

**VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Hennelly at 7:32 p.m.

Plan Commission Members Present: Patrick Hennelly Vice-Chairman
Daniel Wolfgram
Kelly Mazeski
Pamela Cools
Arnold Cernik
Daryl Adams
Lou Anne Majewski

Absent: Kenneth Bosworth
Julie Joyce

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Vice-Chairman Hennelly asked for a motion for approval of the April 14, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Cools motioned to table these minutes for further review. Trustee Mazeski seconded. All present said Aye.

Vice-Chairman Hennelly asked for a motion for approval of the February 10, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Cools motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Trustee Mazeski seconded. All present said Aye.

223 Westfield Way – Heritage Tree Appeal – Robert Kosin presented the Tree Preservation Ordinance to the Commissioners and explained the procedure used when new construction is being permitted. This is a dispute between the homeowner and the Village Ordinance. Mr. Kosin introduced Mr. Chuck Stewart, from Urban Forest Management, our Village Arborist.

Mr. Stewart explained how the Tree Preservation Ordinance is used to preserve Heritage Trees. He was in contact with Mr. Naj Hasan at the beginning of his new residence planning and explained the site plan that was presented to the Commissioners. The original count of trees to be removed was twenty-five. Some bad weather occurred and Mr. Hasan wanted an additional twenty six trees removed that weren't on the original plans and those were approved for removal. When Mr. Stewart went back to review the site, there were eleven additional trees removed that were not on the list, two Oaks and nine Black Walnut.

Mr. Naj Hasan addressed the Commission. He stated he purchased the lot in August of 2007 and submitted a building permit application in 2009. His application was approved in 2010. When he first purchased the lot, the Tree Preservation Ordinance was not in place. In 2009, the ordinance was not in place. When, in 2011 he came back with new building plans, the ordinance was in place. He is now being asked to replace two hundred and thirty five trees to replace the

thirty six trees that were removed and there is no room on his heavily wooded property to do so. The additional eleven trees that were removed, were done so without his permission.

Commissioner Adams asked if there was a way he could get credit for smaller Heritage Trees on his property that were not counted, thus reduce the number of replacement trees.

Commissioner Mazeski asked Mr. Stewart if there was room on the property to plant additional trees and how many. Mr. Stewart replied that yes, there is room, but he would have to inspect the property again to give a number.

Vice-Chairman Hennelly asked for a motion to have both Mr. Hasan's Arborist and the Village's Arborist to work together to identify the species of trees and credit Mr. Hasan with Heritage Trees on his property and research how many trees can be additionally planted on the property. Commissioner Majewski made the motion for the Village arborist to review the property of existing species of heritage trees and calculate a credit upon their maintenance, toward the replacement requirement of the ordinance. Commissioner Mazeski seconded. All present said Aye.

FPDCC Trail Planning Report – Robert Kosin reported that the Forest Preserve District Cook County (FPDCC) has launched physical improvements on their trails throughout their holdings. The Barrington Hills Park District has had correspondence with the FPDCC and that was included in the meeting packets. No funding or property was requested of the Village nor was it requested from the Park District. The FPDCC is going through a maintenance program as well as an evaluation of their trail system. The FPDCC also designated May as Safe Trail month.

Bicycle Paths Planning Report – Robert Kosin began a continuation from the April meeting of the Plan Commission of the subject of bicycle planning and bicycling on the roads in Barrington Hills. Since that meeting Illinois adopted Bicycle Plan. The Plan Commission is to use this meeting to formulate question or direction for further research on the subject.

There was a meeting last week, regarding bicycle riders violating ordinances, by the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Trustee Gohl was present and provided a synopsis of the meeting.

Mr. Kosin described the standards for road design in the application of road repair. Bicycle routes being the travel path of bicyclist on public road are required to be addressed during the design of road repairs. Certain roads by their volume and connectivity have different standards of design and importance to the public travel way, such roads are identified as Collector Roads. He also described the state road grant process exclusive of Motor Fuel Tax monies.

Mr. Kosin reviewed the public rights-of-way as they existed on some Village maintained roads. Other roads in the Village are owned and maintained by the state or county who have their own funding and planning.

Mr. Kosin described the signage standards for the public way and the program the Village has posted on its roads, single file only.

Information will be obtained for the next meeting of the Plan Commission describing the specific standards of design, public safety standards and experiences in other jurisdictions.

Building Code Enforcement Report – Robert Kosin reported that he has given the Commission Members via email, a copy of Village Code Section 4-1-7 on Enforcement Procedures. Commissioner Mazeski remarked that this is not what the Commission wanted. What they want is the sequence of requirements for a Building Permit.

Other Business -- Commissioner Cools had an issue about the way that materials are being distributed to the Commission She had received two bike path maps in the mail, which did not require detailed review, but the Westfield Way documents were received this morning, totaling over 100 pages. She would like to have more time to review them. Commissioner Majewski agreed. She would like to have the package several days in advance to have time to review the information, like the Board of Trustees does, and if there is not a deadline, why not defer that agenda item to the next meeting.

Also, Commissioner Cools stated she understands how difficult it is for Mr. Kosin to participate in a meeting as a reporting staff member, while also attempting to keep good detailed minutes. She asked if there could be a third party to come in and take the minutes, such as Anna Paul, or if a Plan Commission member would assume that role.

Commissioner Wolfgram asked about the acquisition of Horizon Farms by the FPDCC and whether any of the land includes Goose Lake. Mr. Kosin replied yes. Commissioner Wolfgram asked whether that people that come on to that property will be able to access Goose Lake. Mr. Kosin replied, if they are permitted by the Forest Preserve. The District is still inventorying the property and they are still not sure what the boundaries are. The second step is to look into how that property fits into the Districts activities and services. Two of the lots, if they were acquired, are incumbent upon the Homeowners Association of Goose Lake and they are the ones who should be addressing that issue, because they have private obligations that may supersede government regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Comments were given by the following:

Mary Naumann, 11241 Haeger's Bend Road
Bonnie Duresa, 1001 Plum Tree Road
Linda Cools, 32 Little Bend Road*
Monica Rafie, 25 Little Bend Road
Richard Frankiewicz, 36 Spring Lane
Gisela Baltensperger, 11311 Haeger's Bend Road
Sharon Meroni, 1 West Surrey Lane

*Submitted a petition in opposition to bike lanes signed by residents of the Spring Creek Hills Subdivision.

Audio on these comments can be located at the Village Web Site – www.vbhil.gov. [Any written comments handed in will be posted as an attachment to the Agenda.]

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Trustee Konicek stated that with all due respect to everyone in the room, there was no charging through with the bike path study and there is no plan. In fact, what was brought to her attention, and the reason why this issue was brought up in the newsletter and has been before the Plan Commission for the last couple of months, is to give the residents of this Village a voice on this issue. There was indication at the last meeting, that this was being rammed down the residents' throats and that is not the intent. The purpose of putting this on the agenda and in the newsletter, is specifically to allow the opportunity to come here to raise concerns to the members of this Village, who are here representing you. The reason this was brought to her, as the liaison of the Commission, was predominately born of the Roads & Bridges attempt in 2012 to obtain funding for Haeger's Bend and when they brought that to the MCOG (McHenry Counsel of Governments) for funding, it was turned down. It was turned down due to the fact that the Village doesn't have a bike plan. Her understanding and what has been in Trustee Meroni's report in Roads & Bridges, is that Haeger's Bend was not put on the schedule for resurfacing by Roads & Bridges, due to some concerns as to what was going to go in on the Duda property and they wanted to wait and see. Gewalt Hamilton reported that when you allow a road to deteriorate without maintaining it, the faster it deteriorates. So what may have been an \$800,000 repair years ago, is now \$2,000,000 plus.

The application to MCOG was to provide funding of 80% up to \$1,500,000. We want to advise the Village of what position it is in right now and there is no plan. In 2012, Gewalt Hamilton underwent this study, probably as a result of being turned down the first time by the MCOG. We are seeing what our potential is out there on repairing the road, not having to expend the taxpayers money, up to \$2,000,000. Haeger's Bend, based on the amount of traffic that occurs on the road, is considered to be a collector road. This is based on the information she has received and she may be wrong. The definition matters because the traffic volume determines road design like whether a separate lane of travel in for bikers. Something like Spring Creek Road, which is not a high use road, does not have the level of traffic to warrant widening, only signs would be put in place.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Mazeski motioned to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. Commissioner Cools seconded. All present said Aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Anne Majewski
Recording Secretary