

Village of South Barrington

Cook County, Illinois
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Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting-Meeting Minutes
 Thursday November 14, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. Quorum present.

Roll Call: In attendance:

- Commissioners present: Diane Bodkin, Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall, Darryl Lustig, Michael Niedzinski
- Guests: Dustin Wire

Announcements: Diane announced she would be attending the Volunteer Stewardship Network meeting at the Morton Arboretum December 13. Members will be sharing information about volunteer recruitment and training programs. She also announced she has been invited to attend the South Barrington Village Public Works meeting Tuesday November 19 to discuss the plan for burns in the Conservancy.

**MOTION: To cancel the December Conservancy Commission meeting and in place, to have a working call by the chairperson to individual commissioners to check progress on completion of their three assigned tasks.
 Motion made by N. Munao, seconded by M. Niedzinski, passed unanimously.**

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout Projects	N. Munao will continue to keep in touch with the Scouts	N. Munao reported she had not heard from either scout regarding their progress on their projects. D. Bodkin demonstrated the possibility of pipe brackets to hold the tree labels on the tree. She reported she has offered about 50 feet of fabric weave for the Scout to use on the Butterfly Garden trail. She has emailed Jonathan Wilson with this offer
Assignment #1: Worksheet to determine number of Volunteer hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Bodkin charged the commissioners with the responsibility to estimate and report the number of hours spent in volunteer work for the Conservancy. 	Commissioners Lustig, Munao, and Niedzinski were asked to estimate hours spent on the Grand Opening in 2010 and any efforts prior to that project. They, and the new commissioners, Bodkin and Chrystall, were asked to record their hours from when they began their time volunteering for the Conservancy. Dustin Wire was also asked to determine his Volunteer hours, not the hours he was paid for. Bodkin will estimate hours for other residents' volunteer time. N. Munao will estimate for previous commissioners and residents. D. Bodkin explained to the Commissioners that this information will be necessary in the future when the Commission applies for grants for help with restoration or educational programs in the Conservancy.

<p>Assignment #2: Review 2012-13 Budget Maintenance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Bodkin asked commissioners to be ready with approval or additions and changes at the January meeting. • D. Lustig and M. Niedzinski have major responsibility for this section of the budget. 	<p>Commissioners understood that Bodkin will be calling them in mid December to check on progress with this assignment. She is aiming to be ready to present the budget to the Village Board of Trustees in early March. The Maintenance section of the budget was assigned to Niedzinski and Lustig. They will contact Ron DiMonte of Willow Landscaping to determine the total package of mowing, as Frank Munao stated he would no longer be responsible for mowing the trails. Dustin agreed to submit a plan with his charges for burns and any other eradication efforts. Bodkin asked if this preliminary report could be ready for her to take to the Public Works meeting this coming Tuesday. Wire said he could have it ready. He was given a large map of the Conservancy to make his report easier. He stated he had obtained a burn permit for 2013 from the EPA in case we decided to burn this past fall. He can obtain a permit for 2014 and plan it for a burn in mid-March. Bodkin added that the Village is in need of burning a portion of the Conservancy to ascertain cause of a blockage of the creek flow. It is possible that the Village Public Works and the Conservancy can work together on this major restoration effort.</p>
<p>Assignment #2: Review 2012-13 Budget Projects</p>	<p>D. Bodkin asked commissioners to be ready with approval or additions and changes at the January meeting. N. Munao and C. Chrystall have major responsibility for this section of the budget.</p>	<p>N. Munao was instructed to purchased one more 10' x 10' canopy tent as indicated in the budget. This tent, when combined with the existing 10'x 10' tent will enable the Conservancy to have educational programs for more people than could sit around a picnic table in hot sun or rainy weather. Munao will also order the weights that make the tent secure to the ground. Folding chairs will eventually need to be added to this feature. C. Chrystall asked about the composition of the soil in the mound as to the depth of the stones on the surface. She was told by the commissioners who were there at the creation of the mound that it is mostly dirt, not stones. She plans to use some of her Purple Coneflowers and Black-eyed Susans to start the plantings around the large monument rock in front. She will plan to plant in the spring, and invite residents with native plants to contribute and join in the planting. She will use the \$820 or so in the Mound account to buy good top soil and some more plants. Her concern and that of other commissioners is to stop the erosion that is occurring at present. Bodkin informed her there are about ten Garden Club members who have signed up to help her plant in the spring.</p>
<p>Assignment #2: Review 2012-13 Budget Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Bodkin asked Commissioners to be ready with approval or additions and changes at the January meeting. • Bodkin will have the major responsibility for this section of the budget. 	<p>D. Bodkin voiced the desire to keep the same amount of funds allocated for programs for 2013. The Conservancy will continue to participate in the Barrington Rotary Kids Fest and in the Scarecrow Trail and the photography classes. She voiced the hope that after the burn and the new growth coming up, there will be more opportunities to attract educational presenters, such as Leave No Child Inside educators. Dustin reminded the commission that he is still interested in a program with elementary school kids making blue bird houses to place in the Conservancy. He estimates his expenses for this would be \$130-\$200, depending on the number of children participating. He also indicated an interest in taking a group on a nature walk through the Conservancy trails. Members discussed the possibility of letting residents walk their dogs through the trails, if they pick up after them. This subject will be revisited in the spring.</p>

		Bodkin asked Dustin about the possibility of creating a large area of milkweed plants to attract monarchs in the hopes of also finding a few chrysalises to show to school children in a program on metamorphosis. Dustin states this plan could be possible.
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Motion to adjourn: 7:00 p.m. (Motion made by D. Lustig, seconded by M. Niedzinski, passed unanimously.)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7pm, at South Barrington Village Hall