VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2015 ~ 7:30 pm 112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills, IL

The regular meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Bosworth at 7:32PM.

Members present : Kenneth Bosworth - Chairman Pamela Cools - Vice Chairman Kim Van Fossan - Recording Secretary Lou Anne Majewski Kelly Mazeski Julie Joyce Arnold Cernik John Gigerich Curt Crouse

Public Comments: None

Previous Minutes: Chairman Bosworth requested a motion for approval of the December 8, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Majewski motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Mazeski seconded. All present said aye.

Organization of Commission:

Vice Chairman - Chairman Bosworth asked for a motion to to approve the appointment of Pamela Cools as Vice Chairman. The motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Cernik. Motion carried.

Secretary/Recording Secretary: Commissioner Cernik made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mazeski, to approve the appointment of Kim Van Fossan as Secretary/Recording Secretary. Motion carried.

Time & Place of Regular Meetings: It was agreed that The Plan Committee Meeting Schedule for the balance of 2015 as set forth in the calendar of Village meetings (7:30 pm, the first Monday of the month) should be adopted. Commissioner Mazeski made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyce. Motion carried.

Adoption of Policies: Commissioner Cools made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mazeski to approve the policies as presented. Roll call vote of seven approved with Majewski and Van Fossan abstaining, Motion approved.

CMAP Bikeway Planning Presentation:

A presentation was made by Stacy Miekens of Sam Schwartz Engineering of a feasibility study for CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) for bikeways in our area. A year ago, feasibility study was begun to figure out how to connect bike trails into a more regional network, and specifically how to connect the Fox River Trail (north to Wisconsin border and south past St. Charles) to the Old Stover Trail (east and southeast near Busse Woods). 3 suitable routes were identified that were spatially diverse and would appeal to different types of cyclists (street vs. off street). The routes identified were 1) Algonquin Road, with a long term horizon due to IDOT involvement and proposed road changes (2) Penny Road - midterm, and 3) Poplar Creek Trail and Shoe Factory Road which is nearly complete. Ms. Miekens stated that the draft report would go to the Steering Committee in the next week or so and would be finalized by end of August.

Chairman Bosworth asked what happens after it goes to the steering committee and was told that the Steering Committee would comment/revise and then give to CMAP. He also asked whether any of the facilities would involve private property and was told that all proposed trails would be on existing roadways or right of ways.

A commissioner asked who would pay for the project and Ms. Miekens explained that all funds would come from IDOT and local funds. Whatever municipality or entity that spearheads the project would apply for federal funds (up to 80% of facility) with a 20% portion matched by local communities or from other sources like Cook County. Upkeep of trails would be determined by jurisdiction (county, municipality).

Commissioner Cools asked if it is possible that NONE of these would be adopted and Ms. Miekens said that it is possible but that the Poplar Creek facility was nearly finished and was likely to happen.

Discussion Items:

Anna Paul gave a presentation on how to access website, commissions page, packets. etc. as well as how to find ordinances, documents, records, etc.

Plan Commission Duties:

Chairman Bosworth explained that the Plan Commission duties lie in the Comprehensive Plan and in Subdivision Ordinances. The Comprehensive Plan is a mission statement of the Village and offers guidelines for future use/direction of the community. It has been 5 years since the Comprehensive Plan was last assessed. May be time to review. Subdivisions have not been an issue since downturn in the economy. The specific procedures to subdivide property are 1) Sketch Plan done by engineer - what do you think? 2) Preliminary Plan - more engineering, details, water flow, perc tests, proximity to neighbors. 3) Village engineer reports to us re concerns. 4) We vote to accept or not with conditions. 5) Final Plans - plans conform to our codes, variances go to ZBA. The last property to come before the Plan Commission was a 10 acre parcel off of Hart Road.

A Commissioner asked is there anything we can do to help promote Barrington Hills. Trustee Maison responded that President McLaughlin was working on an "ad" promoting Barrington Hills.

Trustee Report:

Trustee Maison reported that the Village was a defendant in litigation regarding the Heritage Tree Ordinance but felt further comment would not be appropriate at this time. Commissioner Cools asked for comment about Longmeadow Parkway and was told by Trustee Maison the the Village has "officially" stated it is opposed to the project because of disruptions it will cause residents and the community in the form of increased traffic. The Village withdrew its support by adoption of a resolution since the last meeting of the plan commission.

Adjournment: Commissioner Majewski motioned to adjourn at 9:30pm. Commissioner Mazeski seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Van Fossan Recording Secretary