

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL LOCATED AT
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

At 7:29 p.m. Chairman pro tempore Michelle Youkhana called the meeting to order. She then welcomed the audience and explained that there was an Agenda available for everyone and informed everyone of how the meeting would run and that residents would have the opportunity to speak regarding Mr. Rivero's proposed walking trail ("Eton Path") between Mockingbird Lane and Kimberly Road. Karlin D. Gingrich called the roll:

Present in Person:	Michelle Youkhana, Chairman pro tempore Lisa Onyx Mary McClure Chris Nolan Bill Menke
Absent:	Jane Farrell, Chairman
Also Present:	Jackie Andrew, Trustee Liaison Rosalyn Wesley, 275 Kimberly Road Rick Rivero, 424 Mockingbird Lane Mike Mulcrone, 260 Essex Lane Karlin D. Gingrich, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2014 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

The Minutes of the August 14, 2014 Parks & Recreation Commission ("PRC") meeting were made available to the commission members.

Motion: Mr. Menke moved to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2014 PRC Commission meeting; seconded by Mr. Nolan.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan, Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and Mr. Menke
Nays:	None
Absent:	Chairman Farrell
Abstain:	None

Chairman pro tempore Youkhana declared the Minutes of the August 14, 2014 PRC meeting approved and put on file.

3. Path/Walking Trail Proposal by Mr. Rick Rivero of 424 Mockingbird Lane

Mr. Rivero addressed the PRC to discuss a proposal for a walking trail (“Eton Trail”) between Mockingbird Lane and Kimberly Road. Mr. Rivero explained that his goal is to create a trail similar to the existing Leonard Park walking trail which connects East Oxford to Shady Lane. Mr. Rivero explained that his proposed trail would connect Eton Road to Mockingbird Lane utilizing municipal land and private property. It was noted that the private property is owned by Trustee Lawrence Weiner and Terri Tepper who reside at 261 Kimberly Road.

Mr. Rivero explained some advantages to creating a trail, which included:

- A walking/running/biking trail that would allow users to easily gain access from Eton Road to Mockingbird Lane.
- A safer route for children to catch the bus as opposed to walking down Essex Lane and Rugby Road to Kimberly Road.

Mr. Rivero is of the opinion that Rugby Road is not safe due to the amount of traffic and speeders. He indicated that he has volunteers to help with the project in order to keep costs at a minimum and that he would hold a fundraiser or privately fund the project himself. He said he has already sought approval from all the homeowners in that area.

Chairman pro tempore Youkhana noted that the PRC had received letters from Rosalyn and Mannis Wesley of 275 Kimberly Road and Darcy Herrmann of 257 Kimberly Road whom are each opposed to the proposed path.

Mr. Rivero stated that he brought a letter from Drew and Lisa Farkas of 420 Mockingbird Lane in support of the proposed path and gave it to the PRC to review.

Ms. Wesley of 275 Kimberly Road addressed the PRC. She stated she has lived at that address for more than 29 years.

Ms. Wesley stated that there is far less traffic in the area than Mr. Rivero stated, that she is opposed to the path for the following reasons: unintended use during the day, additional traffic, noise, maintenance and liability.

Trustee Andrew asked Mr. Rivero if part of the proposed plan included use of Trustee Weiner’s property, located at 261 Kimberly Road, by revocable easement. Mr. Rivero stated that was true.

Mr. Mulcrone of 260 Essex Lane addressed the PRC. He stated that he does not oppose the path and feels that it would be a positive improvement to the area.

There was discussion among the PRC and Mr. Rivero about the path proposal.

The PRC had some concerns regarding the plan, which included:

- In the interest of bus stop safety for the children in the neighborhood, that Mr. Rivero approach the Board of the Barrington 220 Community Unit School District and request that the current bus stop be moved to the end of the cul-de-sac.
- Part of the path being on private land that could have its easement revoked at any time.

- Safety concerns of a bridge being constructed over an oxbow that could be washed away during a heavy rainfall.
- Liability issues regarding maintenance for intended use, use of private land and bridge/creek safety.
- There are nearby residents that are opposed to the path.

Motion: Ms. Onyx moved to approve the creation of Eton Trail; seconded by Ms. McClure.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Mr. Menke
Nays:	Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan and Chairman pro tempore Youkana
Absent:	Chairman Farrell
Abstain:	None

Chairman pro tempore Youkana declared the motion did not pass.

4. Public Comment

No one wished to speak.

5. Summer Concerts

Mr. Nolan stated that Eleventh Hour needed to rent band equipment in the amount of \$200.00 because of the rain cancellation of the concert scheduled for August 23, 2014. Mr. Nolan suggested that the PRC reimburse them half their cost (\$100.00).

Motion: Ms. Onyx moved the PRC reimburse Eleventh Hour \$100.00 for the expenses for the rained out concert; seconded by Mr. Menke.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan, Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and Mr. Menke
Nays:	None
Absent:	Chairman Farrell
Abstain:	None

Ms. McClure offered to place signs regarding the concert throughout the Village. There was some discussion as to the dates and locations of the sign placement.

6. Fall Festival

There was some discussion regarding current inventory of supplies for the Fall Festival.

The PRC reviewed the checklist and unfinished tasks were assigned.

Mr. Menke suggested the PRC consider hiring a face painter for the Fall Festival.

Motion: Ms. Onyx moved the PRC hire a face painter with a budget not to exceed \$500.00; seconded by Mr. Nolan.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan, Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and Mr. Menke
Nays:	None
Absent:	Chairman Farrell
Abstain:	None

7. Pathways and Maintenance

Mr. Menke reported that there are areas on and near paths that need cleanup, mulch, buckthorn removal and maintenance. There was some discussion regarding locations in need of maintenance before this winter. Ms. McClure suggested getting bids for cleanup and maintenance work. Mr. Menke volunteered to get the bids and also contact Nazario for tree trimming.

8. Nominations

The PRC is recommending that the Board approve their unanimous nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. The PRC Chairman nomination is for Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and the Vice Chairman nomination is for Mr. Menke.

9. Old Business / New Business

Chairman pro tempore Youkhana stated that Chairman Farrell has worked very hard on the PRC for the past 9 years and said she would like Chairman Farrell's efforts to be recognized at the Fall Festival. Ms. Onyx volunteered to speak for the PRC in thanking Chairman Farrell at the Fall Festival and also to purchase a gift to thank her.

Motion: Ms. Onyx moved the PRC approve a \$100.00 budget for Chairman Farrell's gift; seconded by Ms. McClure.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan, Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and Mr. Menke
Nays:	None
Absent:	Chairman Farrell
Abstain:	None

Chairman pro tempore Youkhana stated that the garage at the Village Hall is in need of organization and asked the PRC to consider a budget for purchasing storage containers.

Motion: Ms. McClure moved the PRC approve a \$200.00 budget for Chairman pro tempore Youkhana to purchase storage containers; seconded by Ms. Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes: Ms. Onyx, Ms. McClure, Mr. Nolan, Chairman pro tempore Youkhana and Mr. Menke
Nays: None
Absent: Chairman Farrell
Abstain: None

Trustee Andrew reported that the Village Board had approved the contract for the clearing of South Eton Park, per the Environmental & Health Commission's ("E&H") recommendation. Ms. McClure stressed that she does not want future funds coming out of the PRC budget for the continued maintenance of South Eton Park.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Nolan moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:52 p.m. Chairman pro tempore Youkhana declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the PRC meeting held October 6, 2014.

ATTEST: _____

Karlin D. Gingrich

Deputy Village Clerk

Village of North Barrington