

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
AT 404 CONCORD LANE IN NORTH BARRINGTON**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of September 14, 2009 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:

At 7:53P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

Present in Person: Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Andrew Seagren
Absent: Jane Farrell, Lloyd Struttman
Also Present: Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the September 14, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Andrew Seagren moved to approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Parks & Recreation Meeting approved and put on file.

2. Recap Fall Festival Notes

This year's Fall Festival was a huge success. The Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this a great event. In addition to the normal festivities, this year's Fall Festival designated the Village's 50th Anniversary with a special tent focusing on historic documents of the Village, old maps, and special raffles with memorabilia. There were members of many different Village Commissions in attendance along with Village Trustees.

Vice Chairman Kafka reported that more people were fed this year than any other year. Bellaluke's estimated that approximately 500 meals were served during this year's Festival. There were a few complaints from residents regarding the fact that there was no soda available. The Commission decided against purchasing soda after realizing how many cans of wasted soda were cleaned up after last year's Festival. The open, unconsumed cans also attracted bees last year. This year with water, lemonade, coffee, and cider offered there was not a problem with bees. The Commission agreed to reconsider the availability of soda for next year's Festival.

While the Commission had many volunteers, there was a problem in communicating with volunteers who had signed up to help. Chairman Ryan stated that some people on the list weren't contacted and therefore thought their assistance wasn't needed. There were also a lot of volunteers who did come and help, but forgot to sign the attendance sheet.

3. Review 2009 Events for General 2010 Planning

The Commission stated that this year's events were all very successful. The Commission hosted three concerts, an ice cream social/talent show, a movie night, and the Fall Festival. Chairman Ryan suggested the possibility of adding one more event to next year's schedule. He stated that a "Chili – Cookoff" could be a fun event to host sometime in the fall months. There was brief discussion from the Commission. The Commission members agreed that nothing should be taken off the schedule for next year; but would brainstorm on additional events to add.

4. 50th Planning for the Remainder of the Year

Commission member Jane Farrell was not in attendance and the subject of 50th Planning for the Remainder of the Year was not discussed.

5. Recruitment Efforts

With Mr. Seagren retiring from the Commission at the end of October, new Commission members are needed. Ms. Lisa Onyx and Mr. Wayne Onyx voiced their interest in joining the Commission. Chairman Ryan stated that they would be a great addition to the Commission and asked if anyone had any objections. There were no objections from the rest of the Commission. If applications are submitted, the Board will decide whether to appoint Mr. and Mrs. Onyx to the Commission.

6. Walking Path Complete

The walking path Eagle Scout project, headed by Cameron Thomson, has been completed. Chairman Ryan stated that the path looks great and will be very useful for the residents. Chairman Ryan also created a Youtube video of the walking path.

7. Budget Review and Planning for 2010

This year's estimated Fall Festival budget is believed to be approximately the same as last year's. The Commission had a general question regarding a line item on the budget for Village Forester Susan Allman. Overall the Commission came in under budget for their year, allowing them to discuss the possibility of additional events next year.

Chairman Ryan asked the Commission how they felt about cancelling the meetings for the month of November and December in advance.

Motion: Andrew Seagren made a motion to cancel the meetings of the Park and Recreation Commission for November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009; seconded by Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

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

Chairman Ryan declared the motion passed and the meetings scheduled for November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009 cancelled.

8. Discuss Email Only Notification of Agenda

Chairman Ryan suggested that agendas and minutes be sent to the Commission in advance of meetings via email instead of being printed and mailed. There was some discussion from the Commission. It was agreed upon that agendas and minutes would be sent out via email for all Parks and Recreation Commission meetings unless there were additional items needed for the meeting. In that case, the packets would be mailed out as in the past. There was also some discussion regarding additional means of communication that the Commission could use to notify residents of events.

9. Thank You and Farewell to Andy Seagren

Chairman Ryan thanked Andy Seagren for his dedication and time commitment given to the Commission. The entire Commission appreciates the work Mr. Seagren has done for the Commission and thanks him.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Andrew Seagren made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:42 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held _____.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk