

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CONSERVANCY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bodkin at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Commissioners present:
Diane Bodkin, Deb Bachmeier, Nancy Munao, Aga Razvi
- Absent: Corinne Chrystall
- Guest: Mayor Paula McCombie, Michelle Bodie

APPROVAL OF JULY 2018 MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner Bachmeir, seconded by Commissioner Razvi. Motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AGENDA :

1. Bodkin commented on retrieving three small kites last week in the Conservancy trees. In one instance, it appeared that the person broke a crabapple tree in trying to retrieve the kite. In another Instance the kite got caught in the cattails and could not be retrieved. Commissions voiced beliefs that our goal is too encourage persons to use the Conservancy more often. It was agreed that the area in The center of the picnic grounds is really too short for kite flying. No conclusion was met; commissioners just voiced hope that persons would choose to fly kites in a more spacious area like the soccer field.
2. Chair Bodkin announced she has appointed Commissioner Razvi to take responsibility for tree care in the Conservancy. He will contact Buildings and Zoning Mike Moreland to help with sawing the broken Crabapple and a dead Linden near the east base of the entrance mound. His other responsibility would be to secure a tree for Arbor Day celebration, should a planting of a new tree be the selected program for that day. Mayor McCombie agreed to ask Jeff Andruss back as Johnny Appleseed for 2019 Arbor Day, with more publicity to the Schools, so a new tree for Arbor Day will not take place till 2020.
3. Commissioner Munao announced she has sold her house and will

be moving out of the area to Elgin this coming Thursday and leaving the commission. She will continue to be active in Friends of the Conservancy.

AGENDA

I. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A. Mayor McCombie stated the Village is in the process of forming an Environment and Forestry Committee, one that would focus on trees, green energy, water conservation, public education on the environment. She said other villages around South Barrington have an Environment Committee. She is in the process of interviewing potential persons for this committee. She states she will be attending a Job Fair in Chicago on September 19, searching for a student in the Americorps program. This program is a grant matched by Americorps and the Mayor's Caucus, so South Barrington's portion is reasonable. She asked the commissioners to brainstorm with big plans of where they would like to see the Conservancy grow. An example she suggested was to think in terms of paying persons to do the continuous maintenance and free the commissioners to coordinate more expansive educational and conservational programs. Chair Bodkin will place this brainstorming on the October agenda. Razvi added that he has done selection and supervision of Americorps interns before. He understands the financial pass-through to the University.

II. MAINTENANCE

B. Bodkin reported that Dustin called to let her know that he mowed the sedge meadow area and some of the cattails in front of the observation platform. He also widen some of the trails. Bodkin added that she would like to have him put herbicide on the small seedlings that are coming up in the open understory of the Showcase now.

C. Bodkin reported in response to the commission's request to the village for more help with the mowing and weeding in the Conservancy, the village has agreed to ask Ron DiMonte to spray the base of the mound and to spray and widen the Scarecrow Trail, both of which he has already started to do.

D. Bodkin reported that the condition on the mound has been somewhat neglected, that the shrubs have become overgrown and several of the flowers need deadheading. It is a pleasant job but needs more than one person to complete. Commissioner Munao stated she would like to help, that she will be available next week or later. Bodkin will call.

E. Bodkin reported on the latest efforts in the Showcase Garden. It is almost fully cleared, all 160 feet. A scout working on his Life Badge will join Bodkin and her husband Saturday to do the last raking and hauling. Bodkin stated the sticks and debris have been added to a line along the back path between the cattails and the garden. She added last week 32 donated Black eyed Susans were planted in the center in order to save them. The plan is to spray the small seedlings, chop some more of the unneeded saplings, then let the ground sit through winter. Invite the garden clubbers to help plant the backline shrubs and possibly some of the donated wildflowers. Treasurer Bodie reminded the commissioners that Mr. Storino had given a donation at end of year that was earmarked for landscape designer services. The Showcase Gardens are now ready for a landscape designer services.

III. SCARECROW EVENT

- A. Commissioners reviewed their entry assignments, designating which organizations have fully applied and which ones need some follow up. See separate attached sheet.
- B. Extra attractions. Bodkin reported that Glowby the Giant Soap Bubbler is scheduled to set up in the open picnic area. The canopy will be used along the frontage area for Sue Ardizzone from the Police Dept. There is another possible craft idea using string and textile paint making a design. This craft table will be placed on the frontage line as well.
- C. Signs and Publicity. The Village will print 300 colored flyers to send home with school children from Sunny Hill, Countryside, and Rose. Munao will check to see if the schools prefer a PowerPoint screen to put up on their Digital Backpack instead. Regarding street signs: the Mayor asked that the commission create a map (Marcia at the office

could supply) with locations for the signs designated at the end of major streets. Bodkin and others will research cost of 25-30 signs, 18'x24', with a universal text so they can be used permanently year after year. Commissioner Razvi will contact some businesses and organizations to be donors for the signage. Village Treasurer Bodie reminded commissioners that there is a small amount of funds in reserve for contingencies such as an overrun for signs, or plants, or the landscape design for the gardens.

Other publicity will be notices to Living 6001, Barrington 365, possibly the Village Website, and the Weekly Update for three weeks before the event. Bodkin will ask the Park District if they could put the Scarecrow Event on their digital marquee for a few days.

- D. Commissioners agreed to select all three judges this year from Middle School 5-9.
- E.

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Razvi at 8:34 p.m. and seconded by Commissioner Munao. The next meeting will be September 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bodkin, Chair

Scarecrow Entries Status

Secured Scarecrow Entries (7)

GiGi's Playhouse (NM)

Noah's Ark Christian Academy (NM)

South Barrington Garden Club (DBB) Tale of Peter Rabbit

Autumn Leaves (DBB) Knights of Autumn

South Barrington Village Administration (DBB) See Spot!

L L Bean (DBB) Campfire with Hidden Trash

Barrington Ladies Bunco (CC)

Entries Needing Follow Up in One Week (8)

Dr Shandley (NM)

Hoffman Estates Animal Hospital (NM)

BMO Harris (AR) Donation for signs

Papadakis and Bravo Talent (AR)

South Barrington Park District (DBB)

South Barrington Police Dept. (DBB)

Denise D'Amico (DB)

RYCO Landscaping (AR)

Stillman Nature Center (NM)

Entries Needing Follow Up in 2 Weeks (3)

Rose PTO (NM) after school starts

Grove Elementary School (NM) after school starts

Pinstripes (DB)

New (4)

College Tutors and Nannies (DBB)

Arboretum Mgt (DBB)

Mooney Lyons (DBB)

Engineering Firm used by Village (DBB)

Let Go(4)

Willow Creek Care Center (DB)

Mathnasium (NM)

Barrington Area Library (DBB)

Soft Surroundings (DB)

Regency (DB)