

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Commissioner Bodkin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: In attendance:

- Commissioners present: Diane Bodkin (Chairperson), Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall, Darryl Lustig
- Commissioners absent: Michael Niedzinski

Announcements:

Commissioners Munao, Lustig, Chrystall, and Bodkin reported they have submitted their signed Ethics form to the Village.

Bodkin reported she wrote an article on the upcoming burn for the March edition of *South Barrington Life*.

Commissioners were thanked for tallying their volunteer hours to date. Bodkin reminded them this data will be helpful in writing for future grants.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout Project (Tree Signage)-John Jagmin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N. Munao will continue following Scout Jagmin on this project . She will pass on to him the donation envelope.• She will ask Jagmin to let her know where he will be displaying the mugs for donations. She will verify the trees to start the first engravings.	N. Munao reported Scout Jagmin is working on his tree label project. Bodkin relayed a \$5.00 donation to Munao to give Jagmin from a donor for one of the mugs displayed at Village Hall. Bodkin asked Munao to be sure the trees on the list submitted for Jagmin's engraving were still healthy and robust

<p>Eagle Scout Project (Observation Deck)-John Jagmin</p>	<p>N. Munao to follow this part of the scout's project</p>	<p>N. Munao reports Scout Jagmin is still planning on constructing the observation platform in the spring.</p>
<p>Eagle Scout Project – Jonathan Wilson Butterfly path</p>	<p>No further correspondence needed for this project.</p>	<p>N. Munao reported receiving an email from Jonathan Wilson stating he has decided not to do the butterfly path as his community project. Wilson has an age limit deadline this spring and may be concerned that the pathway would not be finished by his 18th birthday. He will be choosing a less involved project.</p> <p>Bodkin reminded the commissioners that there is another project possibility: completing a small bridge on the eastern most pathway north of Bridges Drive from the observation platform area to Bridges Drive.</p>
<p>Review 2012-13 Budget Maintenance & 2014 Updates</p>	<p>Lustig will call Care of Trees to determine if two treatments are really needed, and then to relay this information to Mark Masciola, Village Administer for further action.</p>	<p>Lustig reported receiving the contract from Care of Trees for the beetle treatment. The contract states two treatments at \$450 each. The submitted budget is for one treatment.</p>
<p>New Project-Wood Chips</p>	<p>Chrystall will ask her landscaper if ground up ash chips are approved to lay down for paths</p>	<p>No action taken on this issue yet.</p>
<p>Entrance Mound Project</p>	<p>Chrystall will contact Bodkin for a meeting next week to go over plant plans</p>	<p>Chrystall reported working with Midwest Groundcovers for wholesale prices for the plants and soil amendments. Commissioners agreed that a natural path through the mound is necessary to enable volunteers to do maintenance of plants. Bodkin suggested that Chrystall contact Niedzinski's wife for extra consultation on plants if needed.</p>

<p>Review of 2014 Budget Process</p>	<p>Bodkin to contact Village Treasurer to determine documents needed for the burn follow up maintenance treatment</p> <p>Bodkin to seek more information on use of the mitigation funds.</p>	<p>Bodkin reported conferences with Village Treasurer to comply with requirements for submitting a budget to the Board. The request for \$2000 for the burn was approved at the Board meeting Feb 13. Bodkin reported the purchase of the second 10x10 tent and anchors, now enabling a larger area for programs in possible inclement weather.</p> <p>Bodkin stated the “Construction” section of the Conservancy account contains the donations given for various projects. This account is ongoing with carry -over from year to year. It contains the donations from the South Barrington Garden Club for two years, a donation from Trustee Storino, and approx. \$12,000 from the land mitigation action with the developer years ago. Commissioners will check to see if these funds need to be used for water improvement or could be used for programs in the Conservancy.</p>
<p>Tasks Involve in the Upcoming Burn</p>	<p>Bodkin will secure a copy from Applied Ecological Services of the burn notice to be sent out and determine who will be sending out the notices. Bodkin and Chrystall will work on creating 7 more street signs to remind residents in the burn areas of the upcoming burn.</p>	<p>Bodkin reported the securing of a burn contract with Applied Ecological Services for \$2000 to be done in a time frame from mid-March to mid-April depending on the wind direction and the drying of the land. Dustin Wire will be the burn boss, alerting the crew to the areas desired for the burn.</p>
<p>3-Year Plan</p>	<p>Bodkin asked the commissioners to review the Plan document draft and come to the March meeting prepared with ideas and visions.</p>	<p>Commissioners briefly reviewed the 3 Year Plan draft and offered ideas. One of the suggestions was to follow up on a camouflaged shed suggested by L. L. Bean years ago for ski equipment. The consensus was that it would be a great idea to get the Conservancy in shape for inviting residents to do cross country skiing on the trails. It was agreed that many improvements to the terrain need to occur before this new feature is promoted. Snowplowing of the parking lot would also be needed for this feature. Munao added the possibility of resin interpretive signs in the butterfly garden telling of the butterflies and insects there. Bodkin mentioned she would like to see a large Oak tree planted at the end of the Wildflower garden as a focal point for the trail. Workdays with a definite time frame of 1.5-2 hours were suggested. It was felt that volunteers would be more likely to help if they knew the work time would stop at the designated time limit</p>

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm, at South Barrington Village Hall