

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVANCY COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON  
HELD JANUARY 20, 2009  
AT THE SOUTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by acting Chairman Mr. Gerard Murrin. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Murrin, Mrs. Munao, Mrs. Behal.

ABSENT: Dr. Koty, Mr. Lustig, Mr. Niedzinski, Ms. Gordon.

A quorum was not present. Also in attendance were Mayor Frank Munao, Mr. Jon Catlin Sr., and Mr. Jon Catlin Jr.

Approval of Minutes were postponed until the next scheduled meeting because a quorum was not present.

Mayor Munao introduced Mr. Jon Catlin and his son Jon to the Board. Mr. Catlin stated that he and his son had met previously with Mayor Munao to discuss the possibility of his son Jon doing an Eagle Scout project for the Conservancy. Mr. Catlin and his son gave the Board an overview of what types of projects have been done by past Eagle Scouts and stated they were here this evening to get an idea from the Board of what types of projects may be possible for the Conservancy. Mayor Munao stated that he would like to have a children's program developed for the Conservancy which would involve working with the schools in the area. Mayor Munao further stated that the Conservancy had made a presentation at Rose School

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and the teaching staff were very interested, however the only obstacle would be

providing transportation from the school to the Conservancy property. Mayor Munao stated that they are also looking for suggestions on what types of children's programs could be created. Mayor Munao further stated that the Conservancy will have a tree walk with approximately 40 species of trees that will need identification markers installed and numbered. Mr. Murrin suggested that they may want to have a brochure listing each tree with a brief description of each species. Mayor Munao stated that the Board would probably need help in creating the brochure. Jon stated that he could provide 15 - 20 scouts to do the labor for the tree and trail markers. Mr. Catlin stated that the Eagle Scout project usually consists of 100 to 300 man hours. Mayor Munao stated that they are trying to set a grand opening date for the Conservancy to take place sometime in June. Mayor Munao stated that they will also need help with the bases for the picnic tables. Jon thanked the Board for their ideas for his project and asked if it would be possible for him to come back before the Board with his presentation for the next meeting? The Board agreed.

Mayor Munao distributed new samples of the map for the Conservancy property to the Board for their opinions. Mrs. Behal stated that she would prefer to have it folded in half so you can follow the property from one side to the next. Mayor Munao stated that there will be a bench in the red section, trail markers in the green section, and seven picnic tables in the north section. Mayor Munao further stated that there is over a mile of trail that goes through the north and south sections. Mrs. Behal asked if there will be any tables in the south section? Mayor Munao stated that there

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will be a bench, but no tables. Mrs. Behal suggested that they could have a full map

on one side with a larger version of the tree walk followed by a list of trees in the walk. Mrs. Behal stated that she could E-Mail pictures of a nature center that she visited in South Carolina to the Board. The Board had a brief discussion on how they wanted the tree walk trail to be marked. The Board preferred not having a regimented trail. The Board agreed that they would prefer an 8 ½ x 11 one sided map showing both the north and south sides of the Conservancy property. Mayor Munao stated that they will also have to add some things to the map including the location of the butterfly garden. Mr. Murrin suggested that they could have a larger version of the map posted on the message board. The Board agreed. Mayor Munao stated that he will work on the map changes that were discussed.

Mayor Munao distributed a report that he had received from Applied Ecological Services and a Facility Reservation Application and Agreement for the Conservancy that had been prepared by the Village attorney. It was brought to the Board's attention that Queen Annes Lace can cause a skin allergy and that Applied Ecological Services has addressed the issue of the Queen Annes Lace along with some other areas that they feel will need treatment in their report.

Mr. Murrin distributed the 2009-10 budget proposal to the Board. Mayor Munao stated that he will compare the costs. Mayor Munao further stated that the Conservancy has received more donation money, and he will be updating the budget list to reflect the additional donations. Mayor Munao stated that he will also want to divide out the contributions that were donated for specific purposes

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before the budget goes before the Village Board in February. Mr. Murrin asked if the Facility Application would apply to organizations, companies,

and weddings? Mayor Munao stated that they will have to get more information that could include just a one day policy and he will also be checking on the liquor ordinance.

Mayor Munao suggested that the Board may want to break into smaller groups to work on a program for the grand opening. Mr. Murrin stated that Dr. Koty had mentioned that the Park District was holding a talent show and that some of those individuals may be a possibility to provide entertainment at the grand opening. The Board mentioned that Mr. Lustig may know of a band that may be interested in performing. Mrs. Behal suggested that they would have to find out if these groups would need power to perform. Mayor Munao stated that they do not have a lot of power out at the property. Mr. Murrin suggested that the scouts may be able to give tours of the property. Mrs. Munao asked if they had decided on a date in June? Mayor Munao stated not yet, but suggested that the Board may want to form some committees before their February meeting. Mr. Murrin stated that he will E-Mail the Board members to see who would be interested in volunteering. Mayor Munao stated that they will also want to have a rain date planned for the event. Mayor Munao stated that he will contact some of the businesses in the area to see if they would be interested in participating in the grand opening by offering food, etc. Mrs. Behal suggested that they may want to have a "Taste of South Barrington" where several of the local restaurants may want to participate by supplying

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picnic lunches to pick up and eat at the Conservancy. Mrs. Behal further suggested that this could be a great way to introduce the restaurants to the residents, especially

those located in The Arboretum. Mrs. Behal stated that if it is successful, the restaurants may want to offer take out boxed lunches on an ongoing basis. Mayor Munao stated that Café Clemenza had made a presentation to the Board previously to supply food, so they may also still be interested in participating. Mr. Catlin suggested that they may want to have a flag ceremony which could be done by the scouts. Mayor Munao suggested that they may also need help in putting some of the equipment together possibly ahead of time. Mrs. Munao stated that she could also contact the High School to see if any of their singing groups may be interested in performing. A person dressed as Smokey The Bear was also a possibility.

Mayor Munao stated that he will be doing an interview with South Barrington Life to discuss the Conservancy and will also be contacting Barrington Quintessential magazine, who also expressed interest in going an article about the Conservancy. Mayor Munao further stated that he is waiting to hear from Ms. Gordon concerning the letter to the residents which she is working on.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Conservancy will be February 17. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christine Latoria, Secretary

These Minutes were approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.