

## Village of South Barrington

Cook County, Illinois  
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### Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 15, 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, Darryl Lustig
- Commissioners absent: Michael Niedzinski

**Approval of Minutes:** February and March minutes approved.

#### Announcements:

Commissioner Bodkin announced Jeanie Ziegler will be taking Michelle Mathieu's place as the contact person with LL Bean. Nicole Fleming has taken Karyn Radek's position as Property Manager at Regency/Woods. She and Linda Baroska, Activities Director, will be out contact persons for Regency/Woods. Corinne will contact Linda about putting the May 31 Health Walk and Photography Class on their monthly activities calendar.

Bodkin also announced she has received a response from Mayor McCombie regarding changing the commission date to the third Thursday of the month. She instructed us to talk with Linda Hooker to check on availability of those dates through November. Bodkin will contact Linda Hooker.

Bodkin also announced that Joe and Patty Nasella have indicated an interest in volunteering to help in the Conservancy "outdoor projects". Bodkin will notify them when an activity arises such as a group workday.

Bodkin also announced that she is donating to the Conservancy Mound Fund the \$75 check she received last week from a presentation to the Hoffman Estates Garden Club on photography. That should bring the Mound Fund to \$1675.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout Project (Tree Signage)-John Jagmin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N. Munao will continue following Scout Jagmin on this project .</li></ul>	N. Munao reported Scout Jagmin is in the process of ordering his engraving machine. He has not received his machine yet and will need some time to orient to the process. Munao and Bodkin walked the Conservancy arboretum and confirmed most of the trees on the 'Tree Walk' diagram as correct. There is a question about the correct location of the Hornbeam.

		<p>Bodkin asked the Commissioners to keep thinking of possible projects for future Eagle Scout candidates that might need one.</p>
<p><b>Maintenance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lustig will collect trash around the Conservancy every other week and report at the commission meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>Bodkin reported picking up two full black bags of trash on the grounds of the Conservancy. She asked Lustig if he would take on the responsibility for checking the grounds at least every two weeks for thrown or blown trash and report at the commission meetings. Lustig agreed to this responsibility.</p>
<p><b>Entrance Mound Project</b></p>	<p>Niedzinski plans 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. This information and procedure will need to be complete by mid May when the volunteers will be planting on the mound          Chrystall and Bodkin will meet to select the next group, ordering shrubs and grasses.</p>	<p>Chrystall presented a transparent overlay diagram of the plants on the mound over 5 -10 years. She filled in color around the base, taller trees, and evergreens where the mound meets the grass. Bodkin asked her to plan on making the presentation to the Village Board and to the Garden Club possibly in July. Chrystall reinforced the idea of honoring the previous landscape architects who have given plans for the mound, by using some of the concepts as steps to the final project. She will concentrate on the grasses and shrubs for the next phase.          She introduced a rubber mat to ease in the maintenance of the plants, like a removable path. Consensus of the Commissioners was that this is a good idea to use during the plantings.          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 reminded the commissioners 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.           Chrystall showed a Native Plant sign 9"x12" for \$28 and recommended the Commission place a few on the trails to let visitors know more explicitly there are native plants in this preserve.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Burn</b></p>	<p>Lustig and Munao will help Chrystall install the street signs Sunday April 20 before the burn.</p>	<p>Bodkin reported she has been in communication with personnel from AES who have set April 21-25 as the dates for the burn. The Village staff has sent out post card notices to residents in The Woods, the Regency, parts of Cutters Run and South Barrington Lakes. Bodkin will personally notify Jay Morgan at the Park District and the office at the Arboretum.          She reported that she met with Nicole Fleming at the Regency to tell her about the upcoming burn so she would be able to answer questions about the smoke if necessary.           Bodkin showed the Commissioners a map of Conservancy and the intended areas of the prescribed burn.</p>

<p><b>Barrington Rotary Kids Fest May 3, 2014</b></p>	<p>Munao and Bodkin will staff this booth for the third year. They will meet on site about 10:00 a.m. May 3.</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>Bodkin asked for help putting up the tents. She also reported there will be three adult volunteers this year, two from the Garden Club and Janet Agnoletti who helped with the kids’ program for a CFC event.</p>
<p><b>Photography Class and Walking Tour</b></p>	<p>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 at 10 a.m. The photo classes will be 11:00 for the kids and 1:00 for the adults.</p>
<p><b>Bluebird Houses</b></p>	<p>Bodkin will work with Wire for a date for birdhouse building and find a scout troop to participate.</p>	<p>Lusting distributed plans for birdhouses. Bodkin stated the conservancy will be focusing on bluebirds as their population is decreasing and hopefully the Conservancy can help provide a habitat. Lustig will research the official requirements for a bluebird house. Munao will observe the building booth at the KidsFest for ideas.</p> <p>Bodkin reported she has bought three large 1.5” caliper Bur Oaks at the CFC Plant Sale to be planted at the end of the Wildflower garden as a focal point for the trail. Ron DiMonte has agreed to plant one tree for \$20. Bodkin will need to determine his cost for planting three trees.</p>

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

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm, at South Barrington Village Hall