

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
April 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Stieper.

Commission Members Present:

Kenneth Bosworth
Jason Elder
George Gottlieb
Patrick Hennelly
James O'Donnell
David Stieper, Chairman

Absent:

Julie Joyce
Lou Anne Majewski

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner Bosworth made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hennelly to approve the March 15th Minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MCHENRY COUNTY 2030 PLAN: A presentation was made by Constantine Savoy and Benjamin Carlisle of Teska Associates regarding the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan. At the request of the Village Board, Teska was asked to address the compatibility of the provisions of the Plan to the land use patterns and practices of the Village of Barrington Hills. Trustee Ramesh who addressed the County and reiterated for the Commission her concerns about the 2030 Plan regarding the absence of any specific reference to the Village of Barrington Hills, nominal reference to equestrian activities and the advocacy of conservation design techniques.

The discussion of the Commission with the representatives of Teska was whether the County Plan was an advocacy document of a future pattern of development or one that should sustain and support the existing pattern of development such as that has existed for the last fifty years like the Village of Barrington Hills. The opinion of Chairman Stieper was planning should sustain existing development so as to protect the health, safety and general welfare of its residents.

It was the sense of the Commission that the proposed Plan's references of a singular path of development was in error, it omitted the substantial equestrian activities in the County and further noted the jeopardy to the existing pattern of development if such development is not considered in future land use proposals. The Commission also noted that this scenario of development seen contradicted by the vulnerability of the supply of ground water.

Trustee Ramesh noted that similar comments were made by the Village of Bull Valley to which the Chairman invited that these remark and those of Teska be shared with them and all others in this review of the 2030 Plan.

COMMERCIAL BOARDING: The Plan Commission resumed its consideration of commercial equestrian boarding as a permitted land use within the Village. Robert Kosin review the history of the discussion through the various Boards and Commissions of the Village concluding with proposed guidelines from the Equestrian Commission referred as the White Paper, and pending consideration of the subject before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Benjamin LeCompte a resident with a boarding facility on his property, presented a concept that properties of a certain size would be exempt from a regulatory process if engage in the activity. The concept was that the size would ameliorate such issues otherwise need to be curtailed by regulatory practices and standards.

Chairman Stieper questioned the overall purposes of municipal regulations when using a permit process or general nuisance enforcement. Mr. Kosin described the comparative ease of enforcement by the use of a permit process versus a zoning fine or judicial judgment. He further opined that a permit would provide knowledge of the activity such as responsible parties, scope and changes to such. The permit would provide notice to adjoining property owners who could assume to under take their own mitigation or accommodation of the use.

No specific regulatory process was proposed but it was the sense of the Commission that the land use, equestrian was consist with the overall character of the Village of Barrington Hills.

Chairman Stieper with the consent of the Commissioner stated that the matter will be continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

BACOG GROUNDWATER: Commissioner Bosworth informed the Commission that he has joined a committee of attorneys for the BACG area who are providing comments regarding a regulatory scheme for ground water. It was his opinion that the present statutes and regulations lack the specificity to address the future scenarios identified by BACOG and others in the use of ground water. Either he or BACOG will distribute further information about the work of the Committee.

COMMITTEE EMAIL ACCOUNTS: Robert Kosin advised that any difficulties or experiences with the Village issued email addresses to the Plan Commission should be directed to Sarah Kenney at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: A copy of the House Resolution regarding artificial lighting was distributed for the information of the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:00 p.m. after being so moved by Commissioner Bosworth and seconded Gottlieb.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kosin
Acting Recording Secretary

Lou Anne Majewski
Recording Secretary