

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Commissioner Bodkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: In attendance:

- Commissioners present: Diane Bodkin, Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall, Michael Niedzinski
- Guest: Bob Palmer, South Barrington Village Administrator
 - Rich Stokluska, Risk Management, Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved as read.

Announcements: Bodkin announced receiving an email from a sophomore at Barrington High who is interested in some service hours at the Conservancy. She replied the commission would be happy to have her help, that we would be in contact with her in the spring when activities would start up again.

Bodkin also announced receiving a donation of \$1000 from the South Barrington Garden Club.

GUEST PRESENTER: VILLAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONSERVANCY

Rich Stokluska, representing the insurance carrier for the Village, gave an overview of the insurance business, explaining some general terms and policies. Commissioners were concerned about coverage for visitors, vendors, and volunteers coming to the Conservancy grounds. Mr. Stokluska explained that vendors will usually have their own insurance coverage, that there is a waiver form to be signed when the Conservancy has an event with large volume of attendees, and that there is a village policy to cover individuals harmed while doing volunteer work for the Conservancy. Employees serving on corporate workdays will have a policy from their place of business. Likewise, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts will usually have signed waiver forms from their club before they come. The Conservancy will need to research the waiver form needed for large events and, if needed, re-word for special use.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners agreed there was no old business.

All projects for the coming year are deemed New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Wildflower Garden

Bodkin asked the commissioners for some help on a spring weekend workday hauling wood chips to complete the Wildflower Garden path. She stated she would like to experiment with laying down newspapers to smother the weeds along the path, instead of using toxic spray. All commissioners agreed to help and agreed that timing was important before the weeds started growing in early spring. Bodkin will notify commissioners and other potential helpers of the date, possibly the middle of March.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of moving the Butterfly Garden activity and wildflowers to the closer Wildflower Garden area. The advantages are the complete lack of an abundance of Indian Grasses smothering the wildflowers and making a tall sight line, and the closeness of the new location to the road and access for supplies and equipment. The Wildflower Garden is mostly turf grass and Goldenrod that could be mowed to give open areas for planning and planting. Niedzinski suggested creating raised beds with good soil to give the wildflowers a good start, with rock surrounding the area to define and to discourage weed invasion. Commissioners agreed to pursue that suggestion. Some of the recently planted wildflowers in the Butterfly Garden will need to be dug up and replanted. The Butterfly Garden path will still need to be maintained as a trail for viewing along the pond and creek.

Bodkin and Munao agreed to work on the next stage of the brochure before next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next commission meeting will be Thursday night, March 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bodkin, Chairperson