

Minutes of the Barrington Hills Communications Committee Meeting

March 15, 2010

5:30 p.m.
Training Room
VILLAGE HALL
112 Algonquin Road

FINAL

1. Organizational

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Linda Fox called the meeting to order on March 15, 2010 at 5:30p.m. in the Barrington Hills Village Hall.

1.2 Roll Call

Communications Committee

Present

Linda Fox, Chairman
Barbara Kemp, Vice Chairman
Pamela Cools, Recording
Secretary
Laura Ekstrom (arrived 5:30p.m.)

Debbie Stone
Mike Zachar

Absent

Victoria Kelly

Village Representatives

Fritz Gohl, Trustee
Robert Kosin

Sarah Kenney, Planning & Zoning
Coordinator

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Approved February minutes as submitted. Motion by Mike Zachar, and seconded by Debbie Stone.
Approved 5-0-0.

2. Reports from the Village

Fritz Gohl

- Trustee Gohl verified that the article submission deadline for the June issue is May 1st.

3. Old Business

3.1 Committee E-mail Accounts – Sarah Kenney

- If anyone is still having any difficulties with their Google account, they should contact Sarah.

3.2 Twitter Review – Pamela Cools

- Pamela presented the Twitter summary report for the month of February: A total of 43 tweets were issued, with 17 administrative tweets in the categories of village meeting announcements/cancellations/agendas, and 26 from other categories: Census (9), voter information, IDOT, schools, library, and organizations.
- We also began following VOBarrington (Village of Barrington) and CookCoHealth (Cook County Department of Public Health).

3.3 Census – Victoria Kelly

- In Vicki's absence, there was no report.

3.4 Newsletter – Pamela Cools

- Pamela will be sending out requests for article submissions for the June issue of the newsletter during the first week of April. An article about groundwater will be featured.

3.5 New Resident Brochure – Debbie Stone/Laura Ekstrom

- Debbie presented a prototype of the brochure and asked members to e-mail her their comments and suggestions prior to next month's meeting.

3.6 Website Integration Update

- Barbara announced that the WIP team is working on Phase II. A new calendar program has been purchased which will be used for both the .gov & .info sections.

3.7 Survey

- Mike is working on finishing the survey results report.

4. New Business

4.1 Groundwater

- Janet Agnoletti, executive director of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), and Dr. Kurt Thomsen, hydro-geologist, gave a presentation about Groundwater Resources in the Barrington area. Dr. Thomsen has been the primary researcher on BACOG's groundwater research project. The information provided during the presentation can be found in the Water Resources section at www.bacog.org.
- Groundwater is considered to be a non-renewable resource, and Dr. Thomsen's research, using data gathered from 27,000 well logs, has mapped a 600 square mile study area. This research will help BACOG

member governments better understand where areas of critical water recharge are, and how best to protect the shallow aquifer system.

- In terms of future housing and development, governments generally should target critical recharge areas for lower densities, or restricted uses, and should make provisions for conservation easements. Policy-making through planning and ordinances should also focus on preservation and conservation of groundwater.
- BACOG would ultimately like to establish a network of private well locations through the region to conduct well level monitoring on an on-going basis. (The well at the Village Hall is the first monitoring well which has been established in the area.) Ideally, measurements would be done frequently, but there are liability and cost issues associated with creating such a network. Monitoring wells in critical recharge areas is of the highest importance, and not as crucial in less pervious areas.
- In the interim, BACOG encourages local governments to work with them to create educational programs for residents on smart water usage. BACOG is also working to educate and influence neighboring municipalities on the importance of a mutual regional strategy for groundwater conservation and preservation.
- Dr. Thomsen can be reached by e-mail at thomsenko@aol.com

4.2 ePacket

- ePackets for the Board of Trustees and all other committees and commissions will now be available online.

5. Adjournment

Given there was no new business, Linda Fox entertained a motion for dismissal at 7:23 p.m. **The next meeting is on Monday, April 19, 2010.** Motion to adjourn made by Barbara Kemp and seconded by Laura Ekstrom.

Approved 6-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Cools
Recording Secretary
