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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

Chairperson Lauffer read a letter addressed to the Parks and Recreation Commission from resident Fred Hjertstedt complimenting the Commission on their service to the community.

Approve Minutes of July 14, 2026 Meeting

Motion by Tammie Mahoney and seconded by Paul Stockton to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, Kasia Lazar, Tammie Mahoney 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 August 8, 2026, Summer Concert. The event was well attended and considered a success.

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 the campout as well as the morning of September 27th. 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.

2. Food Selection

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Chairperson David Lauffer is finalizing the contract with Heybecks to provide food for the Fall Festival. Possibilities include 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 stated the residents enjoy the various games at the Festival.

D. Winter Events

1. Tree lighting and “Bruce” the reindeer installation

The Commission discussed the details of 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 the 5-Year Master Plan is continuing to move forward. 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 that Kimley Horn will begin their geo-technical studies of Eton Park soon. The process for obtaining the OSLAD grant will begin next month.

Marketing Support

A. Intern/Volunteer/Social Media (Facebook)

Tammie Mahoney will continue to monitor and post events on the Village Facebook page.

B. Website Update

There is no action necessary at this time.

Budget Review and Updates

There was no update.

Recruitment Updates

Chairperson David Lauffer is pleased to have a full Commission; however, the recruitment of new members will continue. He welcomed Paul Stockton as the newest Commission member.

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

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John Lobaito, Village Clerk

