

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BARRINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WHICH WAS HELD APRIL 14, 2008 AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE
HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD, IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:35 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais called the meeting to order and the Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person:	Chairman Martin Pais, Denis Taillon
Absent:	Vice Chairman Dan Nass, Bill Bishop, David Wilford
Also Present:	Trustee Jane Farrell Deputy Village Clerk Sue Murdy

Chairman Pais announced that since there was no quorum, a preliminary discussion of the agenda item regarding the proposed Village conservation easement would be held.

2. Approve Minutes: Plan Commission Meeting – March 10, 2008

Chairman Pais announced that since there was no quorum, the Plan Commission Minutes from March 10, 2008 could not be approved and would be on the May 12, 2008 Plan Commission Meeting agenda.

3. Conservation Easement Update

Chairman Pais explained that he had attended a recent meeting with Village President Bruce Sauer, Trustee Lawre Weiner, Trustee Jane Farrell and Environmental & Health Commission Chairman Gery Herrmann. President Sauer stated the three goals for the Village of North Barrington in regards to the Flint Creek Conservation Easement project:

- Commitment to ensure that the water leaving Flint Creek will be cleaner than the point of entry of Flint Creek into the Village of North Barrington
- Commitment to a pleasing environment for resident usage
- Commitment to involve the residents of North Barrington in the conservation easement project, as well as align the Village to monitor clean up and maintenance

President Sauer has budgeted money towards the Flint Creek Conservation Easement project. The mission of the Plan Commission is to formulate a guidance plan for involving the residents of the Village. Chairman Pais distributed an EPA ordinance template which could possibly be used as an outline for the Commission to commence discussions.

The Commission determined that any sort of water planning is a large, time consuming effort and should be completed properly. Chairman Pais pointed out the section of the template referring to IRS tax benefits to those residents participating in a conservation (also referred to as a buffer) easement. There was some discussion that Village tax dollars are being used to begin

the clean up project and it is important not to give the appearance of any preferential treatment to certain residents. The possibility of resident participation sign up by way of a lottery system was discussed. The benefits would be an opportunity to be provided with a property clean up aligned with the Flint Creek clean up. Trustee Farrell stressed that it is important to move slowly and deliberately with this project to ensure it is implemented successfully.

The Commission agreed that resident education and guidance is of utmost importance for this project to be successful. Chairman Pais plans to get input from Flint Creek Watershed Partnership Coordinator Patsy Mortimer.

4. Old/New Business

Trustee Jane Farrell announced that she would serve as the Chairperson for the 50th anniversary of the Village of North Barrington, which will take place in 2009.

The Commission discussed their concern with the Village of Lake Zurich and the continued increase in commercial building, particularly the Holiday Inn Express currently planned for the former Frank's Nursery and Crafts site. The flow of water from Lake Zurich into North Barrington is a primary issue.

5. Adjournment

At 8:25 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais declared the discussion over and asked the Commission members to review the EPA template handout for the next scheduled Plan Commission Meeting May 12, 2008.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk