

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Commissioner Munao called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: In attendance:

- Commissioners present: Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall, Michael Niedzinski
- Commissioners absent: Diane Bodkin

Approval of Minutes: Approval tabled to March meeting.

Announcements: No announcements.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
<p>Eagle Scout Program</p> <p>John Jagmin</p> <p>James Owen</p>	<p>Munao will continue to keep in touch with Scout Jagmin</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 recommendations.</p>
<p>Wood Chip Spreading</p>		<p>Chrystall outlined her plan for expenses for extensive wood chip spreading by professionals. Workmen will use a truck to dump large amounts of chips along the desired paths. This would make the task much easier for groups of volunteers to spread the chips without the strenuous task of numerous wheelbarrow loads to the needed locations. Chrystall would like to see the wood chips 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. Munao restated the plan to leave the wood chip pile closest to the gravel parking area, so the chips could be easily taken to the trail right in front of it.</p> <p>Chrystall estimates the cost at \$300/day for the Bobcat, plus \$100 delivery and pick up, plus \$75 per man per day. Two Bobcats with two men for one day would be \$850. Chrystall states the workmen would move large boulders to the mound for \$225. Total estimate would be \$1800.</p>

		Further discussion centered on measuring the quantity of wood chips, time frame for spreading, and killing the grass before spreading.
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 \$50 a load to be dumped on the back side and the area closest to the picnic tables. This would enable the mound to be presentable from all vantage points. Workers would be \$75 per day. Total for the mound work would be \$225.
2015 Budget Needs		All was approved in the General Maintenance budget, except Niedzinski preferred two beetle treatments at \$760 instead of one at \$400.
Budget for Capital Projects		Commissioners agreed more discussion is needed regarding acquiring the funds for moving and spreading the many wood chip piles.
Budget for Programs	Chrystall to copy the old brochure and send to commissioners to mark up with ideas.	Commissioners discussed revising the brochure and the tree walk brochure. Munao stated Barrington High Art class did the previous brochure free and has agreed to do it again. All agreed the brochures need to be updated and redesigned. Commissioners were asked to think of changes in terms of text and photos. Niedzinski was asked to determine a method for measuring the perimeter of the Conservancy boundaries, to be used as a base for the map.
Next work project		Chrystall and Bodkin will survey the needs on the Arboretum path for mulch and clearing the underbush of the sumac areas. The wildflower garden and the butterfly garden will need to have 2'x2' areas cleared out for seeds and plants. Some of the Indian grass and the turf will need to be dug out. Garden Club members were suggested to help. Teasel removal was discussed. Will need to wait till plants flower to cut heads and stalks so the plants will not send up new shoots. Commissioners will need to walk Conservancy to spot teasel. Roundup can be used also.
Bird Feeding		Niedzinski was thanked for his suggestion for feeding the birds in winter. Commissioners stated seed could have been covered with snow before birds found it. Keeping the feeders filled regularly would be a problem.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting March 26, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Munao and
Diane Bodkin, Chairperson