

# VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

## Heritage & Environs Committee

Minutes May 19, 2015



### 1. Call to Order

Chairman P. Denise Israel called meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

### 2. Roll Call

- 2.1. **Members Present:** P. Denise Israel, Lorraine Briggs,, Jan Goss, Jennifer Kainz, Gary Gabriel, and Josie Croll.
- 2.2. **Members Absent:** Dan Cantalupo, Dan Mjolsness,
- 2.3. **Liaisons Present Staff:** Deputy Clerk, Anna Paul; Administrator Robert Kosen arrived later. **Liaisons Absent** new Trustee Liaison, Fritz Gohl; Police Liaison, Sgt. David Kann.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Jan G. moved and Lorraine B seconded, A motion to approve as amended the minutes of April 21, 2015. Passed.

### 4. Old Business

- 4.1. **April Roadside Trash Pick-Up** Jan C & Josie C. Jan C said the “official word” is that this Spring’s Roadside Pick-Up was the best in a long time. Nearly a hundred bags of trash were collected to tidy up three important corridors by the largest number of volunteers in several years!

On-the-other-hand, turn out was a huge disappointment and HEC can and will do better in the future. Jan C. pointed out that only 14 adults were put into the field and we were unable to complete all of our prime objective, Lake-Cook Road. We only succeeded because a) Cub Scout Pack 187 added greatly (over 36 boys, their siblings and parents!) to our numbers and b) a handful of super dedicated volunteers continued collecting on Monday and Tuesday to almost complete Lake-Cook Road.

We continue to struggle to get enough volunteers. The biggest factor in this Spring’s disappointing turnout was the postponement from April 28 to May 2nd due to the fear of rain. As it turned out the weather was poor but workable on April 28. Many people had conflicts the following week. Jan C pushed hard the recommendation that an alternate “rain date” be pre-selected. Ideally the “rain date” would be the following Sunday and be publicized along with the primary date. That way, if weather is dicy, a decision to postpone can itself be postponed to the last minute.

Josie C discussed a variety of ways to involve more residents, recognize their involvement, and better promote ongoing neighborhood clean-up efforts. P. Denise discussed ways publicity and promotion of the clean up event could be improved. Date for Fall Roadside Pick-Up in October was discussed extensively. Possible conflicts with Hills Are Alive and school’s teacher conference holiday. No decision was reached on an October date. (Note: If there is to be a Fall Roadside Pick Up, it is now known that The Hills Are Alive will be October 10. It appears October 17th with a “rain date” of October 18 would be ideal date for the event. jcg)

Adopt a road concept was brought up and explored. Robert K added information about the “Adopt a Highway” program used by the state. The discussion that followed indicated that there were many things to consider in trying to emulate the State’s program. These include cost of signs, desirability of

more signs on our local roads, liability issues, criteria for accepting or denying organizations wanting to adopt local roads.

- 4.2. **Earth Week - April/May School Initiatives** Jennifer K. reported on a highly successful food recycling initiative on Earth Day at Prairie Middle school and a competition to eliminate food waste between Countryside, Roselyn Road and Hough Street elementary schools. Countryside School won the contest with only five pounds of food waste needing to be landfilled. Over 483 pounds of food waste was successfully recycled with thanks to Prairieland Disposal Services donating hauling service to haul.
- 4.3. **Teasel Attack** Denise I reported that her attempts to get teasel attack help was unsuccessful and that this initiative is now dead.
- 4.4. **Building and Grounds** Lorraine B. reported there was nothing to report.
- 4.5. **[Vote] Cork, DVD, CD, All Cassettes Recycle** Denise I. reported that these items could be included with the styrofoam collection in the Village Hall. They take all corks and these items can be simply bagged and tossed into the styrofoam container.
- 4.6. **Campaign Sign Collection** Denise I. reported that hundreds of signs were recycled and that she thought the initiative was highly successful. The poly fiber signs are highly desirable for recycling but a large volume of signs is needed to fill a semi -truck. It is also hard to remove the metal stakes. Denise I. will continue to monitor.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. Garbage Trucks Report & Recycle Buildings - no

- 5.2. **[Vote] on June Meeting:** Consensus no action items need be decided in June and thus the next HEC meeting will be in September.
- 5.3. **VBH Staff Reports** Anna P./Robert K.: updated HEC members on recent Trustees meetings and events effecting VBH.
- 5.4. **Trustee Liaison Report** Trustee Gohl - deferred
- 5.5. **Police Liaison Report** Sgt. David Kann - deferred
- 5.6. **Other** P. Denise I. mentioned Memorial Day activities worth attending.

## 6. Public Comments

There were none.

7. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:34 AM upon motion by Jennifer K., seconded by Gary G., and approved.

Submitted by acting secretary,

Jan C Goss