Village of Barrington Hills

Memo

To: Board of Trustees, Village President

From: Robert Kosin, Director of Administration

CC:

Date: May 23, 2014

Re: Planning Report

May 2014 Planning Report

President McLaughlin met with the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC), Arnold Randal to discuss various issues affecting the two entities.

This included a discussion of the future of Horizon Farms & Spring Creek Forest Preserve, which was recently acquired by FPDCC.

Horizon Farms

FPDCC expressed that the plan for Horizon Farms is just beginning to be formulated. There will be several public forums for local residents to express their opinions of how best to move forward. We will post meeting dates on our website as soon as FPDCC publishes them. They informed Barrington Hills that they are looking at possible uses for the property, including equestrian and conservation uses, and will be taking public input into consideration.

Since this meeting, FPDCC has contacted village staff to assist in coordinating a public forum, tentatively planned for late June. When details are finalized the information on the forum will be published in our newsletter, on our website and communicated through various social media channels.

Spring Creek

Pleased to report that after several meetings between the President and representatives of the FPDCC, it now appears that the prepared mixed use limestone trail system presented will not be moving forward as funding for the project has been allocated elsewhere.