

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CONSERVANCY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bodkin at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Commissioners present:
Diane Bodkin, Nancy Munao, Corinne Chrystall, Deb Bachmeier
- Commissioners absent: Aga Razvi

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES: Minutes approval tabled again till May meeting pending presence of commissioners present at February meeting to approve minutes.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2018 MINUTES: March Minutes approved, motion made by Commissioner Munao, seconded by Commissioner Chrystall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bodkin reported that the Board of Trustees recognized the three Scouts, Phillip Silbert, Jayden Pineda, and John Seifert, on April 12, 2018, for their outstanding volunteer service helping to restore an area in the Conservancy. She also announced that Assistant Scoutmaster Neal Silbert mentioned the possibility of some of the Girl Scouts on the Venture Team 10 might want to serve their conservation hours in the Conservancy as well. Bodkin thanked Chrystall for checking in on the scouts later that extra workday. Bodkin asked Chrystall if she would be available to greet and start the volunteers on the upcoming Sunday. Bodkin will email Scoutmaster Silbert and determine the time to reach the Conservancy. Bodkin stated there are still areas east and west of the cleared center area that still in need of attention.

AGENDA :

I. CAPITAL PROJECTS

A. ENTRANCE MOUND:

Bodkin stated the front half of the mound had been deadheaded and made ready for the spring season. The other half still is in need of deadheading before the Arbor Day event.

Regarding the stone stream, Chrystall reported she has selected the stones for the Stone Stream. Her landscapers will do the work. She has the WeedMat ready. She outlined the plan to follow the path of the water flow down the incline for erosion, aesthetics, and access to the top of the mound for maintenance.

Bodkin added that Commissioner Razvi is planning to add lupine seeds.

She is scheduled to meet with Commissioner Razvi this coming week to develop a plan for dispersing the collected seed through out the Conservancy.

B. SHOWCASE AREA TO RAMP AND OBSERVATION PLATFORM:

Bodkin thanked Commissioner Chrystall for working with the scouts doing more of the willow cutting. She stated there is still more brush work to be done in the Showcase area. She added she believes the Conservancy will need the help of a landscape designer to make the Showcase look really professional.

Suggestions included contacting local Goebbert's and Midwest Groundcover.

Munao will contact the landscaper for Chicago's Lurie Gardens.

III. PROGRAMS

A. ARBOR DAY REPORT:

Commissioners voices approval seeing the newly revised printed "Tree Walk" brochure. The brochure contains brief information on each of the trees in the small arboretum. The trail map shows numbers and that correspond to the numbers on the trees in the brochure.

There are also trails and creeks in correct location including the two intended future trails. Bodkin reported the cost of the printing was about \$333 for 300 brochures. Michelle Bodie and Jim Bodkin did the design layout.

Commissioners asked about the land behind the pond, what part belongs to the Conservancy. There are hiking signs in the area. Several homeowners are taking care of the land to make it presentable.

Bodkin will ask Mike Moreland to inform the commission of the boundary of the Conservancy behind the pond.

Regarding publicity of the event, Bodkin reported notices of the event were sent in the Mayor's "Weekly Update", to the *South Barrington Life* and *Barrington Hills Life* magazine, and a special email blast to the Regency Homeowners, and to the village Homeowners Association Presidents from the Mayor's office.

Program: Munao reported she is in contact with Jeff Andruss, and he is ready to guide the walk around the trees, giving some pioneer added information. Bodkin will ask Village Treasurer for a check for \$75 for the speaker.

Kids' Activity: Chrystall reported she has 12 shovels for the kids to use to plant a small plant on top of the mound. She also has small pots and will add some soil for children to plant their own apple seed.

Chrystall will also take care of the Bistro ambience.

Bachmeier will be hostess of the bistro while Chrystall will be helping the planting. Jim Bodkin will be the photographer.

Bodkin has talked with Michelle Bodie at the Village, and she will bring coffee and hot chocolate from Panera with cups and condiments, and two or three apple pies from Costco. She has already given Bodkin the paper plates, napkins, and plastic ware.

Chrystall stated she would need help taking items out of the car.

B. BLUEBIRD BOXES:

Regency resident Fran Frain is helping relocate several of the nesting boxes that were taken down for the burn. Frain reports he has seen some bluebird activity near the observation platform. Chrystall noted she also saw a pair of bluebirds on top of the box in between the two soccer fields.

C. SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS:

Munao reported she and Commissioner Razvi are scheduled to talk with Dr. Becky Gill at District 220 on May 9 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Gill would like to meet at the Conservancy. She will be accompanied by her science representative in charge of Curriculum Development.

Plans are for a one and one-half hour field trip to the pond, the creek, and other areas for soil samples. It is estimated about 20-26 4th and 5th graders will be attending the summer science session.

The dates of the summer session will be June 4-28.

Munao asked the commissioners for volunteers to help with the stations.

Bodkin asked for a date before June 21 so she could be available to volunteer and take photos.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bodkin reported that for the past three weekends, the Conservancy still has had someone dumping many liquor bottles filling up the trash cans.

Commissioners voiced a desire to find a way to stop this practice.

Bodkin will talk again to Chief Roman about putting up a deer monitor on the tree.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Munao asked Commissioner Bodkin to check with Village Buildings and Grounds Mike Moreland for a more accurate southern boundary of the Conservancy.

Commissioner Bachmeier reported she had talked with Jason Mitchell, the Property Manager at Regency/Woods. He would like to talk with Bodkin about joint programs, such as nature walks with the Regency and the Conservancy. Bodkin will get in touch with him.

Commissioner Chrystall asked about a possible safe walk area across Bartlett so parents and kids can walk across the road from the South Barrington Lakes subdivision going to the Park. Munao responded that a walkway was never in the original Conservancy plan. The Village did not want children crossing the road on their own, and a traffic light would be too expensive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Chrystall, seconded by Commissioner Bachmeier. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Next meeting will be May 24, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bodkin, Chairperson