



Heritage & Environs Committee
AGENDA & NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 ~ 3:00 pm
112 Algonquin Road

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
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 - 3.1 [April 19, 2017](#)
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4. Old Business
 - 4.1 Promotion of the Village of Barrington Hills
 - 4.2 Village Hall - Fall Landscape
 - 4.3 Village Monarch Butterfly Program
 - 4.4 Arbor Day Activities 2018 – Grant application status
5. New Business
 - 5.1 New Project Suggestions
6. 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 form 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

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (“HEC”)
Meeting Minutes May 17, 2017

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.

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (“HEC”)
Meeting Minutes June 14, 2017

Call to Order:

Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Danato Cantalupo, Neil Fern and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Liz Olsen-Wolfgram, Erin Vondra and Suzy Mogler

Liaisons Present: Sgt. Kann and Paula Jacobson

Liaisons Absent: Anna Paul and Bob Kosin

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

There was no vote on the minutes because a quorum was not present at the meeting.

5.1 Painting/Deck the Walls Update:

The members discussed the new photographs in the meeting room that had been contributed by residents and framed by Anna Paul. The members liked the results.

5.2 VBH Promotion:

The committee discussed the value of placing an article in local magazines about all the conservation-related organizations in the Barrington area. Perhaps each organization could provide a bio or description of their mission and activities. Members believe the number organizations is unique to our area.

5.3 Village Monarch Butterfly Way Station:

Not all the plants for the Monarch Way Station were received in May. The additional plants will be picked up June 20th and planted by the Village landscaper.

5.4 Village Monarch Butterfly Program:

The committee discussed the 5 acre property by Route 25 owned by the Village. The Village would like to establish a public use for this property. The suggestion was made to perhaps establish another butterfly way station at that location. A curb cut would be needed to access the property. The committee recommends that Citizens for Conservation be contacted to assess what plantings could be easily maintained.

5.5 Arbor Day Activities 2018:

Neil reported on the plans for tree planting in 2018. Bob Kosin is working on obtaining a grant from ComEd. Lis Olsen is working with BACT for locations to plant 1,000 trees in the Village. The committee discussed the importance of tree diversity and the issue of oak blight. The question was raised if there was any amount in the village budget to support this project.

5.6 HEC Time and Date Survey:

Based on the surveys that were completed, the committee selected maintaining the meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th.

5.7 Additional Plans for Hills Are Alive:

The committee discussed inviting the waste haulers, JULIE and ComEd to participate in the event. Also the event presents an opportunity to promote the 2018 Arbor Day planting. Volunteer’s email and phone numbers could be collected. Robin agreed to send the date to the Riding Club so they may participate as they did last year. The committee recommends a July meeting of HEC to work on the Hills Are Alive plans.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle

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Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Members Present: Danato Cantalupo, Neil Fern and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Liz Olsen-Wolfgram, Erin Vondra, Lorraine Briggs and Suzy Mogler

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

Liaisons Absent: Paula Jacobson

Guest: Chuck Stewart

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

There was no vote on the minutes because a quorum was not present at the meeting.

Guest Chuck Stewart:

Chuck Stewart has a degree in forestry and discussed the Village’s 2017 tree plantings. There were 3 sites: Veteran’s Crossing, Blue Star and the Village Hall. Two hundred Red oak and Burr oak trees were planted and so far there has been a 66% success rate.

Chuck also recommended Northern white cedar, Swamp white oak and ginko trees for planting.

Arbor Day Activities 2018:

In response to questions raised at the June meeting, Bob Kosin reported that there is a Landscape Restoration line item in the Village budget. This has been used to replace the dead ash trees around the village Hall. Bob also reported that the ComEd grant he researched is for specific restoration and probably not applicable to our planned activities.

Bob volunteered to put together a spreadsheet of the estimated cost for Arbor Day 2018 for the committee to assess before any recommendation is made to the Village Trustees.

Hills Are Alive:

Anna Paul reported on the activities planned for the Hills Are Alive festival on August 13th. The Lions will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken. There will be pony rides, hay rides, the living horse museum, the balloon man, the bubble guy, slime making craft and booths by CFC and BACOG. The morning will be the Honor Ride and the festival will follow starting at 11AM and running until 4PM.

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New Business:

None.

Next Meeting:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 20th. There will be no meeting in August.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle