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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
PLAN COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Gery Herrmann, Ken Such, Michael Beightol, Tatiana Blinova, Jim Colella, and James Zakos.

Also present was Environmental & Health Commission Chairperson Steve Kahn, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson David Lauffer, Village Forester Susan Allman, Daniel Grove from Kimley-Horn, and Village Administrator John Lobaito.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Herrmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

Motion by Jim Colella and seconded by Tatiana Blinova to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Plan Commission Meeting. Chairperson Herrmann, Ken Such, Michael Beightol, Jim Colella, Tatiana Blinova, and James Zakos voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion carried.

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

The Village Administrator Lobaito started the discussion by stating that the Environmental Commission members were invited to the meeting to participate in the discussion as both the Plan Commission and the Environmental Commission have been identified as stakeholders in the community. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit the opinions and future needs of the parks and recreation programs from the Plan Commission and Environmental & Health Commission.

Lobaito provided the Commission background on the project. He explained the purpose and value of developing a 5-year plan and the steps that the Parks Commission undertook in the consultant selection process.

Daniel Grove started the discussion by briefly explaining the scope of the project and emphasized that there would be implementation component to the plan to guide the Village in decision making. The Plan Commission and Environmental Commission provided their perspective and opinions that included the following.

1. Community identity to improve the cohesiveness between community members.
2. Skateboard facility.
3. Community garden.
4. Improve the environmental quality of Honey Lake.
5. Provide residents with a subsidy for utilizing other park district programs/services.
6. More connectivity with walking paths.
7. Sidewalk connection to North Barrington School.
8. Provide for elevated lookout platforms for viewing the natural environment.
9. Need for pedestrian access to Grassy lake Forest Preserve walking trails.
10. Eton Park needs a facelift. It should be a high priority.
11. Better job maintaining the open spaces.

Daniel Grove thanked the Commissions for their comments and opinions and explained the next steps.

Old Business/New Business

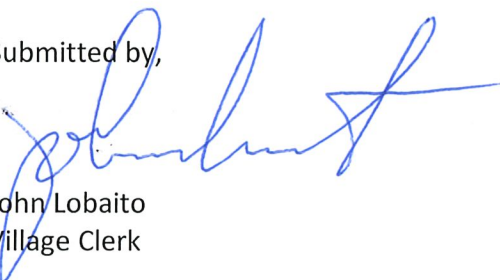
None

Adjournment

Motion by Michael Beightol and seconded by James Colella to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Gery Herrmann, Ken Such, Michael Beightol, Tatiana Blinova, James Colella, and James Zakos voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Plan Commission was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito
Village Clerk

