

**MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION & ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
Held Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Michael McCombie.
Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Decker, Gillis, Murarka, White
and Chairman McCombie.

ABSENT: Fox and Kwasek.

A quorum was present. Also in attendance Mark Sprayer (Stillman Nature Center), Susan Allman (Stillman Nature Center), Eva B. Combs (Stillman Nature Center), Village Attorney Melissa Wolf, Village Administrator Bob Palmer and Building Officer Mike Moreland.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McCombie requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2016 and the minutes from the November 4, 2016 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 and November 4, 2016 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings was made by Commissioner Gillis and seconded by Commissioner Decker. On a voice vote the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Public Hearing Electronic Video Signs

Chairman McCombie requested a motion to open a public hearing on the subject of “Electronic Video Signs and Temporary Sign Duration”. Motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Gillis to open a public hearing regarding “Electronic Video Signs and Temporary Sign Duration”. On a voice vote the motion passed to open the public hearing. Attorney Melissa Wolf read for the record the published notification regarding the hearing. Attorney Wolf also noted the two (2) existing electronic video signs that are currently in the Village. One owned by the Arboretum Shopping Center and the other owned by the South Barrington Park District. Chairman McCombie stated that the necessity for additional signs of this nature did not appear to be present, and that if there were a need for such a sign in the future it could be presented. Chairman McCombie reviewed information from other municipalities regarding electronic video signs (Itasca and Arlington Heights). The Commission also reviewed the current code regarding temporary signs in the Village. Chairman McCombie commented regarding restriction of electronic video signs and stating that they could be prohibited in all

districts. Attorney Wolf confirmed that the electronic video signs could be prohibited altogether by a text amendment. Wolf also noted to the Commission that with the text amendment the two (2) existing signs would become legal non-conforming signs and if the value of the signs individually was under \$500, then the signs would have to come into compliance within 60 days, however with a value over \$500, compliance would have to be achieved within two years. Noting that there was no persons present to comment on the sign issues during the public hearing, Chairman McCombie asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Gillis to close a public hearing on the subject of “Electronic Video Signs and Temporary Sign Duration”, seconded by Commissioner White. On a voice vote the motion passed to close the public hearing.

Chairman McCombie asked for a motion to recommend to the Village Board, the changes necessary in the Village Code to prohibit Electronic Video Signs and to reduce the amount of time allowed for temporary signs from 60 days to 30 days. Motion was made by Commissioner Gillis and seconded by Commissioner Decker to amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code under signs, prohibiting electronic video signs and also reducing the time period for temporary signs from 60 days to 30 days. On a roll call vote the motion passed.

Workshop-Comprehensive Plan

Chairman McCombie introduced the next item on the agenda, the continuation of the workshop meeting that originated on September 13, 2016 in regard to the Comprehensive Plan. With representatives from the Stillman Nature Center present, Chairman McCombie asked about the future plans for the property. Eva Combs spoke on behalf of Stillman Nature Center stating that the nature center has been in existence since the 1980’s and has no plans to change. Chairman McCombie asked if the property could return to its natural state. Mark Sprayer (Stillman) answered that with their raptor program there are no plans to change the mission. Combs added that under the 501c3 statute, if Stillman had to cease operations, their net assets would be granted to a similar organization. A brief discussion took place regarding the merits of the center such as the trails that exist and also the challenges of working with volunteers. Stillman has a number of programs with school age children and has a partnership with the L.L. Bean Store in the Arboretum. Regular programs include snow shoeing and kayaking. It was noted that the Stillman Center was part of the Chicago Audubon Society at one point, but eventually left to become its own 501c3. Having no further questions of the Stillman representatives, Chairman McCombie thanked them for their presence and moved on with the discussion.

Chairman McCombie brought up some of the previous questions that were part of the Comprehensive Plan discussion. Plans for Rose School were one item, with staff providing information that the School District had no plans for expansion at the present time. Ballagh Estates, which is completely surrounded by South Barrington, is not interested in annexing into the Village. Other land areas discussed were the Park District property on the north end of the Village near Barrington Pools, for which no specific plans currently exist. Goebberts Farm, the Micholotti property, Dunteman property and the Allstate property were discussed. Vacant parcels by the tennis club and the bank that are owned by the Village were also discussed. Progress on the Toll Brothers development was reviewed. Moreland reported that the Regency would be built out this year and a number of houses were being built north of Penny Road. The

Commission briefly discussed zoning after an annexation, noting that parcels are brought in with an A-1 zoning designation. Chairman McCombie brought up the closed landfill and what future uses it could hold, noting it has A-2 zoning. It was also noted that there are some wetland areas in the eastern portion of the Village near the forest preserve property. Having no further discussion on the materials presented, the consensus of the Commission was to conclude the workshop.

OLD BUSINESS – Chairman McCombie noted that the Goebberts Farm petition would be considered at the next scheduled Plan Commission meeting, to be held on April 19, 2017 at the Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chairman McCombie asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Murarka made a Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Decker seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Palmer
Village Administrator

These Minutes were approved this
_____ day of _____, 20__