

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BARRINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WHICH WAS HELD JULY 9, 2007 AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL,
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD, IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:30 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais called the meeting to order and the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

Present: Chairman Martin Pais, Camille Koertner, Denis Taillon,
David Wilford
Absent: Vice Chairman Dan Nass, Bill Bishop
Also Present: Trustee Jane Farrell
Guy Trayling, Lake Zurich Fire & Rescue
Joe Arizzi, Wauconda Fire Department
Bob Kleimheimer, National Fire Sprinkler Association
Tomm Smithe, Jr., Wauconda Fire Department
Pam Tichy, 77 S. Wynstone Drive
Howard Handler, NSBAR, 1250 Grove Avenue
Susan Allman, 425 Mockingbird Lane
Roelof Boonstra, 71 N. Saddletree Lane
Deputy Village Clerk Sue Murdy

2. Approve Minutes: Plan Commission Meeting – June 11, 2007

The Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Plan Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Camille Koertner moved that the Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Plan Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by David Wilford.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Martin Pais declared the Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Plan Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Sprinkler Systems for New Homes Presentation by Guy Trayling

Mr. Guy Trayling of the Lake Zurich Fire and Rescue Department approached the Commission and presented his views on the necessity of sprinkler systems in newly constructed single family homes. Mr. Trayling explained that the 5B rated unprotected and untreated wood frame construction currently the standard in the United States is very unsafe during a fire. The majority

of the approximate 4000 annual deaths from house fires occur in the living room, bedroom and kitchen areas. Mr. Trayling explained that smoke detectors often fail to alert residents quickly enough for a safe evacuation. Since the response time of the fire department is often limited, sprinkler systems would serve as an additional safety factor.

Chairman Martin Pais invited questions and presentations from the audience and Commission.

Mr. Howard Handler of the North Shore- Barrington Board of Realtors (NSBAR) approached the Commission and presented the NSBAR views on mandatory fire sprinkler systems for new single family residences. The NSBAR specifically is concerned about the affordability of housing and property rights. Mr. Handler further cited reliability of sprinkler systems, impact on cost to existing homes, and individual community preferences.

Mr. Denis Taillon questioned the cost of piping a sprinkler system for a home on well/septic versus municipal water source. Mr. Guy Trayling explained the cost for well/septic is increased due to necessary additional tanks and pumps separate from the domestic well system.

Mr. Taillon and Mr. David Wilford asked for clarification of the aesthetics of the sprinkler heads, as well as how they function. Mr. Trayling distributed information on the mechanical aspects and costs of installing the heads, along with the tanks, pumps and contractors costs.

Mr. Bob Kleinheinz, of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, stated to the Commission that he fully supports the installation of sprinkler systems in residential homes. Mr. Kleinheinz confirmed that most deaths from fires in the United States occur during residential fires, as indicated by death facts on record. Mr. Kleinheinz explained that response time is most important, both in terms of timely evacuation of the home occupants and average 12-15 minute arrival time of the fire department.

Mr. Rolef Boonstra, 71. N. Saddletree Lane, stated that a smoke alarm combined with a fire sprinkler system is an advantage to home occupants.

Ms. Pam Tichy, 77 S. Wynstone Drive, stated that installing fire sprinkler systems would prevent future home loss, and she would be in favor of retrofitting an existing home with a sprinkler system.

Ms. Camille Koertner inquired about surrounding communities and the percentages of current homes utilizing home fire sprinkler systems. Mr. Guy Trayling explained that he will compile statistics to forward to the Plan Commission members.

Chairman Martin Pais asked for statistics clarifying the causes of home fires, the locations of fatal home fires, confirmation of water source requirements and a copy of a draft ordinance from another community. Chairman Pais explained the Village process for drafting an ordinance and called for the creation of a subcommittee to further compile the facts.

4. Proposal by Pam Tichy for Arts and Science Center at Corner of Miller Road And Highway 59

Ms. Pam Tichy, 77. S. Wynstone Drive, approached the Commission and presented her ideas for a possible community science center on the property at 566 Miller Road. Ms. Tichy referred the Commission to the binders outlining her proposal, and invited feedback from the Plan Commission. Ms. Tichy also explained that she had recently been contacted by CUSD 220 in regards to the property, which is adjacent to the North Barrington Elementary School.

There was extensive discussion. Ms. Tichy would be willing to provide a mission statement and form a foundation for fundraising purposes. The Commission agreed the concept in principal was innovative and requested additional specific details. Chairman Martin Pais called for the creation of a subcommittee to further explore the feasible options for the property.

5. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning - CMAP Update by Denis Taillon

Denis Taillon reported that he had attended the CMAP- Lake County Leadership Workshop. The workshop was a series of meetings held in each of the six metro counties, the topic being “2040 Regional Framework Plan”. The three topics of the framework plan are:

- Centers-compact developments that reflect a close relationship between economic and livability goals
- Corridors-provide efficient, contiguous, multi-modal and environmentally sensitive transportation and activity connections between compact centers
- Green Areas-connect communities and protect natural habitats while contributing to the economy and overall livability of the region

Mr. Taillon referred the Commission to www.nipc.org. for further information.

6. Severe Weather Spotter Class Status Update by Denis Taillon

Denis Taillon reported that he had attended a seminar sponsored by the Lake Zurich Fire and Rescue Department, in conjunction with the National Weather Service. The class was intended to train individuals to be qualified certified severe weather spotters for their community and identify various weather conditions. Mr. Taillon referred the Commission to the website <http://www.lzfirerescue.org/ema.htm> for further updates.

7. Trustee’s Report

Trustee Jane Farrell reported that the Woodland Drive culvert replacement project was successfully completed, and the Village road repairs currently underway are ahead of schedule.

Trustee Jane Farrell reported that the Illinois Department of Geological Survey has identified the location for their drilling site at the Village Hall. The ISGS plans to monitor and take core samples to measure water level within the Village. Trustee Farrell reported that the Board fully supports the project.

Trustee Jane Farrell reported the band Bopology would be performing at the July 21, 2007 Eton Park concert and invited everyone to attend.

8. Old/New Business

There was no old or new business to discuss.

9. Adjournment.

Motion: Denis Taillon moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Camille Koertner.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:10 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Plan Commission Meeting held September 10, 2007.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk