

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