

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2015 ~ 7:30 pm
112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills, IL

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Cools at 7:39 pm.

Members Present:

Pamela Cools
Lou Anne Majewski
Kelly Mazeski
Julie Joyce
Arnold Cernik
Curt Crouse

Members Absent:

Kenneth Bosworth
John Gigerich
Kim Van Fossan

Public Comments: None

Previous Minutes: Vice Chairman Cools requested a motion for the approval of the August 10, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Majewski motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Commission on August 10, 2015 as amended. Commissioner Mazeski seconded. All present said aye.

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA):

Director of Administration, Robert Kosin used a map to describe the property between Old Hart and New Hart Roads and its inclusion in an Intergovernmental Agreement. Lots 4 & 5 have been acquired by CUSD 220 have been deemed buildable and appropriate for office buildings. It should be noted that lot 4 does not adjoin any residences. The Barrington Hills Board of Trustees has directed the Plan Commission take under consideration future design and uses on those lots including elementary and high school uses and related facilities but not to include vehicle storage. Bob Kosin is to find out who resides on adjacent properties so that they may be included in any future discussions regarding the property. No proposal is yet before the Village.

The District has ownership of Flint Creek Conservation Area, and the use of that area is addressed by management standards in the IGA.

No action was required, and none was taken by the Commission.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE REVIEW:

The Board of Trustees has directed the Plan Commission to review the Tree Preservation Ordinance (TPO) passed nearly nine years ago. Chuck Stewart, of Urban Forest Management and Village Arborist, and Robert Kosin submitted written comments/ handouts to the Commission that outline three areas of review - resources, mitigation, and enforcement, with the latter being the responsibility of the Village Attorney.

After a brief introduction of which species and sizes of trees are considered Village Heritage Trees (Exhibit A) and the challenges of obtaining, planting and growing certain species, Mr. Stewart's comments were mainly concerned with tightening up the language of the TPO with better definitions,

and a clear indication of what/whose standards (American National Standards) the Ordinance should follow. He also suggested that other logical steps for tree preservation need to be incorporated in the planning or pre-construction phase of a property to make homeowners and builders aware of trees. He suggested having a checklist to be submitted with plans. Questions such as "where are gas and electrical lines going" would be helpful. Mr. Stewart also thought that the ordinance needs work in the exemption section and that including good forestry practices and planting tips would be helpful.

The Commission discussed how to get information/education about the TPO to the residents/prospective residents in addition to the enforcement of the Ordinance. Suggestions for information sharing included by Village newsletter or through realtors. Vice Chairman Cools posed the question of how can we get tree cutting stopped before plans are submitted?

Vice Chairman Cools asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to research the TPO and present their findings to the entire Plan Commission. Subcommittee members are Julie Joyce, Curt Crouse, and Kelly Mazeski.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY USAGE REVIEW:

The Board of Trustees has requested that the Plan Commission recommend a public use for a 5-acre parcel owned by the Village along the east side of State Rt. 25 and south of Algonquin Road and in Kane County. A public use would eliminate the \$5,000-\$7,000 property tax bill the village is now incurring. Vice Chair Cools suggested something recreational, educational, or conservational that could be maintained easily by volunteers and at minimal expense. Other suggestions included a community garden, dog park, or butterfly rest stop. It was mentioned that the property could be used as an Affordable Housing Act parcel for Barrington Hills. Additional suggestion or ideas should be sent to Anna Paul for discussion at the next meeting.

TRUSTEES REPORT: No trustee report

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Cernik motioned to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Commissioner Majewski seconded. All present said aye. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Van Fossan, Recording Secretary