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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of April 14, 2026 Meeting

Motion by Jeff Harwood and seconded by Frank Fontana to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, Tony Kircher and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Update from the America 250 Celebration committee

Village Administrator Lobaito updated the Commission. The 250 America Ad hoc Committee met and is discussing additional ways to incorporate the 250 America Celebration with various Parks & Recreation Commission events. July 11, 2026, Summer Concert will include additional festivities such as a food truck, America 250 Celebratory feather flags, children's activities along with a 4 X 6 America 250 flag for residents to sign. The logistics were discussed in detail.

The Commission also discussed the Fall Festival being incorporated into the America 250 celebration. The possibility of a Pig Roast instead of the usual hotdogs was discussed. The Commission would like to make the event memorable for the residents. The donuts from Morkes, cotton candy and popcorn are popular food items. The Commission will vote on the food choices at the June 9, 2026, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

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 Commission discussed in detail the food for the event. It was decided that ice cream, popcorn and drinks will be offered. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will add the event time of 3:30 p.m. to the Village Website.

B. Fall Festival

1. Food Selection

There was extensive discussion about the Village Campout being part of the Village Fall Festival weekend of September 27, 2026. The Commission would like to change the food offered to the residents. The possibility of a pig roast was discussed. The Commission will hold a food vote at the June 9, 2026, meeting.

The Commission discussed the topic of local vendors attending the Fall Festival. It was agreed that criteria and a defined process were necessary. It was agreed that pet adoption would be present again this year.

The Commission discussed placing the band for the Fall Festival in a different location so that the attendees could hear the music better. The firepit will be located towards the woods at the rear of the park.

Kasia Lazar left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

2. Preparation for Community Campout

Parks & Recreation Commission member Tony Kircher will handle the details of the Village Campout. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of holding the event the same weekend as the Fall Festival. Mr. Kircher and Chairperson Lauffer will walk Eton Park and draw a proposed layout for the campout and Fall Festival. Mr. Kircher assured the Commission that the campers are up early and will leave Eton Park well in advance for the Fall

C. Winter Events

1. Tree Lighting and "Bruce" the reindeer installation

The Commission decided that Saturday December 5, 2026, would be the tentative date for the installation of the holiday reindeer. The holiday lights will also be put on the tree at the Village Hall.

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The event will be discussed further in the event it is determined They would like to offer hot chocolate. Tony Kircher will check with the Barrington High School choir about performing Christmas carols.

Initiative Updates

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. There was discussion about the buckthorn removal/mitigation across from Eton Park.

Marketing Support

A. Intern/Volunteer/Social Media (Facebook)

There were no updates.

B. Website Update

There were no updates.

Budget Review and Updates

Motion by Chairperson Lauffer and seconded by Tony Kircher to table this agenda item. On voice vote Chairperson David Lauffer, Frank Fontana, Jeff Harwood, and Tony Kircher voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Recruitment Updates

Chairperson David Lauffer is pleased to have a full Commission; however, the recruitment of new members will continue.

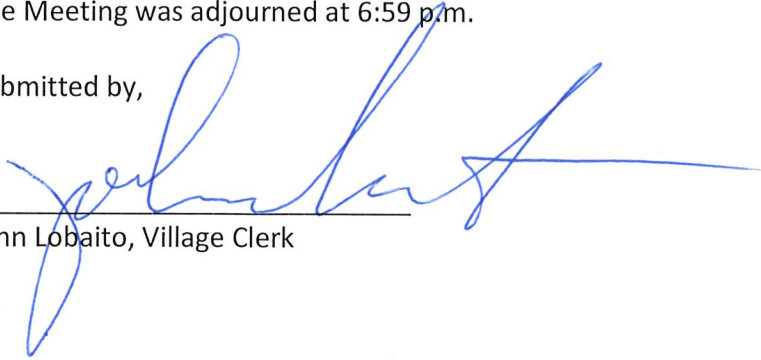
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Adjournment

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

