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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, and Paul Stockton. Tony Kircher, Kasia Lazar and Tammie Mahoney were absent. Also present was Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

None.

Approve Minutes of August 11, 2026 Meeting

Motion by Paul Stockton and seconded by Bob Gustafson to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, and Paul Stockton voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Update from the America 250 Celebration committee

The Commission plans to include the America 250 Celebration event at the Fall Festival.

New Items

A. Concert Series and Events

The Commission discussed the upcoming September 12, 2026, Summer Concert. It is a 9-11 Tribute. The America 250 Flag will be displayed for residents' signatures.

B. Community Campout

Tony Kircher was absent; Chairperson Lauffer reviewed a draft event checklist that included the schedule and details for the event. The event will need volunteers for the evening of September 26th for the campout as well as the morning of September 27th. The campfire will begin at 6:30 p.m. with smores from 6:45p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Frank Fontana and Paul Stockton stated they would be available that evening to assist with the events.

C. Fall Festival

1. Layout review

Chairperson Lauffer reviewed the layout at Eton Park. The Commission plans to have three tents set up. One tent will be a greeting station, one tent will be used for the food and music and the third tent feature the pumpkin painting, facepainting and balloon man. Consultant Kimley Horn will be set up in one tent.

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2. Food Selection

Chairperson David Lauffer is finalizing the contract with Habeck's to provide food for the Fall Festival. The menu includes pork from a pig roast, hot dogs, bratwurst, macaroni and cheese. The apple cider donut order from Morkes will remain at 20 dozen. The event will also offer popcorn and cotton candy. Chairperson Lauffer will shop for additional items.

Paul Stockton and Frank Fontana offered to bring a basketball to the Fall Festival. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will confer with Chairperson Lauffer about the T-shirt order from Think Ink.

D. Winter Events

1. Tree lighting and "Bruce" the reindeer installation

The Commission plans to have a Winter Event at the Village Hall on December 4th, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. and the Commission would like to have Santa, gift bags, and carolers.

Initiative Updates

A. 5-Year Master Plan Initiative

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission that a decision was made to reduce the size of the borings at Eton Park due to cost submitted by the Village engineers. Kimley Horn will be at the Fall Festival engaging with the residents to measure the level of support for various amenities throughout the Village.

B. Review next steps for implementation

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission to apply for the OSLAD Grant, Kimley Horns is attending the Fall Festival to engage the community. There was discussion about possibly vacating the land south of Eton Park, as well as the cleanup of Leonard Park. It is overgrown from excess rainfall.

Marketing Support

A. Intern/Volunteer/Social Media /Facebook

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Website Update

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Budget Review and Updates

There was no update.

Recruitment Updates

There was no update.

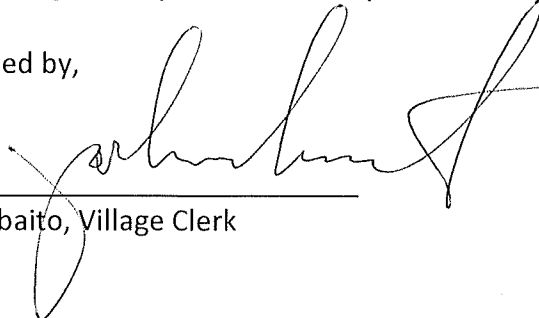
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Adjournment

Motion by Frank Fontana and seconded by Paul Stockton to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, and Paul Stockton voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

