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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 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 and Tammie Mahoney. Tony Kircher and Kasia Lazar were absent. Also present was Leilani Smith, Naomi Connor, Paul Stockton and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of June 9, 2026 Meeting

Motion by Frank Fontana and seconded by Tammie Mahoney to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, 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. The Committee will meet again in the future to discuss the details of combining the Fall Festival with the America 250 Celebration.

New Items

A. Concert Series and Events

1. July 11, 2026 Event Recap

The Commission agreed the event was well attended. A total of 122 meals were served to residents. The event set up and clean up progressed well, although a better plan could have been helped the efficiency. The registration table for the event eliminated five parking spaces. The Commission agreed that the marketing for the event was good.

The residents enjoyed all the yard games, bubbles and face painting by Sparkles. The Commission requested the same face painter from the Fall Festival in the future as well as a longer engagement time. The food truck was a success with a good selection of food. There was a total of five dogs that participated in the Patriotic Pet Parade, and they all received treats. The Commission's opinion of the band was that they were simply adequate.

Motion by Tammie Mahoney and seconded by Bob Gustafson to approve a Resolution to not re-engage the White Saddle Band for future Village concerts. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Bob Gustafson, and Tammie Mahoney voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

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There was discussion about changing the Summer Concert Series starting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and offering dinner choices to the residents. More children will attend at the earlier time and the Commission would like to create a festival type atmosphere.

B. Community Campout

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Fall Festival

1. Layout review

This agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

2. Food Selection

Chairperson David Lauffer has been in communication with Heybecks to provide food for the Fall Festival. Possibilities include pork from a pig roast, hot dogs, bratwurst, macaroni and cheese. The menu will be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The apple cider donut order from Morkes will remain at 20 dozen.

D. Winter Events

1. Tree lighting and "Bruce" the reindeer installation

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Initiative Updates

A. 5-Year Master Plan Initiative

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission the 5-Year Master Plan is continuing to move forward. Bob Gustafson stated his desire to enhance the Village with wildlife.

B. Review next steps for implementation

Chairperson Lauffer stated to the Commission that Kimley Horn will begin their geo-technical studies soon. The process for obtaining the OSLAD grant will begin soon as well.

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.

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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

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Recruitment Updates

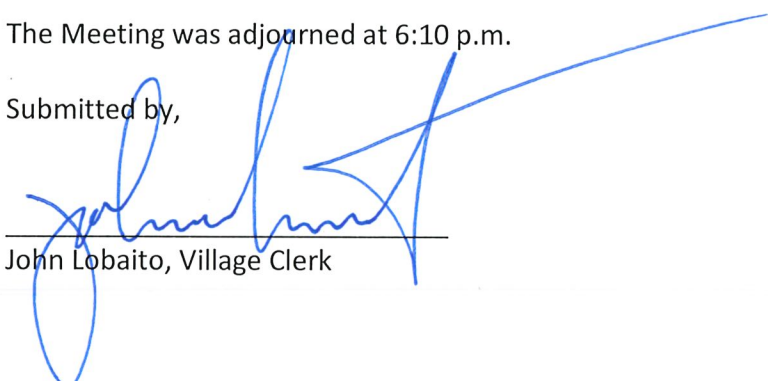
Chairperson David Lauffer is pleased to have a full Commission; however, the recruitment of new members will continue. He welcomed Paul Stockton who will be appointed at the July 15, 2026 Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

