

12 MR. WILLIS: No, sir.

13 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. So I guess I
14 would declare this public hearing closed. The --
15 the applicant and the other parties may submit to
16 me a post-hearing brief including proposed
17 findings of fact, conclusions of law and
18 recommendations, no later than 30 days after the
19 conclusion of the public hearing. So I indicated
20 last night I have calculated 30 days to be June
21 30th from today's date.

22 MR. WILLIS: June 30th?

23 HEARING OFFICER: I'm sorry. June
24 18th. Yeah. I'd like June 30th.

1 MR. WILLIS: It's your birthday.

2 MS. HALL: It's your birthday.

3 HEARING OFFICER: Well, I -- I forgot
4 my birthday. Yeah. June 18th, I think is the
5 date for your findings of fact, conclusions of
6 law, recommendations, including any conditions
7 that you may be -- that you may be requesting.

8 MR. MORAN: And is that also the
9 outside date for the submission of any written
10 public comment?

11 HEARING OFFICER: Yes, it is. And
12 that's my next -- that's my next item.

13 So at the conclusion of the public
14 hearing, which we've just concluded, the -- I'm to
15 state the date and process for submission of
16 written comments to be considered part of the
17 record. And that date shall be 30 days after the
18 conclusion of the public hearing. So that date,
19 again, would be June 18th, 2026.

20 I would also note that the Lake
21 County signing ordinance provides that upon
22 conclusion of the public hearing, the applicant
23 shall publish -- publish legal notice informing
24 the public of the deadline and process for

1 submitting written comment. It's my understanding
2 that the written comment would be submitted to the
3 Lake County Clerk. Mr. Vega is here again this
4 morning. Maybe you would state the address of the
5 County Clerk's office for the record.

6 MR. VEGA: It's 18 North County 64,
7 Waukegan, Illinois 60085.

8 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I would also
9 -- that there -- there was a revision to Section
10 39.2 that we should get into the record. It's
11 Subsection D5, and it provides, The County Board
12 of the County, that would be Lake County, shall
13 conduct the hearing in a manner that is accessible
14 to the public, including but not limited to
15 individuals with disabilities and individuals who
16 are not native speakers of English. Upon
17 completion of the hearing, the County Board of the
18 County shall certify compliance with the
19 requirements of this subsection as a part of the
20 written record of the hearing. The inclusion of
21 the certification described in this particular
22 Subsection D5 in the record -- in the written
23 record of the hearing shall constitute prima facie
24 evidence of compliance with the requirements of

1 this subsection.

2 So with that, I would turn it over
3 to Ms. Fox. I think she has a certification that
4 she would submit for the record.

5 MS. FOX: I do, Mr. Hearing Officer.
6 It's going to be titled Certificate of Compliance,
7 Public Accessibility. I, as the attorney on
8 behalf of the County Board, have signed it. It
9 lists out the things and the steps that the County
10 went through in order to comply with that
11 particular section of the state statute. And I
12 hereby ask to submit it as County Board Exhibit 1
13 to be attached to the transcript for the record.

14 HEARING OFFICER: Do you have copies of
15 that for the --

16 MS. FOX: I don't.

17 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

18 MS. FOX: I wonder, can we get copies?

19 MS. HALL: Yeah.

20 HEARING OFFICER: I think you would
21 need one, two, three -- at least four, maybe five.

22 MS. FOX: Thank you, ma'am.

23 MS. HALL: Okay.

24 MR. MORAN: And, Mr. Hearing Officer,

1 have you formally admitted the exhibits?

2 HEARING OFFICER: I don't think I have.

3 MS. FOX: (Crosstalk).

4 MR. MORAN: I didn't think so.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Have you formally
6 offered them?

7 MR. MORAN: Yes, I have.

8 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

9 MS. FOX: Yes.

10 HEARING OFFICER: All right. I'm glad
11 you're here to remind me of these. I suppose we
12 can do that while she's making copies. So the
13 applicant has submitted ten exhibits. Is there
14 any objection to the admission of these exhibits?

15 MS. ZWICK: No objection.

16 HEARING OFFICER: No objection? SWALCO?

17 MR. WILLIS: No objection.

18 HEARING OFFICER: County?

19 MS. FOX: No objection.

20 HEARING OFFICER: It shall be admitted.

21 I think we will mark the certification maybe as
22 County's Exhibit 1.

23 MS. FOX: I -- I asked County to say
24 County Board Exhibit, just because we've got

1 county staff.

2 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. County Board
3 Exhibit 1?

4 MS. FOX: Yes.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Once she's back with
6 that.

7 MS. HALL: (Indiscernible) copies.

8 MS. FOX: Thank you so much.

9 MS. HALL: You're welcome.

10 MS. FOX: All right. Originals went
11 down to the clerk.

12 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.
13 This exhibit has been marked County Board Exhibit
14 1, and it is a Certificate of Compliance of Public
15 Accessibility.

16 And, Ms. Fox, you are offering
17 this into evidence?

18 MS. FOX: Yes, I am.

19 HEARING OFFICER: Any objection?

20 MS. ZWICK: No objection.

21 MR. MORAN: No objection.

22 HEARING OFFICER: It is admitted.

23 (COUNTY'S EXHIBIT 1 MARKED)

24 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. With that, I

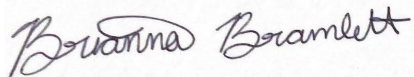
1 think we have concluded this process, unless
2 there's anything else to come before this public
3 hearing. It will be adjourned. Thank you.

4 MR. MORAN: Thank you --

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