

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 21, 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, Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall
- Commissioners absent: Michael Niedzinski
- Guests: Dustin Wire

Approval of Minutes: July minutes approved.

Announcements: Bodkin announced she and another resident of Barrington Hills Village, and a member of their Heritage and Environment Committee, and a fellow volunteer with Citizens for Conservation, spent 3 hours cutting down the invasive teasel near the Village Hall. She partnered to do this eradication to foster community spirit between the Barrington Hills Village Hall and the nearby South Barrington Conservancy.

Bodkin also announced she and Barrington High School student Andrew Gugulska who is working on his President's Award for high school volunteers with 175 hours of community service, cleared some of the brush cut by Wire in the Butterfly Garden. Gugulska, mother, and Bodkin and husband will work this coming Sunday to clear out remaining brush on the trail. Wire states the next step would be to cut the stubs on the path closer to the path, herbicide and then put about 4" of mulch on top and watch and spray surgically for residual weeds.

Bodkin also announced that Anthony Zenbradt at LL Bean has been identified by Mayor McCombie as being interested in helping with trailblazing in the Conservancy. Bodkin will follow up to see if this team can help clear up the Butterfly Trail, which is first priority at this time.

Bodkin announced Wild Ones program for September 2at the Fremont Library in Mundelein Is on Oaks. She plans to attend. Other commissioners indicated an interest in attending. Bodkin will send out reminders in time to plan.

Bodkin announced a request from Jeanie Zeigler at LL Bean to help with pressed leaves note cards at their October 4-5 Outdoor Discovery Weekend. The weekend after that is also open, and a possibility even though two hours on Sunday during the Scarecrow Trail. Bodkin and Munao will discuss it and try to respond to this request. LL Bean has also asked about doing other outdoor sessions in the Conservancy. Commissioners feel this would be a good relationship to nurture.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Scout Program	Bodkin will follow up with the scope for James Owen and give the project to Munao. She will report to Owen from the Commissioners meeting and confirm the October 25 date. Owen to find a scout pack and to raise funds for the wood and to cut the wood to size for the assembly	Munao reported no new information on John Jagmin's project with the tree labels or observation platform. Wire suggested changing the observation platform to a blind, so as not to scare the birds and make it more possible for the viewers to see the birds in action. Munao will convey the new requirement to Jagmin. Bodkin reported making contact with a new Eagle Scout candidate James Owen from Troop 10 at Barrington United Methodist Church. He is very eager to do the building and installing the 10 bluebird houses project working with ecologist Dustin Wire and finding a Cub scout pack to lead in the building and erecting. Owen suggested October 25 in the Conservancy. Date is fine with Wire.
Maintenance-water source, trees	Niedzinski to talk with Care of Trees about what to do with dead Chinquipin Oak and mildewed Scarlet Oak and dying Pagoda Dogwood, as well as possibly take a look at the declining Bur Oak in the Wildflower Garden. Bodkin will talk with DiMonte about care of the Bur Oak.	Bodkin reported the water hook-up is completed. This water source has been so instrumental in maintaining all the new plants on the mound. Chrystall stated there is a strong need for a second key for the water source, so that two commissioners do not have to keep passing off the key to each other. She will look into getting a second key made. Note that former mayor Frank Munao has a second key in his possession. Bodkin reported seeing several trees in the arboretum area of the Conservancy dying or in need of attention. There is also a very declining Bur Oak in the Wildflower Garden, newly planted in May. Wire suggested pruning the top of the Bur Oak to let the tree focus energy sources to the live areas. Fertilizer might be helpful as well as good regular watering, to help strengthen for winter.
Willows	Wire to cut a disk for the children's picnic table	Chrystall asked Wire about chopping willows in the west area of the pond to be used in other projects. Wire agreed to help with an 18" x 2" disc to be used for the children's picnic table in the east side of the picnic grounds.
Herbiciding schedule	Wire has one more application to do in October	Wire reported having herbicided the reed canary, thistle, some willows and other invasives 3 weeks after the burn, and then the second application was 4 weeks after that. That last application will be in October, to coincide with weakening the cycles of the reed canary.
Mound Planting		Chrystall reported she, Munao, and Bodkin were joined by 4 South Barrington Garden Club volunteers to help plant the second phase of flowers and shrubs on the mound. She added that her landscapers will add more plants, forsythia, and campanula, and possibly white coneflower in the next few days. Chrystall would also like to transplant some of the salvia at the base of the mound to a better location for that specific plant. She will do much of the watering for the next few weeks.

<p>Scarecrow Trail October 11-12</p>	<p>Bodkin to follow up with organizations she has made initial contact with. Munao will contact Noah's Ark, Rose School classes and PTO. Chrystall will contact Mayor McCombie about having wine for first prize. She will also check on the details of having a food truck on site.</p>	<p>Bodkin announced she will be out of state from Sept 9- Oct. 9. She will have the sites mowed before she leaves town. She will make up the voting canisters like in the past years and supply the voting tickets. She will continue contacting the possible entrants from last year and this new year. She asked Munao and Chrystall to follow up on progress calls in her absence. She also asked Chrystall to put priority on creating the Donor Cornstalk. Bodkin was asked by the commissioners if she could ask Yeani Yi at the Arboretum for individual entries, for possible awards and prizes, and whether posters could be put in business windows.</p> <p>Chrystall stated last year's research on food trucks indicated the businesses needed a guarantee of a certain gate, which the Conservancy couldn't guarantee. Food sales may also compete with certain entries from the Arboretum.</p>

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting September 18, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall

Scarecrow Trail

Organizations contacted by phone and electronic application sent:

Regency
Village of South Barrington Staff
Ryco
Toll Brothers
Hoffman Estates Hospital
LL Bean
Autumn Leaves
Park District
Bunco

Ones requiring some encouragement:

Coves
South Barrington Garden Club
Noah's Ark
South Barrington Tennis Club
Arboretum and individual Businesses
Homeowners – Glen, Cutters Run, etc.
Scout Troops
PTO at Rose School principal Derek Strait
Village of South Barrington Police

Donor Cornstalk

Prizes: First: Wine Bottles; Second: Pumpkin Pies; Commissioners' Choice: Candy Apples
Some could be donated by vendors