

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE  
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010  
AT 35 RIDERWOOD LANE IN NORTH BARRINGTON**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of September 27, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting:**

At 7:35 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

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

The Minutes from the September 27, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the September 27, 2010 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 September 27, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

**2. Recap Fall Festival**

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that approximately \$9450 was spent on Fall Fest this year, which was less than last year. She also reminded the Commission that last year they had an extra tent, more decorations, an ice cream man, etc; however, stated that they were right on budget and even served more meals this year. The Commission agreed that everything went well this year and pretty smoothly including new ideas that were added to the Festival. The Commission enjoyed the music provided by Craig Kenning and stated that the decorations looked great. It was also stated that the new magician was well liked and worked very hard for the entire Festival.

Vice Chairman Kafka then asked the Commission if they had any suggestions or changes for next year. It was stated that there needed to be more lemonade, root beer, and cider for next year. The Commission enjoyed the root beer keg and felt as if the residents did as well and would like to continue using it next year. Ms. Onyx stated that it may be nice to have some cookies or something available as a dessert item as well. The Commission agreed that they liked the cider, but stated that keeping it hot was very difficult. The Commission discussed the possibility of having more cambrios for next year and possibly dividing the cider responsibility between multiple people in an effort to keep it warm. The possibility of just serving cider, without it being hot, was also discussed. Ms. Onyx stated that the pumpkin growing contest was fun, but next year hopes to get the seeds distributed earlier and perhaps at an Arbor Day event. The Commission stated that they enjoyed the contest and would like to see it continue. Ms. Onyx also stated that the pumpkin growing contest should be added to the postcard about Fall Festival next year. The Commission also enjoyed the farm stand with their goods and the

pumpkins that were available for sale. It was stated that the Commission needed to be prepared with more change for bigger dollar bills next year and that keeping the farm stand to just one farmer would be ideal. The idea of adding another farmer who specializes in gourds was mentioned and the Commission will look into that and the possibility of using the same pumpkin company as last year.

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that, while the Commission made more money this year, the total amount of money made was short of what it should have been. She stated that the amount of products and goods sold did not match the final dollar amount and it has not been decided as to where the shortfall occurred. The Commission is thinking about ideas for securing the money and making sure there are no future mistakes.

### **3. Review 2010 Events for 2011 Planning**

The Commission agreed the 2010 schedule had one too many concerts. The tentative schedule for the 2011 season is as follows: June will have a concert, July will have the ice cream/talent show and garden walk, August will have a combined concert and movie night, and October will be the Fall Festival. Chairman Ryan stated that the band "Together Again" will get the first choice of which concert they would like to play since their date was rained out this past summer. The Commission also suggested asking the band "Eleventh Hour" to play a concert next year.

### **4. Old/New Business**

Ms. Onyx's term for the Parks and Recreation Commission is coming to an end; however, she wishes to be re-appointed. The Commission also discussed the possibility of somehow getting a reserve fund for money not spent from fiscal year to fiscal year. If a fund were established, then a larger project could be started, such as a park structure. The Commission agreed that someone would need to spearhead a project like this. Mr. Struttman also suggested the possibility of creating more parking for Eton Park. It was something for the Commission to consider.

Vice Chairman Kafka suggested a new idea for the Commission, and one in which the Village has never tried before; an afternoon with Santa and his reindeer at Eton Park. She stated that it could be a short two hour event in a heated, enclosed tent with hot chocolate, cookies, and/or candy canes, etc. She stated that it would be an event that residents could bring their children to, as well as their cameras, and take pictures with Santa; no professional photographer would be necessary. The Commission agreed that the idea would be a lot of fun, and will try to pull it together for this season. Vice Chairman Kafka thanked them for all of their hard work and devotion. Ms. Farrell stated that she could do the postcard/flyer for the event. Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she had found a couple companies to use for Santa and reindeer rentals and that the Commission would just have to check to see if these companies were available on dates that they were interested in. She also stated that she would be responsible for the tent and heater. Ms. Onyx agreed to help research possible companies to use for the reindeer rentals and also stated that she would be responsible for the candy canes. Chairman Ryan stated that the Commission would have one more meeting in December to finalize anything if they were able to create the event last minute. The Commission agreed to work through phone calls and emails to see if it would be possible.

## **5. Adjournment**

Motion: Lloyd Struttman 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 9:09 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held December 6, 2010.

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Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk