

**MINUTES OF A “SPECIAL” MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION OF THE  
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011  
AT 35 RIDERWOOD ROAD IN NORTH BARRINGTON**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of June 8, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting:**

At 7:38 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, Gillan Hampton  
Absent: Lloyd Struttman  
Also Present: Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the June 8, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Wayne Onyx moved to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission “Special” 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 June 8, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

**2. Review Garden Walk Event**

Ms. Onyx stated that she was not happy with this year’s turn out for the Garden Walk. She stated that there were approximately 20 people at Biltmore Country Club, 50 people at the garden on Kimberly Road, and a steady stream at the Wynstone home. Ms. Onyx stated that she wasn’t sure it was in the Village’s best interest financially to continue hosting Garden Walks. It was also stated that the weather could not have been nicer for this kind of event and attendance was still low. Ms. Onyx stated that she spoke with “The Train Lady,” Mrs. Silets, who had roughly estimated her attendance at Wandering Tree to be between 4,000-5,000 people.

Due to the large amount of people in attendance at Mrs. Silets’ property, 125 Arrowhead Lane, there was not enough room for everyone to park. Miller Road was filled to capacity with cars parking on both sides, and many people resorted to parking on side streets. As a result many side streets had damage to the grass. The Commission understands the frustration of residents on these streets and suggested putting a new process into place where a permit would need to be obtained prior to hosting an event of this magnitude.

Ms. Onyx stated, in her opinion, that the Village should consider not doing a Garden Walk next year. She stated that if the Commission did want to proceed with another Garden Walk that they should consider doing it on a different date than that of Mrs. Silets or switch to doing one every other year.

### 3. Review June Concert Event

The Commission was pleased with the attendance for the concert night which was originally scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to the threat of inclement weather the band, The Young Souls, decided to cancel their concert and reschedule for the next weekend, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Even with the change in date the concert was well attended. Chairman Ryan also stated that he had purchased two heavy duty extension cords that could now be used in the future.

The day after the concert a resident complained to Mr. Onyx about some litter that had been left over from the night before. The Commission stated that they did walk the park after the event to pick up any trash, although it was dark at that time. Mr. Onyx suggested that a point person be designated after each event to walk through the park and make sure it is clean the morning after. The Commission agreed that this would be a good idea.

### 4. Discussion of Remaining Events

July 23 – Concert and Ice Cream Social – Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she purchased a stamp to be used to designate how many pieces of ice cream a child/adult has. The Commission decided on 150 novelty bars and 100 ice cream cones would be available. The three flavors to be distributed in ice cream cones will be vanilla, chocolate, and mint chocolate chip. It was stated that the ice cream man would be needing extension cords. Vice Chairman Kafka will be responsible for getting the extension cords, power key, and extra trash receptacles from the Village garage. Ms. Hampton will be the point person for next-morning clean up for this event. Chairman Ryan stated that the electrical box was having some problems during the last event. He stated that the top ten circuits did not seem to be working. The electric company will be contacted to resolve the issue.

August 20 – Concert and Movie – Ms. Onyx suggested that the Commission consider showing the movie Grease. The Commission considered the idea and ultimately decided that it was probably too inappropriate and geared towards an older age group. The Commission discussed the idea of playing “shorts” prior to the movie, which was popular last year. Ms. Farrell will look in her personal collection for appropriate “shorts” to feature prior to the movie. The Commission discussed possible movies to be shown such as Monsters Inc.

Motion: Wayne Onyx moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission vote to show the movie Monsters Inc. at the movie night; seconded by Gillan Hampton.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lloyd Struttman

Abstain: None

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the motion approved.

Chairman Ryan suggested considering the performing band’s sound man, Bill Kennicott, to also run sound for the movie portion of the evening. Logistically this would be a much smoother transition for the audience rather than waiting for a new sound man to set up his equipment, etc. Mr. Onyx will be

contacting Mr. Kennicott to see if he would like to run sound for the movie night as well as the band Together Again and if he has the necessary machinery to successfully run the movie.

Motion: Vice Chairman Kafka moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission pay Bill Kennicott for sound provided for the concert and movie in an amount not to exceed \$400; seconded by Wayne Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lloyd Struttman

Abstain: None

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the motion approved.

The concert will take place from 6-8 pm and then the movie will follow right after. Mr. Onyx stated that Kaleidoscoops notified him that they raised their ice cream prices. He stated that they would honor the original prices agreed upon for the event in July; however, if they were to do this event they would have to go with the higher prices. Vice Chairman Kafka suggested that Mr. Onyx research some other local vendors for prices such as Culvers. She stated that the Culvers in Lake Zurich is very involved in community events and outreach and may enjoy the opportunity. Mr. Onyx stated that he would follow through with researching Culvers. Chairman Ryan will be contacting the band Together Again to verify how many band members will be performing at this event.

October 2 – Fall Fest – Vice Chairman Kafka asked the Commission’s opinion regarding rental services for Fall Fest. She stated that she felt it may be time to research new companies and bid out the rental to a few different companies to get the best price. The Commission supported this decision. Chairman Ryan stated that Craig Kenning was looking forward to providing the music for the event. Ms. Onyx stated that she had visited Patyk Farms recently and that they were looking forward to participating in this year’s Fall Fest as well. She stated that they had already planted many unique decorating gourds, etc. for our use this year. Ms. Onyx asked if the Commission had any objections to her asking Patyk Farms if they’d like to set up a stand this year; there were no objections. Vice Chairman Kafka stated that if they were interested she would reserve them a tent as well as any tables they may require.

## **5. New/Old Business**

Chairman Ryan asked the Commission for their opinion regarding additional payment for Mr. Kennicott. Mr. Kennicott handled all of the sound duties for the Young Souls concert in June at the last minute due to the date change. Chairman Ryan stated that Mr. Kennicott agreed to the original payment of \$200 for the event; however, it was not his normal rate. Chairman Ryan stated that he was very pleased with Mr. Kennicott’s willingness to do the event and to do it on short notice.

Motion: Wayne Onyx moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission pay Bill Kennicott an additional \$100 for the June Concert event (Young Souls) bringing his total payment for that event to \$300; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lloyd Struttman

Abstain: None

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the motion approved.

The Commission discussed an old idea of creating a pavilion at Eton Park. They stated that it would eliminate the need to cancel events due to inclement weather and would provide a nice addition for residents at the park. Ms. Farrell stated that she still had all of the information she had researched a few years ago from Vermont Timberworks. Mr. Onyx stated that he would follow up with the company to see if their prices have significantly changed in the last couple of years, etc.

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that the Ela soccer club would like to use Eton Park in the fall for soccer practices like they had in the spring. The Commission agreed that as long as they follow the guidelines, and have a resident request the park for use and a resident participating in the program that it was fine.

## **6. Adjournment**

Motion: Wayne Onyx made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 9:36 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission "Special" Meeting held August 17, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk