



Heritage & Environs Committee
AGENDA & NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 ~ 6:30 pm
112 Algonquin Road

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. [Vote] [Minutes April 19, 2017](#)
4. [Vote] [Minutes May 17, 2017](#)
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Painting / Deck the Walls Updates
 - 5.2 VBH Promotion
 - 5.3 Village Monarch Butterfly Garden Additional Plants (6/20/2017)
 - 5.4 Village Monarch Butterfly Program
 - 5.5 Arbor Day Activities 2018
 - 5.6 HEC Time & Date Survey
 - 5.7 Additional plans for The Hills Are Alive (8/13/2017)
6. New Business
 - 6.1 New Project Suggestions
7. Adjournment

Chairman: Neil Fern

NOTICE AS POSTED

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (“HEC”)
Meeting Minutes April 19, 2017

Call to Order:

Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Lorraine Briggs, Danato Cantalupo, Neil Fern, Suzy Mogler, and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Liz Olsen-Wolfgram, Erin Vondra and Johanna Svenson-Croll

Liaisons Present: Sgt. Kann, Bob Kosin, Anna Paul and Fritz Gohl

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

Neil called for approval of the minutes for the March 15, 2017 meeting. Lorraine Briggs asked for a modification to Monarch Way Station second sentence to: “Lorraine reported that she had research butterfly houses and found experiences and a study wherein they were not used by butterflies.” The minutes were then unanimously approved by the committee members.

Cook County Forest Preserve Presentation:

John McCabe from the Cook County Forest Preserve spoke about their experience in distributing trees for planting on Arbor Day. The Forest Preserve has been doing this for a couple of years now. He said the Forest Preserve could provide some staff and a staging area to help distribute the trees. He shared the following advice

- Don’t get hung up on the actual date of Arbor Day. The weather is often not good for the event.
- Need to consider protecting the trees from vandalism and deer. The importance of the planting location is also key to success.
- Consider whether you want to distribute native or nonnative species. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”) provides oaks which are good. DNR has a nursery and also makes plantings available. Honey locusts are also hardy trees. John offered to provide Neil with a list of trees he would recommend.
- Need to consider sourcing the trees from the same climate zone to improve their survivability.

Fritz brought up the significance of species diversity and it was discussed by the committee. The committee also discussed having a hand out with tips on planting location and care to give out with the trees.

Neil closed the discussion by asking everyone to come to the next meeting with ten locations to plant 40 trees.

Arbor Day 2017 Plantings:

Bob Kosin then discussed the 3 areas that the Village recently planted for 2017 Arbor Day. He described the biodegradable covers they used to protect the trees from deer.

Village Monarch Way Station:

Tuesday, May 16th is the pick-up day for the Monarch Way Station kits. Bob said that the Village could pick up the plants. The committee is looking to Liz to design and mark the space for the plantings. The Cub Scouts have volunteered to install the plants on Saturday, May 20th.

Scavenger Lid Ordinance Update:

Lorraine suggested new wording for the ordinance. She distributed her recommendation and the committee was in agreement with her suggestions. Lorraine will provide the wording to Anna for the board to consider at an upcoming meeting.

Deck the Walls Update:

Anna made a recommendation to request photos of the Village by the residents for the walls of the Village Hall. The Village would mat and frame the photos. An example is current hanging in the McArthur room. The committee agreed with Anna’s recommendation.

The committee asked Bob when he thought the new carpeting would be installed. He explained the various issues impacting the project and stated that they hoped it could be completed by the end of May.

Road-Side Cleanup April 22nd:

Anna reported that she promoted the event on the Village’s Facebook page and it got 524 views. The Cub Scouts will again be cleaning Helm Road. Robin reported that the Riding Club will be cleaning Algonquin Road on April 29th.

VBH Promotion:

The members discussed the Village’s new web site. Lorraine will be providing her observations to Anna.

Spring Landscaping:

Suzy will email Liz About the spring landscaping.

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New Business:

Anna reported that the 2017 Hills Are Alive is scheduled for August 13th.

Committee Meetings:

The Committee discussed adding meetings in July and August for planning for both the Hills Are Alive and the 2018 Arbor Day event.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM by unanimous vote of the members.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle

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Call to Order:

Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Roll Call:

Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm

Members present: Lorraine Briggs, Neil Fern, Suzy Mogler, Liz Olsen

Liason(s) present: Sgt. Kann, Bob Kosin

Members absent: Donato Cantalupo, Robin VanCastle, Erin Vondra

Request for Public Comments:

Based on attendance there was no quorum and the vote on minutes was pushed until next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

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McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) Presentation:

Ed Collins a biologist with the MCCD discussed various regional efforts that are underway which included the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative. The presentation had a strong focus on the loss of oak trees to our local and greater area (restoration of the oak eco-system). MCCD studies indicate that over the last 180 years McHenry County has lost around 89% of the oak trees that were in the original land survey maps. He suggested that Lake County has a similar loss. Mr. Collins noted that the Village of Barrington Hills has also had a significant loss of mature oaks. He passed around literature noting that prior to the Emerald Ash Borer, 14% of the street coverage was ash trees. He noted that MCCD’s main effort is in protection and noted that climatic changes have the biggest impact thru direct and indirect effect. He mentioned a possible matching funding thru Common Wealth Edison’s Green Region Grant. Lorraine mentioned a concern over oak wilt and Mr. Collins noted that the root and spore issues associated with the wilt had the greatest impact on red oaks. Mr. Collins said Burr oak blight is also having an impact on oak trees. With regards to the Arbor day 2018 project, planting a diverse variety was a key takeaway.

Scavenger Lid Ordinance Update:

The Committee briefly touched upon the approval of the revised Scavenger Ordinance noting an effective date of October 1st, 2017 and the fine amount (\$50).

Deck the Walls Update:

The committee noticed some updated art has been hung and Bob Kosin mentioned working on a release form prior to accepting art from residents.

Village Monarch Way Station:

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Liz & Suzy volunteered to help lead the planting. Neil was coordinating with Troop 21 and Pack 187 for volunteers. Plants were on site although due to some earlier weather issues not all plants were delivered and additional plants (approx. 15) should be available around June 20th. The committee reviewed the new IDOT Mowing Approach to help protect Monarch Butterflies, the JULIE utility location service confirming that there were no underground obstructions and that the village sprinkler system was scheduled for activation around May 23rd.

VBH Promotion:

Loraine noted some inconsistencies in the promotion of the Village namely fireworks and firearms. Some village website links were no longer functioning and a request for information submission went unanswered.

Spring Landscaping:

Bob Kosin mentioned the Village was negotiating landscape contracts and suggested rescheduling Spring landscape updates to Fall.

Arbor Day 2018:

Regarding the Arbor Day 2018 planting the committee discussed keeping the Arbor Day 2018 project focused on reforestation as opposed to residential tree handouts. Liz mentioned BACT has properties that are in need of planting.

Date & Time Survey:

The committee decided to push the Time & Date Survey for HEC meetings until the next meeting based on attendance

The Hills Are Alive 2017:

The committee discussed using the Hills Are Alive festival to promote both the updated Scavenger ordinance and promoting the Arbor Day 2018 project. The committee noted the earlier date for the Hills Are Alive and members in attendance unanimously agreed that a June meeting focusing on the Hills Are Alive (8/13/2017) should be scheduled based on a survey of availability on 6/14/2017.

New Business:

No new projects were brought forth.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM by unanimous vote of the members.