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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Tony Kircher (via ZOOM) Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney. Dwight Bennett was absent. Also present was Bob Gustafson, Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of May 12, 2026 Meeting

Motion by Kasia Lazar and seconded by Tammie Mahoney to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Tony Kircher, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Update from the America 250 Celebration committee

Tammie Mahoney updated the Commission about the America 250 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting June 8, 2026. The Parks & Recreation July 11, 2026, Summer Concert will include America 250 Celebratory activities, such as a food truck, tattoos and stickers, and games. The attendees will also be invited to sign the Village America 250 Flag.

The Fall Festival will also feature some 250 America celebrations. The 250 adhoc committee is discussing a special gift for residents.

Chairperson Lauffer thanked Jeff Harwood for his service on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Chairperson Lauffer stated an events postcard will be sent to the residents.

New Items

A. Concert Series and Events

1. Signage Placement and assignments

Chairperson Lauffer assigned the concert signage placement to the Commission members. New signs will need to be ordered for the June 13th Kids Concert due to the event starting later than last year. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will work with Chairperson Lauffer and State Graphics on new signs.

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2. Kid Concert Event Review

The details of the event are in order and the Commission is looking forward to the first summer concert series of the summer. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy has arranged for the payment of Tunes with Tim.

Chairperson Lauffer thanked Dwight Bennett for his launch of the Kids Concert Event in 2025. He explained to the Commission that Dwight will take a hiatus from the Commission and will not be re-appointed at June 17, 2026. Board of Trustees meeting.

B. Community Campout

Tony Kircher asked the Commission for volunteers for the evening of the campout as well as the morning of the event. Frank Fontana offered to assist Saturday night. The Commission discussed the logistics of the event, and Tony Kircher stated he would manage the event.

C. Fall Festival

1. Layout review

Chairperson Lauffer handed out a site drawing of Eton Park. The layout for this year's Fall Festival will be different based upon feedback from prior events.

2. Food Selection

The Commission discussed the food options. The Morkes donuts will be offered again, along with popcorn and cotton candy. The Commission decided against chips and cookies. The possibility of taffy apples was discussed.

Motion by Kasia Lazar and seconded by Tammie Mahoney to engage a pig roast, and also offer hot dogs/ bratwurst, along with side items at the 2026 Fall Festival. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Tony Kircher, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

D. Winter Events

1. Tree lighting and "Bruce" the reindeer installation

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Initiative Updates

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A. 5-Year Master Plan Initiative

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission that the Board of Trustees has approved the 5-Year Master Parks & Recreation Plan.

B. Review next steps for implementation

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission that the Village has requested a proposal from Kimley Horn for an OSLAD Grant. Mr. Lauffer will meet with President Sweet McDonnell and Village Administrator Lobaito soon to discuss the OSLAD Grant application process.

Marketing Support

A. Intern/Volunteer/Social Media (Facebook)

Chairperson Lauffer thanked Harlo Mahoney for her continued update of the Village Facebook account. He also thanked Tammie Mahoney for her involvement.

B. Website Update

The Village would like to recruit residents to send in historical photos of the Village to be used for the America 250 Celebration. A link will be added to the Village website for residents to upload photos.

Budget Review and Updates

Chairperson Lauffer announced that the FYE 2027 Budget was approved by the Board of Trustees. He feels there is sufficient funds budgeted for the Parks and Recreation Commission to achieve its goals.

Recruitment Updates

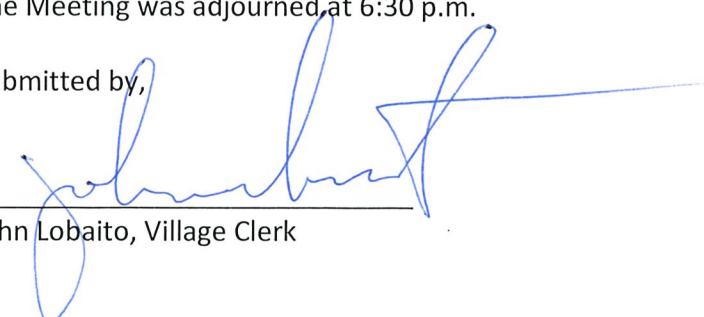
Chairperson David Lauffer is pleased to have a full Commission; however, the recruitment of new members will continue. He welcomed Bob Gustafson, who will be appointed at the June 17, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Jeff Harwood and seconded by Frank Fontana to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Tony Kircher, Kasia Lazar, and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

