

Village of South Barrington

Cook County, Illinois
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South Barrington, IL 60010

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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

Approval of Minutes: December 2014 minutes approved.

Announcements: Bodkin displayed the two local magazines *South Barrington Life* and *Quintessential Barrington* with a 2-page article on the Conservancy Scarecrow Event and a 2-page article on the QR Codes initiated by Bodkin on a Citizens for Conservation prairie. Bodkin also announced the current project she is heading up for CFC and the Village of Barrington, hauling Christmas trees to the Rookery on Baker's Lake in Barrington. She said there would be one more volunteer day this coming Saturday to place the tree branches around the island for the egrets and herons.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout Program John Jagmin James Owen	Munao will follow up next month. Bodkin will follow up to recruit volunteers to help with the monitoring, cleaning of the boxes in the spring.	Munao reported she left a phone message with John Jagmin asking about a progress report but has not received an answer. Commissioners agreed there is no work that can be done on this project in the winter and Scout Jagmin did a good job of getting the holes dug in the ground before the frost. Bodkin reported that Eagle Scout candidate James Owen from Troop 10 completed his ten bluebird nesting boxes and installed them in locations in the Conservancy according to Dustin Wire's suggestions.
Maintenance-water source, trees	Niedzinski to talk with Care of Trees about dead Chinquipin Oak and mildewed Scarlet Oak and dying Pagoda Dogwood.	There was no new progress report due to the absence of Commissioner Niedzinski. He will need to complete his search for a company estimate for spreading mulch on the trails in the Conservancy.

Mulch Spreading	Chrystall will get estimate from lawn care workers and discuss with Commissioners	Chrystall outlined her plan for expenses for extensive mulch spreading by professionals. The plan is for workers to use a truck to dump large amounts of mulch along the desired paths. This would make the task much easier for groups of volunteers to spread the mulch without the strenuous task of numerous wheelbarrow loads of mulch to the needed locations. Chrystall would like to see the mulch placed in piles along the Arboretum path, as well, to be laid in the sumac areas. This work could be done in the winter, not dependent on warm weather. Bodkin asked Chrystall to leave the mulch pile closest to the gravel parking area, so the mulch could be easily taken to the trail right in front of it. Commissioners brainstormed how to lay mulch on the uneven section of the Scarecrow trail. It was agreed to divert the trail further up the elevated area, so that it would no longer be unsafe on the current incline.
Mound Progress		Chrystall restated the need for good quality mulch for the mound, as the hill will be more in view of the passersby and the plants will need good mulch. She recommends three truckloads at about \$45 a load to be dumped on the back side and the area closest to the picnic tables. That will enable the mound to be presentable from all vantage points.
LL Bean Partner	Bodkin will talk with Jeanie Ziegler to see if the Conservancy can have an announce-ment for work day on LLBean's Meet Up calendar.	LL Bean's participation in the first work day to haul mulch to the Wildflower garden in November did not work out. The reason is not known. It is hoped that the Conservancy can try again to publicize a workday through LLBean's Meet Up website.
2015 Budget Needs	Munao will scout out the art dept at BHS, as well as talk with Niedzinski to see if his daughters would be interested in updating the tree walk brochure.	Bodkin asked commissioners for ideas for expenses and budget needs for the coming year. In addition to the already discussed need for spreading the mound mulch, other needs stated were: publishing new brochures for the Conservancy publicity, creating a new updated Tree Walk map with distances and posts noted, a large resin colored sign to tell visitors at the Message Center where they are and what trails are complete. The sign would also include the donors, the two Eagle Scouts and the South Barrington Garden Club. Bodkin would also like to add funds for two sturdy utility wheelbarrows for restoration work through the years. She suggested a chain and tarp to secure these items behind large tree trunks at the entrance to the butterfly garden.
Next work project	Chrystall and Bodkin will schedule a survey in the next two weeks or after the snow has melted.	Chrystall and Bodkin will survey the needs on the Arboretum path for mulch and clearing the underbush of the sumac areas.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting February 19, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bodkin, Chairperson