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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 14, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney. Also present was Harol Mahoney, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Dwight Bennett was absent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of March 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion by Tammie Mahoney and seconded by Jeff Harwood to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

New Items

A. Review Upcoming Events

The Commission discussed purchasing new signage for the scheduled events and decided to utilize current signs for the time being. Chairperson Lauffer stated the Parks and Recreation Budget allows for a Christmas event. The Commission was enthusiastic about the event.

B. Leonard Park Maintenance: Recent Rains and Drainage

The Commission is still concerned about the issue of ATVs entering the walking path at the East Oxford entrance and riding on the walking path. The addition of fencing and bollards would prevent ATVs from accessing the path, however, dirt bikes could still enter the path. The Commission discussed the pros and cons, as well as the financial commitment to a fence and bollards, deciding to monitor the situation for the time being. The possibility of installing trail cams was discussed. It was noted that the pond adjacent to the walking path is not draining, and the stairs installed on the walking path are still

Motion by Chairperson Lauffer and seconded by Tammie Mahoney to install trail cams to monitor activity on the walking trail. On voice vote Chairperson Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion carried.

Budget Review and Updates

Chairperson Lauffer and Village Administrator Lobaito have finalized the Parks & Recreation FYE 2026 Budget.

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Initiative Updates

A. Upcoming Interviews for Consultant RFP

The Commission discussed the process for reviewing the criteria submitted by three Consultants for the 5-year Master Plan. The Commission will interview all three of the Consultants. Upland Design will make their presentation on April 22nd. Both Kimley-Horn and Design Perspectives, Inc. will make their presentations on April 29th. The Commission agreed on the importance of full consistent Commission involvement. The Commission will submit their recommendation to the Board of Trustees on May 21, 2025, for Board approval.

Marketing Support

A. Intern/Volunteer/Social Media (Facebook)

The Commission discussed the importance of visibility in the community. Tammie Mahoney is working on the design of the Village Facebook page.

B. Website Update

i. Posting consolidated schedule of events on the website

The Commission would like to have a dedicated page on the Village website. Ideally, the page would display a slideshow of Parks & Recreation Commission events. Chairperson Lauffer would like to be the point of contact for the website updates.

Recruitment Updates

A. Open Seats for Commission Members

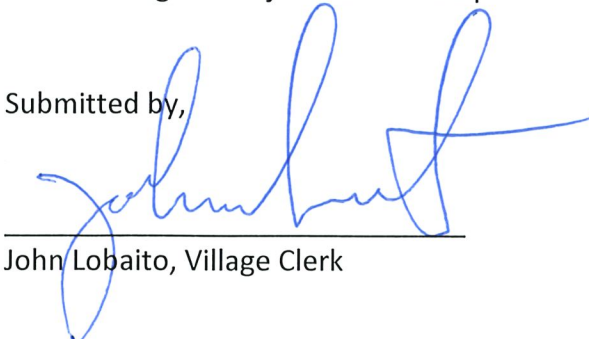
Chairperson Lauffer stated he would be meeting with President Sweet McDonnell to discuss Commission recruitment.

Adjournment

Motion by Jeff Harwood and seconded by Kasia Lazar to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Kasia Lazar, and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito, Village Clerk

