

# Village of South Barrington

Cook County, Illinois  
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South Barrington, IL 60010

## Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting-Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** 7:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

In attendance:

- Commissioners: Diane Bodkin-Chairperson; Nancy Munao; and; Michael Miedzinski
- Guests: John Jagmin, Eagle Scout, and his mother
- Volunteer note taker: Jan Dahm, local resident

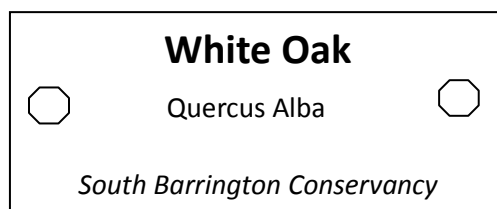
**Approval of Minutes:** April meeting minutes approved as read.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Eagle Scout Project:**

John Jagmin reviewed along with group discussion:

- Fund raising progress to date: Raised \$150 from 3 events, also resulted in 6 cups given out, resulting from \$10+ single contributions.
  - ✓ **ACTION:** John Jagmin to follow-up with South Barrington Park District front desk, Debbie, regarding opportunity to help fund raising. Ms. Bodkin has already talked with Jay Morgan regarding assisting the Conservancy to raise money and to permit the mugs displayed at the Park District.
- Project Design: selected potential site for building viewing deck on east side after a walking review with Frank Munao.
  - ✓ **ACTION:** John Jagmin to meet with Frank Munao and carpenter regarding materials needed for the deck. John will bring details at next meeting of deck sizing and design.
- Tree Labels: a list of existing trees and their labels was reviewed. Current list is incomplete and needs updating to reflect current trees, as well as what trees may not need labels (for example #15 Ironwood-this tree is dead) Also discussed design options for new tree labels, with one option shown below to include "South Barrington Conservancy". Discussed not practical to include picture design due to cost and durability of the tree plaque. Options for mounting reviewed and tentative decision is to mount to tree with a wire, so plaques will need holes as shown in sample example.



- ✓ **ACTION:** Finalize list of tree labels-Ms. Bodkin and Ms. Munao to review. They will need input from Mr. Miedzinski on resulting from follow-up with village on on-going approach for dealing with dead and/or sick trees to confirm which trees remain.

John Jagmin thought plaques might be completed by end of summer, assuming final list secured in June or July.

Eagle Scout Resources: general discussion about resources that could be secured from Eagle Scouts to assist on various projects, i.e. creating walking paths, as the scouts received service hours for this type of work.

- ✓ **ACTION: (future):** no specific action cited, but will need to consider in planning efforts of future projects and making needed Scout Leader contacts, via schools and/or churches, for how to secure these resources.

**B. Maintenance: Trail Mowing:** need to confirm with Mr. Munao if he still planning to do this.

- ✓ **ACTION:** Mr. Miedzinski to follow-up with Mr. Munao regarding support of trail mowing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Review Approved Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget**

- ✓ **ACTION:** Ms. Bodkin to contact Linda to confirm budget is approved and will e-mail Commissioners so Ms. Munao can then proceed with purchase of tent already approved.

**B. Progress Getting New Commissioner**

- ✓ **ACTION:** Ms. Munao to discuss with interested neighbor to secure her as additional commissioner.

**C. Need Monthly Workdays**

- Ms. Bodkin announced a new workday program starting in July on Thurs. evenings, from 6-7:30 pm. to assist with watering the gardens. Thurs evenings should permit working people the opportunity to volunteer. Need to establish a watering schedule with assigned volunteers. To facilitate watering efforts need access to water hook up.
- ✓ **ACTION:** Mr. Miedzinski to discuss water access with Mr. Munao

**D. Updates on Programs and Nature Projects:**

**1. Kids Fest**

- Held May 5, 2013-considered a success with 150 kids participating. Pressed leave note cards provided to the kids attending
- **ACTION: (future):** Need exists for newly designed sign as well as a new brochure as existing one is outdated.

