

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Gery Herrmann, Tatiana Blinova, Dennis O'Shaughnessy, Ken Such, and James Zakos. Michael Beightol was absent.

Also present was Trustee Liaison Rick Mignano, Daniel Collier, Lilly Burmeister, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Chairperson Gery Herrmann introduced the new Plan Commission Member Dennis O'Shaughnessy, and the new Trustee Liaison Rick Mignano.

Chairperson Gery Herrmann welcomed the two local students in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jim Zakos and seconded by Dennis O'Shaughnessy to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, Plan Commission Meeting. Chairperson Herrmann, Tatiana Blinova, Dennis O'Shaughnessy, Ken Such and James Zakos voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion carried.

Update on the Five-Year Comprehensive Master Parks & Recreation Plan

Chairperson Gery Herrmann explained the Board of Trustees approved the Parks & Recreation Commission 5-Year Master Plan in May 2026. He complimented consultant Kimley Horn on the thoroughness of the plan. The cost of this analysis was \$50,000. Chairperson Herrmann explained Trustee Pais had concerns about the current Village Comprehensive Plan from 2015 and questioned if the contents of the 5-Year Master Plan are fully incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Herrmann asked the Commission for their input about Trustee Pais' concerns.

The Commission agreed the resident survey was not a full 100% capture of the community. Village Administrator John Lobaito stated community response was average. He explained that public

community forums were held to allow residents to voice their questions and concerns about the Parks & Recreation needs within the Village. Mr. Lobaito also stated the Village Comprehensive Plan is designed to be a guiding instrument, its contents being a plan for the Village to follow. It was agreed that the Village Comprehensive Plan was designed to be general in terms of utilizing existing open space within the Village. The Commission agreed that the Comprehensive Plan needed updating periodically.

There was discussion about whether incorporating the Parks & Recreation Commission 5-Year Master Plan into the Village Comprehensive Plan would inadvertently remove the flexibility, creating a conflict between the Board of Trustees and the Plan Commission. It was acknowledged that the 5-Year Plan is very detailed, and it contains potential projects that could necessitate coming to the Plan Commission. Mr. Lobaito stated the use of OSLAD Grants would require a public hearing that could come before the Plan Commission in the future.

The Plan Commission members would like to review the Parks & Recreation Commission 5-year Plan more extensively as a stand-alone document. Chairperson Herrmann stated both documents must be cohesive. The Commission determined it was not necessary for any vote at this time about incorporating the Parks & Recreation Commission 5-Year Plan into the Village Comprehensive Plan.

Update on the Grassmere, Haverton, Oaksbury (GHO) Project

Village Administrator Lobaito stated to the Commission that the Grassmere, Haverton, Oaksbury (GHO) Project is scheduled to begin in July. The final permits and grant approval are in the last stages. Mr. Lobaito explained the project itself was simple, and that the permitting process has been difficult. There are environmental issues that had to be addressed. Chairperson Herrmann stated a new analysis of Honey Lake was available for review. There was discussion about the volume of stormwater that could be released into Honey Lake. Mr. Herrmann stated his concern about the quality of the stormwater flowing into Honey Lake. Ongoing maintenance requirements following the completion of the project were discussed.

Update on the Village Zoning Code Revisions

Chairperson Herrmann explained that updates were needed to the Village Zoning Code due to piecemeal changes over the years that eventually contradicted existing portions. Village Administrator John Lobaito stated that he and the Village Building and Zoning Officer will be meeting with Arista from Camiros, Ltd. to review some specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance that Arista has identified as needing some technical expertise and direction only the Building and Zoning Officer can provide. The Village Attorney is reviewing the initial draft, and any suggested changes will be incorporated into the next draft.

Once this next level of review is complete, the revised draft document will be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission for review in a workshop type setting.. After the ZBA and Plan Commission have completed this step, all changes will be incorporated into the draft document. This draft will be available to the public and will be the draft used at the Public Hearing (s). The Plan

Commission will, at the conclusion of the public hearing, make a recommendation to the Village Board on the adoption of the amended zoning code. The amended zoning code will then be transmitted to the Village Board for adoption.

Old Business/New Business

Village Administrator Lobaito had previously asked Plan Commission Chairperson Gery Herrmann to attend the Lake Zurich Board of Trustees Meeting. Mr. Herrmann reported that a medical facility will be constructed at the northwest corner of the intersection of IL Hwy 12 and Miller Road. The property recently was annexed into the Village of Lake Zurich.

Adjournment

Motion by Dennis O'Shaughnessy and seconded by Ken Such to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Gery Herrmann, Tatiana Blinova, Dennis O'Shaughnessy, Ken Such and James Zakos voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Plan Commission was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito
Village Clerk

