

Village of South Barrington

Cook County, Illinois
30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting-Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

In attendance:

- Commissioners: Diane Bodkin-Chairperson; Nancy Munao; and; Michael Niedzinski. New commissioner Corinne Chrystall joined meeting at 7:30pm.
- Guests: Dustin Wire and Frank Munao
- Volunteer note taker: Jan Dahm, local resident

Approval of Minutes: May meeting minutes approved, with minor edits to correct spelling.

Agenda was reviewed by Chairperson, Diane Bodkin and the formal meeting was preceded by some comments from the Chair.

Comments from the Chair:

- Review of new State legislation regarding recreational liability. After reading the legislation overview it was determined that the law does not pertain to public property and thus no follow-up required.
- Request that all Conservancy Commissioners and associated resources keep track of their volunteer hours, including historic hours this year. This information will prove helpful when the group applies for funding grants.
- Commissioner vacancy-recommendations for additional names for consideration due to Diane by August 13th.
- General comment that there are several new wildflowers on the Conservancy trail.
- Although agenda structure is Old and New Business, these meeting notes reflect the discussions on each of the key projects being addressed by this Commission, highlighting new actions.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
New Commissioner Introduced	D. Bodkin to secure from Linda Hooker	New Commissioners are to be provided with copy of Conservancy Ordinance and Conservancy Mission.

Conservancy Walk Through's Scheduled	N. Munao, M. Niedzinski, C. Chrystall M. Niedzinski F. Munao	Nancy M. and Mike N. to schedule time to walk the new Commissioner, Corinne C., through the Conservancy to view the projects currently underway. Walk though also being planned with Frank M. to review status of dead trees and other maintenance related items, including access to water for the plantings.
Eagle Scout Project One	N. Munao & M. Niedzinski	Tree signs: Nancy reported no additional funds raised by John, the Eagle Scout. Group discussed that the tree labels should not be made from metal as originally planned due to vandalism. Suggest group look into wood or resin signs mounted on post and/or to hang on tree.
	F. Munao to secure plan from John and provide to N. Munao.	Deck: Concern rose about ability for John to raise needed funds for both the tree labels and the deck. The deck platform was reviewed by Frank M. with John and John's dad and a carpenter. The deck will be a floating deck and not on posts. Suggestion is also that there are grated stones on south end of Conservancy to provide a ramp onto the deck. John and his dad are redrafting the design based on carpenter's suggestions.
Maintenance-Dead Trees	F. Munao	Dead Trees-there is 3-5 trees that appear dead. No money in budget to replace but need to be removed. Cost to remove will be secured by Frank from the landscaper and provided to Mike N.
Maintenance-Mowing	D. Bodkin	Need for interim plan to handle mowing as Frank's mower needs repair. Options to be pursued: Diane to secure cost from Ron and Dustin will also provide his quote. These quotes to be secured by Diane and provided to Frank. Mowing needed at least every 2 weeks and it now has been 3 weeks and the growth is showing.
Maintenance-weeds	D. Wire	Teasel is now removed. Dustin to spray additional areas and will pick up those cut down stalks lying by the road. Cattails were cut down by Dustin in early spring and herbicide applied. Dustin to apply more herbicide within next few weeks and then will cut them back in another month.
Maintenance-Removal of Debris	C. Chrystall	Issue of where to store dead branches and other debris. Corinne to review options to remove (haul away) and/or volunteers to put it on a truck at minimal or no cost.
Scout Project-Two	D. Bodkin	An additional Eagle Scout, Jonathan Wilson, has expressed interest in creating a trail in the butterfly garden as his Scout project. Given his age, he would need to complete this project by April of next year. Scope of project might be to remove 4 inches of soil, remove roots to create path, and footage required. Diane to secure estimate from Scout.
Scarecrow Trails-Oct 5th	D. Bodkin N. Munao D. Bodkin	Fyi-Barrington is doing their Scarecrow Park on Oct. 12 th so not competing with Conservancy scheduled event. Need to develop application form; give form to past participants. Determine awards. Suggestion of \$10 entry fee.

	F. Munao	1 st week of Sept-Diane to mow square around each scarecrow post and notify Frank M. when ready to post placement. Future event ideas discussed, including creation of maze for small kids.
	D. Bodkin C. Chrystall	Diane to secure Arboretum contacts from Eileen Koty and provide to Corinne. Corinneto follow-up on securing additional Arboretum entries.
	D. Bodkin	Diane also to write article, create flyers and signage, in addition to creating application for Fest.
	J. Dahm D. Bodkin	Jan will insure that Fest note, Oct 5 th , included in upcoming South Barrington Reminder flyer. Diane to provide wording for this update, including contact phone number for questions.
Future Agenda Topics	D. Bodkin	Need to develop 1, 3, and 5 year development plan for Conservancy. Additional Programs/workdays to involve kids participation and/or Girl/Boy Scout work days to help with various Maintenance projects (i.e. up to 3 hours) Dustin expressed interest in leading these groups on Saturday mornings. Other ideas discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect seeds in the fall (i.e. milkweed) • Build bluebird house-handout reviewed. Could pre-cut wood and have kids put together. • Invasive Plants-educational approach with plaque to explain (Diane to bring in past brochures from Barrington Conservancy group on invasive plants)
		Conservancy contact list updated with new member information. (see attachment)

Motion to adjourn: 9:10pm

Next Meeting: August 20th, 2013 at South Barrington Village Hall

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