**2. Photography Classes**

- Held on May 18-Mr. Miedzinski attended and thought a good class and it should be repeated
- ✓ **ACTION: (Future):** better communication of event needed to increase attendance

### 3. Scarecrow Trail

- Approved 2013 date will be Oct. 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun). Will permit time for winner to display their scarecrow locally. Will need volunteers for both days, at least 3 for each shift (one at entrance, one at exit, and one floater)

### 4. Butterfly Garden

- 8 volunteers planted butterfly friendly plant seeds.
- ✓ **ACTION: (future):** need maintenance plan and path otherwise the weeds will take over the area.

### 5. Wildflower Garden

- Path was mowed

### 6. Tree Labels

- See above under Eagle Scout Project
- ✓ **ACTION:** Mr. Miedzinski to follow-up with Mr. Munao for a walk through to review existing status.
- ✓ **ACTION:** Ms. Bodkin to communicate with Dustin for a walk through on possible tree treatments needed.

### 7. Mound

- The South Barrington Garden Club donated \$1,000 for plants. The Conservancy Commissions have identified a tentative list of plants originally listed on landscape plan, to purchase for planting on the mound. The South Barrington Garden Club will assist with the planting.
- ✓ **ACTION:** Ms. Bodkin to confirm all potential plants are drought resistant. Need to schedule & complete planting date soon.

### 8. Consult from Chicago Wilderness Leave No Child Inside & other related Commissioner Discussion on Future Needs

- Ms. Bodkin and Ms. Munao met with the Chicago Wilderness group (May 18) and walked the Conservancy sites seeking suggestions for future development for the South Barrington Conservancy. The consultants strongly recommended that South Barrington Conservancy develop a 5 year plan. Other suggestions were:
  - General need to create a "WOW" factor to attract visitors-i.e. boardwalk to draw visitors to the pond and special children nature areas (i.e. Log with cutout for checkerboard so kids could sit on log to plan: flat log stepping stones that kids could jump on like hopscotch)
  - ADA Compliance on paths-stone or mulch options
  - Use/limits of wetland areas
- Enhance visibility for South Barrington Conservancy with street signs showing location of SBC sites (Mr. Miedzinski).

### Next Meeting: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- No June Meeting due to lack of commissioner quorum.

<b>Summary of Action Items</b> (from May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting)		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Eagle Scout Project-Fund Raising	John Jagmin	John to follow-up with South Barrington Park District front desk, Debbie, regarding opportunity to help fund raising. Ms. Bodkin has already talked with Jay Morgan regarding assisting the Conservancy to raise money and to permit the mugs displayed at the Park District.
Eagle Scout Project-Project Design	John Jagmin	John to meet with Frank Munao and carpenter regarding materials needed for the deck. John will bring details at next meeting of deck sizing and design.
Eagle Scout Project-Finalize Tree Label List	M. Miedzinski	Follow-up with Mr. Munao for a walk through to review existing status of all trees and on-going approach for dealing with dead and/or sick trees to confirm which trees remain. Other action items listed below are dependent on this completed action.
	D. Bodkin N. Munao	Finalize list of tree labels-Ms. Bodkin and Ms. Munao to review. (dependent on results from M. Miedzinski tree maintenance review with Mr. Munao)
	D. Bodkin	Communicate with Dustin for a walk through on possible tree treatments needed.
Maintenance-Trail Mowing	M. Miedzinski	Follow-up with Mr. Munao regarding support of trail mowing.
2013/2014 Budget	D. Bodkin	Contact Linda to confirm budget is approved and will e-mail Commissioners so Ms. Munao can then proceed with purchase of tent already approved.
New Commissioner	N. Munao	Discuss with interested neighbor to secure her as additional commissioner.
Monthly Workdays	M. Miedzinski	Discuss water access with Mr. Munao
Mound Plantings	D. Bodkin	Confirm all potential plants are drought resistant. Need to schedule & complete planting date soon.

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