

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Heritage & Environs Committee

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING



Wednesday, September 21, 2016 ~ 3:00 pm
112 Algonquin Road

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. [Vote] Minutes June 14, 2016
4. [Vote] Minutes August 17, 2016
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 The Hills Are Alive 2016
 - 5.2 Landscape Update
 - 5.3 Village Hall Update
 - 5.3.1. [Vote] Carpet Color Recommendation
 - 5.4 Horizon Farms Update
 - 5.5 Scavenger Lid Ord Update
 - 5.6 Adopt a Road Program Update
 - 5.7 VBH Promotion
6. New Business
 - 6.1 New Project Suggestions
7. Adjournment

Chairman: Neil Fern

NOTICE AS POSTED

Heritage & Environs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2016~ 3:00 pm
Training Room- 112 Algonquin Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:12pm

Roll Call:

- Neil Fern
- Erin Vondra
- Donato Cantalupo
- Robin VanCastle
- Sgt. David Kann
- Anna Paul
- Robert Kosin
- Liz Olsen

2. Public Comments: NONE

3. Old Business

The committee reviewed various projects that they had participated in in the last year. They reviewed the status of Dan C.'s remodeling project. The committee discussed and agreed that due to the hot weather they would wait until the fall to do the plantings. The scouts have cleaned up Helm Road and have contacted other parties to consider adopting roads. There has been interest expressed and they have been working with Village staff to determine the best approach for each new group. Committee discussed lid ordinance and agreed to change the lid to a "hinged lid."

4. New Business

Committee asked for update on Horizon Farms, Anna gave brief update. Part of the property is open, but some remains closed. The Forest Preserve is in process of creating its long term plan for the property.

Committee discussed that they could work with other organizations doing projects in the Village and that they would be open to helping with Eagle Scout projects.

Committee discussed the upcoming The Hills Are Alive festival and offered ideas and suggestions. Some ideas included an outdoor theme, get rock bands from middle school, rock climbing wall, bird feeder crafts. The committee was asked to forward any additional ideas to Anna.

The committee discussed that the later time is better for the majority of the members. It is agreed to cancel the next meeting set for August 16 at 10:30am and have a special meeting on August 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and was seconded, all said aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

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Call to Order:

Chairman Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Neil Fern, Lorraine Briggs and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Danato Cantalupo, Suzy Mogler, Daniel Mjolsness, Erin Vondra, Johanna Svenson Croll, and Liz Olsen

Liaisons Present: Anna Paul

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes was held for the next meeting as only three committee members were in attendance at the meeting.

Hills Are Alive:

This year's Hills Are Alive event is scheduled for October 16th from 1-5 PM. The theme is "Explore the Outdoors". The committee members offered suggestions for activities at the event. Neil offered to reach out to the junior high music director to see if any bands wanted to participate. Robin offered to reach out to a local animal shelter to participate. Anna reminded the members that the event needs sponsors to donate to limit the cost of the event. We also need to collect pine cones for the bird feeder craft.

Landscape Update:

The enhancement to the landscaping in front of the north entrance to the Village hall has been approved by the Village Trustees. The work was postponed until the fall to reduce the stress on the new plantings.

Village Hall Update:

Dan Cantalupo prepared a very detailed proposal to the Village Trustees for refreshing the interior of the village hall. The proposal addressed painting, flooring and kitchen cabinets with alternatives and costs for each aspect. The next step is for the Trustees to review the proposal and appropriate funds for the project.

Horizon Farms Update:

Anne Paul reported that the Cook County Forest Preserve District engaged a market analysis firm to determine the most appropriate uses for Horizon Farms. The Forest Preserve is planning a public meeting in September to unveil those results to the public.

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Scavenger Lid Ordinance Update:

Anna Paul distributed the proposed ordinance that was drafted by Bob Kosin at the committee's request. The ordinance adds to the existing trash ordinance: "All refuse must be placed in a container where a hinged lid is utilized." The objective of the ordinance is to reduce roadside trash from wind or animals spreading trash from open containers. The next step is for the ordinance to go to the Trustees for their assessment.

Adopt a Road Program:

Anna Paul reported that no additional village roads other than Helm have been added to the program.

Promote Roadside Clean Ups:

November 5th was recommended for the date of the next village roadside clean up. Robin agreed to speak to the Riding Club about coordinating their clean-up day of Algonquin Road on the same date. The committee's focus will be on getting the word out to encourage residents to clean up the roadside where they live.

VBH Promotion:

The committee discussed the importance of Barrington Hills having an attractive reputation in the realtor community. The open space the village offers allows residents to pursue numerous outdoor activities including gardening, animal rescue, organic farming and water sports as well as horse-related activities. Several homes in the village have spectacular gardens that are a beautiful tribute to the outdoors. Anna Paul encouraged the members to "like" the Village Facebook page.

New Project Suggestions:

The members agreed that there were a number of projects that needed to be completed before new ones are taken on.

Next Committee Meeting:

The next committee meeting date is Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 at 3:00 PM. The meeting originally scheduled for September 20th was cancelled.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle