

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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 Crystall, Michael Niedzinski
- Consultant: Dustin Wire
- Commissioners absent: Darryl Lustig

Approval of Minutes: Approval tabled till next month. Commissioners agreed from now on to receive the minutes and the agenda a week before the meeting, instead of immediately after the meeting. The agenda will also be sent at that time to the Deputy Clerk.

Announcements:

Commissioner Bodkin passed around the article on controlled burns in the March edition of *South Barrington Life*. She also announced she attended last week a seminar on monitoring bluebird houses at Volo Bog.

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 and other commissioners will verify the trees at the Conservancy April 12 at 10 AM.	N. Munao reported Scout Jagmin is in the process of ordering his engraving machine. He should have a sample by the April 15 commission meeting. Commissioners agreed to meet at the Conservancy April 12 at 10 AM to review each of the trees on the tree walk list so that Jagmin will have a true list.
Entrance Mound Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Chrystall will have a preliminary plan to present at the April 15 meeting.	Chrystall and Bodkin reviewed the existing plans for the mound and added native plants. Chrystall is working with Midwest Groundcovers who will do the tilling and selling the plants at wholesale. Chrystall is currently

	<p>Commissioner Niedzinski was asked to check with Frank Munao or Ray Wolfel about the procedure for using the water source by the mound stone and where to keep the key</p>	<p>reviewing the best plants for the various levels on the mound. She explained to the commissioners the need for a ‘maintenance route’ at the back of the mound to be used as access for weeding and watering the plants. She also explained the need to have ‘transition’ plants where the slope meets the grass below, to give a finished look and to discourage climbing.</p> <p>Bodkin reported talking with Ron DiMonte to refrain from spraying weeds on the mound from now on, as there will be plants there in late spring. Bodkin stated there are about 10 members from the Garden Club who have indicated an interest in helping plant when the time comes. It is also hoped that some residents will have some native plants they would like to donate to the Mound and to the Wildflower garden.</p>
<p>Review of 2014 Budget Process</p>		<p>Bodkin reported that it seems all of the Commission’s budget has been accepted by the Board. There will be \$3500 for the burn and subsequent herbiciding, and the commission now has two 10x 10 tents for program shelters. Members discussed having the anchors filled with sand. These anchors enable the tents to be used and secured on asphalt where the stakes can’t be used.</p>
<p>Upcoming Burn</p>	<p>Bodkin will discuss further with Ray Wolfel the actual homes to be sent notices. She will also ask him for locations for the signs. She will help Village personnel to send out notices.</p> <p>Chrystall will follow up to determine our contact person in the Regency, as we understand that Karyn Radek is no longer working there.</p> <p>Bodkin will tape the signs to existing wire frames and place along designated streets near the burn area.</p>	<p>Bodkin reported the EPA permit has been received, the contract has been signed by the Mayor and by the AES representative. The burn is expected to occur between April 1-15. The Village is in the process of creating the postal card notices to homeowners near the burn. Bodkin will help with getting those cards sent out. The notices give And AES employee and Bodkin as persons to contact for information for persons with respiratory problems. The commissioners will not be delivering the notices door to door as previously considered. Chrystall displayed the burns signs she created , about 24”x18”. She has made 10. They will need to be taped to current wire frames and placed at the end of drives exiting Cutters Run North, the Regency, Wood Oaks Drive, and some of South Barrington Lakes. Both Fire Depts, East Dundee and Barrington Hills, will be notified, as will the Park District, the Arboretum office, and The Autumn Leaves facility. Wire stated the village will be given a week’s notice as to when the burn will occur. At that time the notices will be sent out and the signs will be placed on the streets</p>
<p>Barrington Rotary Kids Fest</p>	<p>Munao and Bodkin will staff this booth for the third year. Bodkin will talk with BHS</p>	<p>The Kids’ Fest will be held May 3 in the Barrington Citizens Park. The commission will have a booth for kids to hear about the importance of saving our oaks and then they will make note cards with pressed oak leaves.</p>

	<p>and the Garden Club about volunteers this year. Bodkin will remind Commissioners about helping set up the morning of May 3.</p>	<p>Help is needed putting up the tents. Commissioners will be reminded about helping this day.</p>
<p>Photography Class and Walking Tour</p>	<p>Munao and Bodkin to write an article for South Barrington Life. Munao to create flyers for circulation at Rose school. Bodkin to give information to the Village to place on their email calendar</p>	<p>It was decided to hold this event May 31 so that there would be a better possibility of flowers for photography subjects and some changes in the conservancy to show the walkers. The Bodkins will lead the adult and kids' photography class again this year. Friends of the Conservancy will be asked to make refreshments. Commissioners will lead the walks earlier, before the photography classes.</p>
<p>3-Year Plan</p>	<p>Bodkin will work with Wire for a date for birdhouse building and find a scout troop to participate.</p>	<p>Munao again asked to place on the wish list 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. Members felt this was a good idea. Bodkin stated the cost may be near \$150, so she will wait till the plants for the mound have been ordered to determine the remainder for purchasing and planting the Bur Oak. Bluebird house building, a budgeted event, is hoped to occur this spring as a program for scout troops. Wire agreed to lead this event.</p> <p>New brochures and new tree walks are projects needing attention in the future. The current brochure is out of date. A new logo, possibly the iconic lanterns on the bridge, will need to be determined.</p> <p>Another suggestion was a large platform type bird feeder to attract more birds to the Conservancy. Members liked the idea of a large table size platform feeder for the birds in winter. This could be an Eagle Scout project to build this structure. The commissioners agreed it was not appropriate to feed the birds all year round, as the intent of the Conservancy is to provide natural food and habitat for animals and birds and hope they will want to stay.</p>

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm, at South Barrington Village Hall