

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 26, 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, Michael Niedzinski
- Commissioners absent: Corinne Chrystall
- Guest present: Dustin Wire

Approval of Minutes: Approval tabled to April meeting.

Announcements: Bodkin announced the upcoming KidFest on May 2. Munao agreed to help with the note card creations. Bodkin displayed a copy of latest South Barrington Life with large two part display on James Owen and the installing of the bluebird nesting boxes .

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
Eagle Scout Program John Jagmin James Owen	Bodkin will check with Village Treasurer to determine status of building permit. It would be good for new building Inspector to talk with Jagmin.	Bodkin restated Village Treasurer's request to check on whether Jagmin obtained a building permit for his creation of the observation deck. Munao stated she was sure he got the needed permit from the Building Inspector at that time Regarding bluebird boxes, Bodkin reported that she checked inside all the boxes a week ago for any wrong birds or other residents. They were all clean and unused. She will monitor in a week to see if any activity.
Wood Chip Spreading	Bodkin will walk the Conservancy with Dimonte tomorrow and determine his quote for the work, spreading all the piles of wood chips and cleaning up the lot.	Niedzinski reported on Ryco's quote of about \$3500 for a turn key job hauling and spreading the wood chips. Bodkin stated that amount was much higher than the \$1800-\$2000 quoted by Commissioner Chrystall by her landscapers. Bodkin reported that the Village Treasurer suggested contacting Ron DiMonte for his quote. She will walk the Conservancy tomorrow morning and obtain a quote from Dimonte.

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