

HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE

Minutes. Tuesday, January 10, 2015

1. Organizational

1.1 Call to Order: Chair P. Denise Israel called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

1.2 Roll Call:

1.2.a Members Present: P. Denise Israel, Lorraine Briggs, Dan Cantalupo, Josie Croll, Jan Goss, Jennifer Kainz,

1.2.b Members Absent: Gary Gabriel, Dan Mjolsness

1.2.c Liaisons Present: Director of Administration Robert Kosin

1.2.d Liaisons Absent: Trustee Michael Harrington, Sgt. David Kann, Director of Communications Anna Paul

1.2.e Guests: Village President Martin McLaughlin, Amy Nykaza, Hollis Free

2. Approval of Minutes: Dan C. moved and Lorraine Briggs seconded that the minutes of November 10, 2014 be approved. All said aye.

4.7 Speakers/Union & Barrington Center Cemeteries: Chair P. Denise introduced Amy Nykaza and Hollis Free, members of the Barrington Township Committee that provides oversight of two historical cemeteries in Barrington Hills, Union Cemetery on Route 62 and Barrington Center Cemetery at Rt. 68 and Sutton Road. They presented the history of these cemeteries that the Township cares for using professional contractors and told about Memorial Day services conducted there each year. They described a survey and study prepared recently by a graduate student that includes history and maps. A copy of the survey is available in the Township Office. (Note: Barrington Hills has a copy kept in our Clerk's office). P. Denise suggested the Township have the study digitized at the Barrington Library for greater public availability. Jan offered to help and President McLaughlin indicated the Village has equipment that could be used. Jan queried the group about their budget. P. Denise asked if gravestones she had observed were knocked over and buried in dirt had been put upright. Amy said she would check on that. Amy and Hollis were thanked for attending our meeting and clarifying the Township's role in caring for these cemeteries. They were asked to let us know about timing for future Memorial Day ceremonies. They left the meeting.

President McLaughlin asked what had been our purpose in inviting the Township Committee members to our meeting. P. Denise replied for an update about what has been done in care particularly to the gravestones since we were involved. He expressed concern that our members had been less than gracious to our guests regarding several issues. P. Denise and Jan will send letters of apology to them.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Teasel Spring Effort: Diane Bodkin was unable to attend our meeting today. She needs volunteers to attend to teasel in the South Barrington Conservancy, Bodkin is making contact regarding those who are required to do community service. There were a number of suggestions regarding locating volunteers to help with eradicating teasel: President McLaughlin offered to ask his daughter to help provide names of high school students who need community service credits. Also, he said Anna Paul has a list of youth volunteers who worked at the Fall Fest. Jennifer will contact Barrington Area Conservation Trust for volunteers

3.2 Organic Recycle BA Schools & Ill. Food Scrap Coalition: Jennifer attended the Healthy & Environmental Sustaining Schools Committee working on recycling in all schools. She has confirmed information about the possibility of donation of leftover food. Jennifer will be involved in the Earth Week Youth Collections of Fabrics at Prairie Middle School in

conjunction with Chicago Textile Association and would welcome volunteers. She and P. Denise met with District 220's Superintendent of Schools and he seems to be very passionate about recycling in District schools.

3.3 Landscape & Buildings Report: No report

3.4. Single Garbage Hauler: No report.

3.5 PDI Update Report: P. Denise asked if there is anything to add to our websites re. recycling. She reported that there is no State law regarding rules for "Public Comment Rules" adopted by VBH. The VBH rules will be distributed for discussion at our next meeting. She asked for and Bob Kosin will provide Village acknowledgements as follows:

Lisa Gabriel—Thank you and certificate for service as a retiring committee member.

Ret. M. Sgt. Gary Hammelmann—Thank you for service as Police Liaison to our Committee and help with the teasel project.

Diane Bodkin—Thank you for her work on our teasel project

P. Denise said she had sent her own personal thank you notes to them.

P. Denise priced at \$14.95 identifying sweatshirts for teasel workers as suggested by Gary H. Lorraine suggested labeling the reflecting vests we now use for our Pick Up events. Bob agreed to do this.

4. New Business

4.1 Spring Trash Pick Up: Jan announced the date of Saturday, April 25, for which his target is to have 60 workers so we need to start recruiting now. He asked that a blast request be prepared for each Committee member to send. Jan distributed a draft instruction sheet for captains whom he'd like to identify by January 30th. Josie will work with Jan to learn about operation of the event. President McLaughlin suggested contacting Helen Sheyka (847-304-9618) and Darla Stieper who are involved with Scouts. Jan will contact them.

4.2 Press/Newsletter: Anna Paul needs teasel and Pick Up information for the newsletter.

4.3 ABT Recycling Tour: P. Denise asked members to let her know of dates in February (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday) they would be available to visit the site.

4.4 Trustee Liaison Report: No report

4.5 Police Liaison Report: No report

4.6 VBH Staff Report: Bob reported as result of a recent study the Federal Department of the Interior is considering naming the Monarch Butterfly as an endangered species. This is supported by the Department's Midwest Office. Lorraine will send information to P. Denise re. The Garden Clubs of Illinois' Monarch Program that includes an offer of seeds for plants needed by the Monarchs. For collection of Styrofoam, the Village is considering placing by our barn a bin of the type used by Algonquin Township for recyclables. Bob noted how successful collection of some materials varies. He urged our members to contact their legislators to let them know of the crisis and need for collection of e-waste.

5. Public Comments: There were none.

6. Adjournment: Lorraine moved and Dan C. seconded adjournment of the meeting at 12 noon. All said aye.

Lorraine Briggs
Acting Secretary