

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 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, Michael Niedzinski

Approval of Minutes: August minutes were approved.

Announcements:

Bodkin reminded commissioners of the October 13 trail walk coordinated by the Park District. LL Bean is also advertising the walk on their Meet Up Website. Bodkin will lead the walk and add a harvesting seed activity.

Bodkin reported cleaning all the 10 bluebird houses. 5 had had swallows and 5 were empty. Bodkin announced she will be out of state Sept 19-Oct 8. Will work on scarecrow event when she returns.

Bodkin reported attending the South Barrington Public Works Committee meeting Sept 15. Sheffield and Roland are still evaluating the hose bib and standpipe issue for irrigating the Mound. The village will let us know the results. The village discussed creating a deep well on Conservancy land for monitoring well water in conjunction with BACOG mandate. The well will be dug on the west side of the picnic area. Start date has not been determined yet.

Bodkin showed an article in Barrington Hills Life magazine about an Eagle Scout in Troop 10 Creating an observation platform for the BACT Pederson Preserve. She said the commission should work on their relationship with this scout troop.

Project and/or Program	Follow-up Action Owner	Discussion
MAINTENANCE Weed condition on the trails	Dustin Wire to clear 1 ½' on either side of Butterfly Garden trail and the large trail leading to the Garden.	Bodkin reported the weed condition on the trails is in need of attention. She added that Dustin Wire talked with her earlier about clearing back the Indian Grass and Goldenrod about 1 ½' beyond the trail in the Butterfly Garden. He will do the same on the big trail leading to the Butterfly Garden. He anticipates a \$460 expense to the last spraying of the cattails and invasives for the winter. He stated eradicating invasives in the Conservancy would be a long project, as they had been allowed to gain strength for many years before this attention.

<p>PROJECTS Jagmin Eagle Scout Platform</p>	<p>Munao to send article to South Barrington Life on Scout Project before the Oct.7 deadline.</p>	<p>Munao reported Jagmin has started on the stairs to the observation platform. He has obtained his permit in writing. He still needs to send her photos of his work for her article to South Barrington Life.</p>
<p>Scarecrow Trail October 17-18</p>	<p>Bodkin will obtain the third judge.</p> <p>Chrystall to purchase the individual prizes</p> <p>Bodkin will contact persons for donuts and cider.</p> <p>Chrystall will help set up donor pole and message board before leaving for vacation.</p> <p>Niedzinski and daughter Victoria will help on the event morning with entrants setting up. Bodkin and Munao will also be present to help.</p>	<p>Judges – 2 judges have been procured: Sam Oliver from CFC and an art student from Barrington High School. Thank you gifts for the judges will be the Scout’s Conservancy mugs with chocolate truffles.</p> <p>Awards – Bodkin showed the commissioners photos of the first, second, and third prize ribbons that have been ordered. Ribbons are larger and much classier than the hand created ones last year. Chrystall plans to give the First Place winners large chrystanthemums; the Second Place winners individual pumpkin pies, and the Third Place winners caramel apples.</p> <p>Refreshments – Bodkin will call several Friends of the Conservancy to help with donut holes and cider. There will be a special table set up along the trail for refreshments.</p> <p>Donor Pole and Message Board – Chrystall agreed to set up the Donors’ pole again this year in the first open area at the entrance, as well as help with items, brochures and crows, for the bulletin board that was well received last year. The board will be located in same place as last year in the middle of the trail. Jim Bodkin will help erect the structure. Chrystall stated because of her absence, there will be no entry from the Ladies’ Bunco this year.</p> <p>Signage – Chrystall suggested a sign on the West Trail stating “Future Expansion Trail”. Jim Bodkin will make up signs for the sandwich board and individual signs for each numbered site. The signs will help the entrants find their site easily on the Saturday morning set up. Grace Pyter has agreed to help the entrants find their specific location. Bodkin is creating a map with the entrants’ locations. Plans are to create a program sheet with the entrants’ location, title, and name. A basket at the end of the trail could be placed for visitors to recycle the program sheets.</p> <p>Preparation of Sites – The Bodkins will mow and spray the individual scarecrow sites and Niedzinski and Bodkin will spread wood chips on the areas to make a pleasing locations for the entrants. Bodkin and Munao will determine locations and create the program sheet.</p> <p>Posts- Bodkin spoke with Ron DiMonte who erected the nineteen 8’ 4”x4” posts last year for \$200 to take down as well. He stated it would be easier not to place them in the ground but to make them portable at 6’ with four stands around the base to stabilize them. Bodkin agreed to have Dimonte cut the 2’ off the top and to create the strong base for the posts. She will</p>

	<p>Niedzinski to contact Toll Bros and Ryco Landscape</p> <p>Chrystall to contact FOP, Regency, Arboretum, and Sur La Table</p> <p>Munao to follow up with Rose PTO, Grove Art Club, PIC Theater, and Gigi's Playhouse.</p> <p>Bodkin to call all entrants and confirm and determine size and shape of site needed.</p>	<p>let him know how many are needed. Last year several posts were not necessary. Bodkin will ask each entrant If they need a post or can use their own.</p> <p>Registration Bodkin reported having received registration forms or verbal agreement from LL Bean's Jeanie Ziegler for two scarecrows, from the South Barrington Park District and Tennis Club for two scarecrows, The Garden Club, Sutumn Leaves, the South Barrington Village Staff, Hoffman Estates Animal Hospital, Noah's Ark, and the Citadelle Gallery in the Arboretum.</p> <p>Niedzinski was asked to contact Toll Brothers and Ryco Landscaping.</p> <p>Chrystall was asked to contact Fraternal Order of Police, Regency, Sur La Table, and the Arboretum.</p> <p>Munao will follow up on Mathnasium, Rose PTO, the Grove Art Club, PIC Theater, and Gigi's Playhouse.</p> <p>Bodkin announced she contacted Troop 10 but they declined due to many other projects at this time. Bodkin will call all the entrants a week before the event to confirm their participation and answer any questions and assign a site location.</p>
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Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Next meeting October 15, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall
 Respectfully submitted,
 Diane Bodkin, Chairperson