

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BARRINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
WHICH WAS HELD JUNE 9, 2008 AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL,  
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD, IN SAID VILLAGE**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 7:34 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Martin Pais, Bill Bishop, Denis Taillon,  
Janis Menges, David Wilford  
Absent: Vice Chairman Dan Nass  
Also Present: Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Barrington Area Conservation Trust  
Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approve Minutes: Plan Commission Meeting – May 12, 2008**

The Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Plan Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: David Wilford moved that the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Plan Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Janis Menges.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Martin Pais declared the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Plan Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

**3. Barrington Area Conservation Trust Presentation-Nancy Schumm-Burgess**

Chairman Martin Pais introduced Ms. Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Executive Director, Barrington Area Conservation Trust.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess stated that the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACTrust) is dedicated to preserving the open space and rural character, along with the scenic, historic and natural resources of the Barrington area communities. The non-profit and civic organization assists property owners and village governments by providing land protection tools. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained a new program named the “Heritage Corridors”, which enables the BACTrust to work with communities in their land preservation efforts.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess further explained that the BACTrust has organized some lawyers roundtables to discuss issues including conservation law. The roundtables are accredited by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess reviewed her power point presentation titled “Preservation Through Conservation Easements”.

- Mission
- BACTrust Overview
- Staff Credentials
- Conservation Easements
- Associated Costs
- 170 (h) Requirements
- New Incentives
- Future Protection
- Planning Ahead
- How BACTrust Can Help
- Summary

Ms. Schumm-Burgess noted that she is certified to assist in the planning and protection of water resources.

There was extensive discussion and questions from the Commission about the size, identification and purpose of conservation easements, management of land trusts and tax ramifications. Ms. Schumm-Burgess stated that, in her past experience, such a project is a slow process and should be approached as a campaign, which would involve attorney’s, Village residents, community meetings and a public education program. Grant funding for conservation easements is an important component that BACTrust specializes in. Ms Schumm-Burgess explained that BACTrust is an independent, individual IRS 501C3 trust, and abides by the standards and practices of the Land Trust Alliance.

Chairman Martin Pais thanked Ms. Schumm-Burgess for her presentation.

#### **4. North Barrington Permit Process Update**

Mr. Bill Bishop reported that a meeting is still planned with Village Building and Zoning Officer Kelly Rafferty to review the current Village permit process. Vice Chairman Dan Nass will also attend the meeting.

#### **5. Flint Creek Maintenance Ordinance Update**

The Commission discussed the presentation by Ms. Schumm-Burgess, and agreed that any water area within the Village is a large issue to address properly. They agreed that further clarification of this project was necessary, and there are many North Barrington residents who do not reside near Flint Creek. Ms. Janis Menges stressed the complicated property assessment and tax implications of such a project.

Chairman Martin Pais reported that he had met with Village attorney Bill Braithwaite and was advised that a legal document was necessary in order for the Village to access private property along Flint Creek.

Chairman Martin Pais reported that President Bruce Sauer would like the Plan Commission to formulate an overall comprehensive plan for Flint Creek. The Commission agreed that water management of Flint Creek was more important than making it look attractive, and questioned the concept of the word easement. Clarification of the amount of money budgeted for Flint Creek was also questioned.

Chairman Pais stated he will ask Plan Commission Trustee Liaison Jane Farrell to clarify the goal further with the Board of Trustees. The Commission would like to know if the clean up or preservation and protection of Flint Creek is the main objective.

## **6. Old/New Business**

Denis Taillon reported that he had attended the May 17, 2008 Special Trustees Meeting and Flint Creek walk. The varied terrain and condition of the land along Flint Creek was discussed.

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion: Denis Taillon moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Bill Bishop.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:50 P.M. Chairman Martin Pais declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Plan Commission Meeting held November 10, 2008.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk