

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Commissioner Bodkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: In attendance:

- Commissioners present: Diane Bodkin, Nancy Munao, Corinne Crystall, Michael Niedzinski
- * Guests: John Jagmin, Dustin Wire

Approval of Minutes: No minutes, as September meeting was a workshop

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout John Jagmin Observation Deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Munao will continue following Scout Jagmin on this project . 	<p>Scout Jagmin reported 4 post holes have been done for the foundation of the observation deck. He plans to pour the no-mix concrete Sunday. Will use pressure treated pine or the wood and a rental concrete mixer.He will cut the boards at home. Reported he has raised about \$1900 from donations and selling mugs at LL.Bean. Commissioner Chrystall donated \$100 for 10 more mugs that she intends to use for décor at next year's scarecrow event.</p>
Eagle Scout James Owen Bluebird Nesting boxes	<p>Bodkin will follow this project</p>	<p>Bodkin reported meeting Owen at his scout Troop 10 weekly meeting at the Barrington United Methodist Church Wednesday night. She signed the 'beneficiary' form (the organization that benefits from the scout's project) and gave him Dustin's phone number and email address to contact directly. He also asked for a letter from the Village stating his project and the benefit to the community.</p> <p>Dustin reported making contact with Owen and the two will meet tomorrow at 5 P.M. to mark locations in the Conservancy for the 10 stakes to be placed. Dustin reported an ornithologist said the cedar boxes would not be offensive to the birds.</p>
Maintenance Fallen trees	<p>Niedzinski and Bodkin to walk the Conservancy and Arboretum trail and develop a plan for restoration</p>	<p>Bodkin reported four maples have fallen along the right of way on the path to the Arboretum. She will talk with Bob Palmer the new Village Administrator to see whose responsibility it is for removing trees. Bodkin also called attention to the large expanse of teasel in the area just southwest of the south Regency gate circle. She will ask Palmer to determine the ownership of that area. Dustin added the Conservancy many need to obtain a permit to remove the teasel in that depressed sunken area.</p>
Entrance Mound Project	<p>Chrystall will continue watering into November.</p>	<p>Chrystall gave report on mound planting, saying she has added several plants and forsythia. She stated the focus for the next phase will be planting the section of the mound that faces the picnic table. This area is currently enjoying a heavy layer of commercial mulch, not the donated mulch from the Village chipping. It was important to keep the same matching tone of mulch. Chrystall did mention the mulch in</p>

		<p>the front areas of the mound was applied too lightly and has allowed a host of weeds to come through. She has opted to let the winter kill the weeds and then have a group weed the area to get the beds ready for spring. Members discussed buying a new hose for the watering next year, as the current hose and metal connection at the hose bib seems to have several leaks.</p>
<p>Herbiciding</p>	<p>Dustin will continue the series of herbiciding in October</p>	<p>Dustin has completed the first two herbicidings coordinated with the burns, three weeks later and the four weeks following. Herbicide to reed canary grass, some willows, and other invasives. The last application will be in October.</p>
<p>Volunteer Projects</p> <p>Andrew Gugulka</p>	<p>Bodkin will coordinate the work day and work with Andrew Gugulka Oct 23.</p>	<p>Dustin suggested a project with scouts clearing buckthorn and underbrush. He would like to lead the project, stating up till early December is okay. He would supply loppers and some saws for the buckthorn. Still to be determined will be where to make the brush pile.</p> <p>He also suggested in June mowing 1 ½ feet more either side of the main path to prevent the tall grasses from touching the walkers on the path. Dustin offered to give the commissioners information on discounts for plugs of Sky Blue Asters in the spring.</p>
<p>LL Bean Volunteer Workday</p>	<p>Munao will host this workday Nov. 15. Bodkin and Chrystall will prep the area to make the task easier for LLBEAN. Bodkin will review the project with Munao before Nov.1</p>	<p>Bodkin reported Andrew Gugulka, a Barrington High School senior working on his President’s Award for Volunteers, will be working in the conservancy October 23 Thursday, a day the students have off from school. Bodkin has designated hauling tree mulch from the parking lot to the figure 8 path in the Wildflower garden as a needed project for the student.</p> <p>Munao reminded the commission about LL Bean’s community workday set for Saturday, November 15. She will be in town and will be able to supervise the project. Bodkin and Chrystall plan to “prep” the path to the Arboretum, cutting down teasel, so that the task will be simple raking under the sumac and clearing trash, and pruning and weeding around the trees along the frontage area. Bodkin will review the area with Munao before Nov. 1.</p>
<p>Evaluation of Scarecrow Event</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>Entrants</p>		<p>Start the campaign early – in August:</p> <p>Compose the article for South Barrington Life for August. Use photos of entries from this past fall. Connect with 360 TV at the High school for publicity, a short on their TV program. Connect with Living 60010, Shefali Bhuva early for press release.</p> <p>Buy two large 8’x3’ banners with general information: Special Event Saturday and Sunday, Here in the Conservancy, 1:00-4:30 pm.</p> <p>Start talking with businesses and organization in August for entries: Autumn Leaves, Fraternal Order of Police, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Rose PTO, Harris Bank, Milrose, AMC. Create a packet of pictures and total number of entries and visitors to take to potential entrants.</p> <p>Check with other organizations to not have event on same weekend : Barrington Village, Rose School, Arboretum, etc.</p> <p>Tell the entrants we will have persons to help them erect and take down. Contact Jill Bauer at BHS to have students have community service hours.</p>

		<p>Coordinate a class at the Park District on Building a Scarecrow in July. The panel of judges worked well. Try an art teacher or student on the panel next year, someone from the art classes.</p>
<p>Other Creation of a Good Trail Map</p>	<p>Chrystall will design fun signs for the trail and look into the distances between areas along the trail</p>	<p>Chrystall stated the need for a good detailed map of the Conservancy's hiking trails, such that visitors would know how much distance to walk to various points. She will check with current phone apps that document distance walked and start the beginning of a trail app. Chrystall suggested adding fun quips to the sign posts on the trails to make the walk more interesting. DID YOU KNOW? Other members were also asked to think up some fun sayings to add to the list. Munao would like to see the trail map in resin at the trail entrance.</p>

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next meeting December 4, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the new Village Hall.

Submitted by Diane Bodkin, Chair.