

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 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
- Guest: John Jagmin, Eagle Scout candidate, Dr. Jeff Jagmin, and Dustin Wire

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were approved.

Announcements: Bodkin thanked Munao for her excellent article on John Jagmin in this month's *South Barrington Life Magazine*.

The November 13 Workday with LL Bean's Meetup Group was canceled by Bodkin due to foot injury.

| Project and/or Program | Follow-up Action Owner | Discussion |
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| Scout Jagmin Progress, Completion of the Observation Platform | Jagmin will notify Conservancy as to the date for his Award ceremony Contact Jagmins in February for possible acceptance of offer to make engraved tree labels | Eagle Scout Jagmin and his father attended this commission meeting to report on the completion of the cedar observation platform project. Bodkin presented the letter of completion to Jagmin, written by Munao, and signed by Mayor McCombie and Bodkin. Young Jagmin spoke about his project, the learning, working with his father, leading his fellow scouts. Both Jagmins recommended to keep the platform as is, not to build a blind over it. They felt the birds were not disturbed while they were working on the construction and, therefore, should be able to tolerate quiet spectators on the platform. Commissioners agreed not to advocate for a blind or a roof at this time. The structure itself can be seen as an inviting destination from the parking lot and blends well into the line of the existing scenery. Discussion did center on clearing the area under the platform so as not to attract animals to stay. Bodkin stated there will be a work project to spray the weeds underneath and lay wood chips to open the area. Jagmin advised the commissioners to apply Thompson's oil to the cedar platform yearly to keep the wood in good condition. A grab rail was discussed along the stairs but put on hold pending study of need. Commissioners also talked with Jagmins about the possibility of creating the engraved granite tree labels in the near future. |

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| | | Dr. Jagmin responded that he is still working on familiarizing himself with the 3-D engraving machine. He may be ready to let the commissioners know in February if he and son can do the labels as a paid job. Also discussed was the idea of a plaque to be embedded in the wood stating the work of " John Jagmin, Troop 29" creating the structure. |
| MAINTENANCE | Niedzinski will follow the repair of the path | Bodkin reported on the condition of a large gash in the trail over the culvert near the east gate of the Regency. This large depression presents a danger to visitors and hikers when snow covers the area and hides the fault. Bodkin stated she has alerted Building Inspector Mike Moreland and asked Niedzinski to follow this issue. (Addendum November 19: Moreland and Bodkin met at the site. Moreland stated he would have fill gravel and yellow caution tape for the site.) |
| Relationship with The Nature Conservancy | Niedzinski and Bodkin will research this suggestion further | Niedzinski inquired about the South Barrington Conservancy contacting The Nature Conservancy regarding becoming involved in their work and studies, benefitting from the Nature Conservancy's expertise and resources. Commissioners discussed the larger part of the South Barrington Conservancy property that is not as easily seen or exposed. They agreed that future projects should include expanding attention to these areas and exploring restoration and use. |
| NEW BROCHURE | Bodkin will type up the draft and send photos by email for commissioners' to approve and select. Bodkin will also confer with Mayor McCombie on the final wording in the brochure. | The rest of the meeting was devoted to actual wordsmithing the revised brochure. All commissioners and Wire had input to various parts of the brochure. Sections for the new brochure are: Mission Statement, Vision of the Conservancy, History of the Conservancy, Current Progress and Future Planning, Property Location and Description, Conservancy Commission Members, Friends of the Conservancy, and Special Events. After the new year and approval of the brochure by the Mayor, Munao will take the copy and photos to the Graphic Arts Department at Barrington High to talk with the teacher about the students accepting a project to create a brochure similar to their project as creators of the first brochure in 2010. Photos by Bodkin will be used as they would be already approved by the photographer. |
| Scarecrow Trail October 17-18 | Evaluation tabled later | |
| Dustin Wire's Spraying | Bodkin will sign and submit the invoice to the Village Treasurer. Bodkin will add the new proposed expenses to the 2016-2017 budget. | Wire submitted an invoice for \$398.79, for spraying of the teasel and phragmites at the depression by the Regency east gate and the area along Bartlett Rd. south of Bridges Dr. He also sprayed the wildflower garden path to inhibit growth of weeds through the wood chips laid down. Wire also projected that the spraying program should continue in April 2016 in the Reed Canary field, with plugs of sedges and wildflowers planted in a systematic method to gradually force out the reed canary. He estimates the spraying at about \$100 and the plugs at \$300. |

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Commissioners agreed to cancel the December meeting, as they had completed the work on the wording of the new brochure, and there are no more pending projects to be followed through the winter months. Commissionssioners will begin in January 2016 with an intense meeting determining expenses for the new 2016-2017 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bodkin, Chairperson