

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes November 17, 2015

Call to Order:

Co-Chairman Josie Croll called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lorraine Briggs, Dan Cantalupo, Linda Cools, Josie Croll, Neil Fern, Suzy Mogler, and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Daniel Mjolsness, Erin Vondra and Liz Olsen

Liaisons Present: Anna Paul

Liaisons Absent: Fritz Gohl and Sgt. Dave Kann

Guests: Gary Gabriel and Bob Kosin

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

Dan Cantalupo moved and Lorraine Briggs seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on October 20, 2015. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Recommend Landscaping Plan:

Josie Croll gave an update on the status of the landscaping plan. Josie reported that she had spoken to both Fritz Gohl and Marty McLaughlin and they were in support of the plan to enhance the landscaping in front of the village hall entrance. Lorraine Briggs asked for clarification on certain elements of the plan and the committee discussed plant sizes and warranties.

Daniel Cantalupo made a motion to approve the landscape plan. Linda Cools abstained from approving the plan, suggesting smaller plants to reduce the cost. All other members present at the meeting approved the plan.

Three quotes had been obtained for the landscaping work. The difference between the quotes was not substantial. The lowest bid was submitted by Liz Olsen, who was the first to bid on the project. The landscape plan had been provided by Liz Olsen at no charge to the village. In addition, she volunteered to supervise the volunteers who would be putting in the plants once the site was prepared. Anna Paul reported that there were funds in this year's budget for landscaping.

Neil Fern made a motion to recommend Liz Olsen for the landscaping and Dan Cantalupo seconded the motion. The members unanimously recommended Liz Olsen to perform the landscaping.

Recommend Remodeling Plans:

Josie Croll reported that two more estimates are being obtained for the painting. Therefore, the committee tabled any recommendation on the painting at this time.

Committee Mission Statement:

The committee discussed mission statements drafted by Josie Croll and Linda Cools. The members complimented Linda's very comprehensive mission statement, but thought the mission statement communicated to the public should be more concise. Linda agreed to prepare a revised draft of the mission statement by integrating her key points in the statement drafted by Josie Croll. The committee will review Linda's revised draft at the January meeting.

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Emerald Ash Borer Disease:

Linda Cools reported on her presentation to the village Board of Health. She discussed her ideas for an educational campaign that could involve expert speakers. She also discussed the safety aspect of diseased trees falling.

Roadside Clean Up:

Neil Fern reported that 25 volunteers collected 20 bags of trash on the roadside clean up on Helm Road. Neil had organized boy scouts and their parents to participate. Roadside clean ups were also coordinated by Mike Hannigan, Jane Clement and Robin VanCastle on the week-end of November 14th – 15th.

Trash Container Ordinance:

Josie Croll reported that she spoke to Fritz Gohl about a possible ordinance for covered trash containers to reduce roadside trash. Fritz was supportive of the committee further pursuing the idea. The committee discussed that the ordinance would require attached lids on trash containers with an implementation date in the summer of 2017. The committee discussed that the ordinance could increase waste disposal costs for residents who currently use bags rather than renting a container from their waste hauler. Further discussion with the various waste haulers that service the village may provide a cost effective solution for the residents.

December Meeting:

Neil Fern made a motion and all members present unanimously voted to cancel the committee's December 15, 2015 meeting. The committee also discussed the 2016 meeting schedule. The 2nd or 3rd Tuesday's of each month at 10AM is an acceptable meeting time for the members.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at noon upon a motion by Suzy Mogler, seconded by Neil Fern and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle