

To: Clerk @VBH
Bob Kosin
Dan Strahan

ROADS AND BRIDGES MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2012

2012 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The 2012 Road Construction Program has been completed with the exception of Steeplechase Road and Cross Timer. Extensive and some unexpected culvert replacements on Steeplechase delayed completion which is expected by the end of next week.

There remain a couple of open items with the contractor, including core samples on Dundee Lane before the program can be finalized.

2012 DRAINAGE PROGRAM

The drainage program has been completed.

HAEGER'S BEND ROAD

The funding request for Hagers Bend did not make the cut with the McHenry County Council of Mayors. The project will be re-submitted at the next opportunity with some changes and adjustments to increase our chances of success in the next call for projects.

NICOR/HELM ROAD

NICOR has begun the installation project.

BACT ROAD EASEMENTS

At the August 2012 meeting two Heritage Corridor Easement requests were tabled pending a meeting with the BACT to review questions the Village had.

We had this meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2012, at the BACT offices to review their plan, success with the Heritage Corridor Easements, discuss their internal process, review the BACT financial arrangements for protecting and defending these easements, and to discuss the village's part in this program.

Doug Wambach reviewed the BACT procedures and their requested report was received September 20. See attached.

I am re-submitting the request to approve the easements which were tabled last month.

2013 Road Program

We have reviewed the proposed 2013 program but because of participation/non-participation of some other entities i.e. Algonquin Township, Lake Co. Stormwater Management, MCCOM, the program is being re-worked as we are advised what projects will or will not be included for funding approval.

The Scope of the Project includes Spring Creek Road from Hagers Bend to Ridge Road – including replacement of CMP culverts and lining of Spring Creek culvert/bridge.

GSB application for funding application for Village Hall parking lot and 2016 Roadway.

Hagers Bend Road Patching

Three Lakes Road

Plum Tree Road

Ridge to Cuba Road

Ridge Road

Merri Oaks to Plum Tree

2013 Drainage Program

A potential project in Paganica subdivision which is required by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission as a condition of the village's participation and acceptance of the Stormwater Management Ordinance, may or may not occur in 2013, as they are considering doing a joint program with the Homeowners Association in 2013 and a possible joint program with the Village later.

2013 Budget

Based on the questionable participation and funding of several items the Roads and Bridges Budget is not finalized as of this time. We will have a projected budget by early October.

McHenry County 2040 Transportation Plan

The Route 25/Fox River Crossing Project remains in the program with a 4 lane roadway phasing 10-20 years, at a cost of \$34 million.

Upcoming Focus Groups to review this are:

Resident Focus Group – September 24, 6-7:30 pm

Engineers Focus Group – September 26, 9-10:30 am

Municipalities Focus Group – September 26, 3-4:30 pm

IAA/EAST DUNDEE

On Monday, September 18, 2012, I attended the Board Meeting of East Dundee with Jim Kelly as well as several Barrington Hills residents. Prior to the meeting, VBH file an objection to the

Final Plat of Subdivision of IAA, and I objected to the final approval on behalf of the village during public comment. During my verbal comment, one of the East Dundee Trustees asked numerous questions, and was the only one who asked for a 2 week Extension for Barrington Hills to review this situation. In the course of public comment, Marvin Husby, a Pond Gate resident, cautioned the trustees about rushing into this potentially detrimental development and one the trustees commented that “We have been working on this for over a year”.

During that year no notification was ever given to the Village of Barrington Hills or the residents of Pond Gate who will be directly impacted by the creation of a giant automobile junkyard adjacent to their property.

Clearly there will be an impact on these residents, the Village of Barrington Hills, and the surrounding area, the ground water, wetlands and the aquifer.

The village is exploring the legal options to prevent this potentially ruinous project from going forward. See the President’s message in our current newsletter.

I have been working with the residents of the area on how to proceed.

Patty Meroni,
Chair,
Roads and Bridges

TO: Patty Meroni, Doug Wambach, Bob Kosin

FROM: Karen Yancey, Executive Director, Barrington Area Conservation Trust

RE: Heritage Corridor Conservation Easements

DATE; September 20, 2012

Thank you for meeting with us this week to discuss the Heritage Corridor conservation easement program and how we can work together to continue to protect the scenic roads in the Barrington Hills community. The Heritage Corridor Program is based on the Illinois Real Property Conservation Rights Act C765 ILCS 120/1-120/6. With more than 15 Heritage Corridor easements completed and more than a dozen additional Barrington Hills residents interested in participating in the program to protect the scenic values of our roadways, it is a good time to review the program and clarify the responsibilities of the BACT and the Village of Barrington Hills.

As we discussed:

1. The Barrington Area Conservation Trust assumes the responsibility for defending the Heritage Corridor easement program if they are legally challenged. The BACT has a legal defense fund of more than \$150,000, more than twice the amount recommended by the National Land Trust Alliance for legal defense of a conservation trust's easements.

However, the Heritage Corridor document does not prevent the Village of Barrington Hills from voluntarily participating in a legal defense of these easements to assist BACT and village residents in protecting scenic roads from alteration.

2. Under the National Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices adopted by the Barrington Area Conservation Trust in 2004, the Conservation Trust is required to annually monitor its Heritage Corridor easements and keep a record of this monitoring report on file. BACT will annually send a copy of these monitoring reports to the Village of Barrington Hills for its records.
3. Upon the unlikely dissolution of the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (which has more than 500 members and \$1 million in assets), its conservation easements will be transferred to The Conservation Foundation of Naperville (who is also the coholder of our Horizon Farms easement). The Conservation Foundation then will be required to annually monitor our Heritage Corridor easements and will replace the BACT as the primary holder of these easements.. Our legal defense fund will also be transferred to The Conservation Foundation.

4. The Village of Barrington Hills will provide standard language to the BACT regarding the protection of equestrian trails on proposed Heritage Corridor easement property that can be incorporated into any future Heritage Corridor easements documents.

5. The Village of Barrington Hills will schedule an annual meeting with the BACT to discuss its plans for road maintenance and protection in each calendar year and to mutually determine what roadways should be targeted for Heritage Corridor protection.

6. The BACT will provide an electronic copy of the Heritage Corridor easement documents for Village Board approval to Patty Meroni at least seven days prior to a Village Board meeting. The Village of Barrington Hills will approve all Heritage Corridor easements in a timely manner and the Village Attorney or Village Manager whenever possible will notify the BACT of any concerns in a Heritage Corridor document prior to the document being presented at a Village Board meeting for approval.

Heritage Corridor easements provide the best legal tool available to protect the scenic roadways of Barrington Hills. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to continue to preserve the open spaces and equestrian character of the Barrington Hills community.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Yancey

Executive Director

Barrington Area Conservation Trust