

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011 AT THE
NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of April 4, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:

At 7:29 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

Present in Person: Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Jane Farrell, Lisa Onyx,
Wayne Onyx
Absent: Lloyd Struttman
Also Present: Colin Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane
Brian Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the April 4, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on the Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the April 4, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

2. Colin Thomson –Eagle Scout Project at Eton Park

Colin Thomson presented his updated information to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Thomson had two different options for the Commission to consider in the layout of the potential boardwalk. Both options would utilize a new opening created on the West end of the parking lot to access the boardwalk. In option 1, the boardwalk would flank to the left of the small playground and end soon after the playground started. Mr. Thomson stated that while this would allow easy access to the gazebo and other areas of the park, it would be difficult to mow around for maintenance because of the loose end created by the boardwalk. In option 2, the boardwalk would be a straight path from the parking lot directly into the small parking lot. Since the boardwalk would go directly into the playground it would be great for children and would be easier to mow around than option 1. Handicapped persons and people with strollers would have a more difficult time getting off of the path and accessing the gazebo, park benches, etc. though.

Ms. Farrell suggested that perhaps the boardwalk should stop just short of the playground and have some sort of ramp for strollers, wheelchairs, etc. Chairman Ryan suggested that the Commission consider having the boardwalk continue all the way to the small playground, with one ramp off each side at the end of the boardwalk. This would mean that the boardwalk would end directly in the small

playground level with the timber tops already there, and then have two ramps, forming a “T” shape at the end to go off in either direction. The Commission liked the idea.

Mr. Thomson continued with the updates and stated that that boardwalk would originally be about 8 inches off the ground. After the side planks are added the boardwalk would only be about 2 or 3 inches off the ground and the remaining area could be filled with wood chips. This was in response to Chairman Ryan’s concern that small children would try to climb underneath the boardwalk. The base of the boardwalk would be constructed from 4’x6’ posts in the ground, made of pressure treated timbers which should not rot, and then seven 2’x6’ stringers. The boardwalk itself would be constructed from the recycled plastic material. The material looks like wood, has a 20 year warranty against fading, warping, etc. and has colors available that are very close to the existing wood used throughout the park.

Mr. Onyx asked if the recycled plastic material became slippery when wet. Mr. Thomson stated that they had some problems with that issue when the material was first introduced, but have since made improvements and it is no longer a problem. The issue of replacement was then raised. The Commission questioned the ease of being able to replace just one board if something were to happen to it. Mr. Thomson stated that it probably would not be easy to replace just one board due some specific construction aspects of the boardwalk such as nail placement. While it would not be impossible, the nails and secures put in the replaced board would most likely be visible to the naked eye while the others in the original boards would not be.

The Commission suggested that the existing fence, to the left of the first opening from the parking lot, be changed to accommodate the boardwalk entrance. Since the fence would be cut, an additional post would need to be added to the cut end where the boardwalk would be placed. The opening would then end at the next available post already present. The Commission decided that a maximum width of 5 feet would be appropriate for the boardwalk. Chairman Ryan requested that an updated cost layout sheet be provided to the appropriate parties and included the cost for one additional fence post. After brainstorming with Mr. Thomson, the Commission liked the material choice, the color options, and the overall project.

Motion: Jane Farrell moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission vote to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Colin Thomson present the boardwalk proposal for Eton Park, with three amendments: the width of the boardwalk be reduced to not exceed 5 feet, two ramps are added on either side at the termination point of the boardwalk, and that the cost for an additional fence post be included on the updated cost-layout sheet. The Commission also recommends the use of the Veranda recycled plastic material; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Wayne Onyx, Jane Farrell, Lisa Onyx

Nayes: None

Absent: Lloyd Struttman

Abstain: None

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the motion approved.

3. 2011 Events

The Commission decided that all concert events held this year would be at the same times as previous years, from 6pm – 8pm.

June 18 – Concert – The Young Souls will be playing this concert from 6pm – 8pm.

June 25 – Garden Walk – This event will be from 10am – 4pm. Ms. Onyx stated that she was still in need of one more home to participate. She also stated that she received word that a resident on Kimberly will be participating. Ms. Onyx requested the addresses of the houses in Wynstone from Vice Chairman Kafka.

July 23 – Concert and Ice Cream Social – Eleventh Hour will be playing this concert. They will be playing from 6pm – 9pm. Mr. Onyx will be contacting the man in charge of ice cream regarding his preference in pay. Last year the Commission paid him a budgeted amount on the date of the event and then paid any overage afterwards. The Commission is fine with this plan again, as long as the ice cream man is as well.

August 20 – Concert and Movie – Together Again will be performing during the concert portion of this event. The Commission discussed the possibility of using Pixar Shorts as the movie; however, no one on the Commission was personally familiar with the movie. Ms. Farrell stated that she would preview the movie and return with thoughts at the next meeting. The Commission also discussed the payment for Together Again.

Motion: Jane Farrell moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission pay the band Together Again up to, but not exceeding, \$1,200 for the August 20th concert; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Wayne Onyx, Jane Farrell, Lisa Onyx

Nays: None

Absent: Lloyd Struttman

Abstain: None

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the motion approved.

October 2 – Fall Fest – The Commission discussed possible music ideas for the Fall Festival. Ms. Farrell stated that she knew of a folk music duo that may be interested in performing and suggested them to the Commission. The Commission asked if she could forward some more information. Ms. Farrell stated that she would forward more information and a sample of their music to the Commission. The Commission also decided that a separate postcard would be sent to residents regarding Fall Fest and that it would not appear on the “Summer Concert” postcard outlining the summer events of 2011.

4. Playground Inspection Summary

The playground inspection went very smoothly this year, with only a few suggestions for improvements. The inspector, from the Illinois Municipal League, stated that the woodchips looked like they may be starting to get low. He stated that while additional wood chips were not needed, perhaps the areas covered in wood chips should be fluffed. The inspector also noted that one “S” hook located at the top of a toddler swing still needed to be pinched closed as the openings in it were too large. The only other comment that the inspector made was that one of the wood timbers outlining one of the playgrounds would need replaced in another year or two; it was just something to keep in mind.

Chairman Ryan stated that he would ask Nazarrio to “fluff” the wood chips in each playground area. Chairman Ryan will also contact someone to tighten the “S” hook. The Commission was pleased with the inspection report.

5. New/Old Business: Including discussion of repair to the East Oxford Walking Path Bridge and the Purchase of Soccer Spikes

Chairman Ryan stated that a loose board on the East Oxford Walking Path had been brought to his attention. Mr. Onyx stated that he would clarify where the loose board was as well as an additional loose board on the same path. Chairman Ryan stated that he would ask Nazarrio to repair any loose boards along the path.

Chairman Ryan stated that each season soccer spikes seem to go missing. He stated that the spikes were used to hold the soccer nets in place so that they did not tip or fall over when in use. Chairman Ryan ordered the soccer spikes and will install them into the goals the next time he is at Eton Park.

Vice Chairman Kafka suggested an idea to the Commission for an additional event. She suggested that the Commission look into the idea of having Wynstone and/or Biltmore Country Clubs host a “Family Day” for North Barrington residents. Residents would have the ability to play a round of golf, and possibly use the other amenities such as the pool, tennis courts, etc, on a Monday when the club is closed. Residents would have to sign up and pay a greens fee for the day. The Commission liked the idea and suggested that if there was enough interest from residents that it could be an event that flip-flops between clubs on a rotating basis each year. Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she would ask what dates were available at Wynstone this year, since the idea originated there, and would report back to the Commission.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Wayne Onyx made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:58 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the “Special” Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held June 8, 2011.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk