

Village of South Barrington

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

Village of South Barrington Conservancy Commission

Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 24, 2016, 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
- Commissioner absent: Michael Niedzinski
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Agenda Items

1. **Announcements:** Bodkin announced changes in the agenda format to help with organizing and recording of minutes.
2. **Openlands Grant:** Bodkin reported that the Village is re-submitting the grant for creating a clear water path where the spring creek from Cutters Run enters the Conservancy grounds. This is a matching grant from Open Lands and Commonwealth Edison.
3. **Bluebird Monitoring:** Bodkin reported checking the ten bluebird nesting boxes in the past two weeks. There is no activity except a couple of bluebirds flying in the area. Dustin Wire helped Bodkin relocate the farthest boxes in the Reed Canary field to higher ground for ease of monitoring. Fran Frain from the Regency has also been monitoring the boxes.
4. **Mound Plans:** Chrystall reported plan to order a package of native wildflowers to fill in the final open area on the back side of the mound. She will nurture the small plants for a while till the roots are stronger before planting them on the mound or in the Wildflower Garden. Bodkin will also add some shrubs. Some of the milkweed plants can be planted on the mound or in a concentrated area near the Wildflower Garden path.
5. **Wildflower Garden Trail Work:** Bodkin voiced concern that there is a narrow window of time to get many of these tasks done before the grass and trees and weeds start growing.
6. **Photography Class:** Commissioners agreed on Saturday, May 28 for the annual photography class, hopefully giving more time for the flowers to bloom to be good photography subjects. Kids (4th grade through Jr. Hi will meet 9:00-11:00, and adults will meet 1:00-3:00. Jim and Diane Bodkin will teach the classes. Bodkin will put the article in South Barrington Life magazine's "Mark Your Calendar" before the April 7 deadline.
7. **Boxwood Maze:** Bodkin outlined the area for this children's 'destination' on a map of the Conservancy. She emphasized the need for a backdrop barrier as a safety feature between the

boxwood hedge and the stream behind it, so that parents can know their children are safe totally confined to that area among the boxwoods but not able to go near the water.

Commissioners voiced a desire for the backdrop to be natural, but something strong enough to deter children. Commissioners will generate ideas for a natural barrier.

8. **Brochure:** Bodkin gave Munao an abridged version of the text for the brochure. She would like less history and more photos to entice people to visit and experience the Conservancy's features. Munao and Bodkin will re-work the copy and determine the photos desired. It was agreed by commissioners present not to rush to get the information to the Graphic Arts Department before the end of school, but to take more time to work on it and be sure it represents the best presentation.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Conservancy Health Walk**

Commissioners agreed on May 26 for the Conservancy Walk, contingent on partnering with the Park District for publicity and attendees. Bodkin will contact Debbie at the Park District.

- **Arboretum Path**

Chrystall voiced interest in continuing the clearing work on the Arboretum Path with the help of residents from the Regency. She would like to make the event a good fellowship time with tent and water and refreshments. Bodkin will contact Regency's Landscape Committee, and Chrystall will contact the Activities Director at Regency.

- **Scarecrow Event**

Additional publicity suggested included local Barrington Cable TV 74, Barrington 365, and the Barrington Library electronic board.

Chrystall researched cost of food trucks, like Tastee Cheeze out of Schaumburg. One business requires \$500 up front and promise of 250 buyers. Chrystall and Munao will search other vendors. Bodkin will check with Park District to see whether soccer tournaments are on the Scarecrow opening date to increase the customer base.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bodkin, Chairperson