

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVANCY COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON  
HELD MARCH 17, 2009  
AT THE SOUTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by acting Chairperson Mr. Gerrard Murrin.

Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Dr. Koty, Mr. Murrin, Mr. Lustig, Mrs. Behal, Ms. Gordon, Mrs. Munao.

Mr. Niedzinski.

ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Mayor Frank Munao.

Mr. Murrin stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of the Minutes from the meetings held December 16, 2008, January 20, 2009, and February 17, 2009. Mr. Murrin asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held December 16. Mrs. Munao made a Motion. Mr. Lustig seconded. By unanimous decision the Motion was passed. Mr. Murrin asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held January 20. Mr. Murrin made a Motion. Mr. Lustig seconded. By unanimous decision the Motion was passed. Mr. Murrin asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting held February 17. Dr. Koty suggested on page 4, line 4 the word "to" should be eliminated from the sentence. Mr. Murrin asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes with the suggested correction. Mrs. Munao made a Motion. Ms. Gordon seconded. By unanimous decision the Motion was passed.

Mr. Murrin stated that one of the main things that the Conservancy Commission is currently working on is the Grand Opening. Mr. Murrin further stated that the Board had

previously discussed a possible June date for the Grand Opening along with possibly dividing up into smaller committees to work on entertainment, food, and maintenance for the event. Mr. Murrin added that they will need to discuss placing an order for the tables and benches very soon. Dr. Koty stated that the Park District indicated that they are also ready to place their order and asked to be contacted when the Conservancy Commission was ready to place their order.

Mr. Murrin introduced Mr. Jon Catlin who previously met with the Board concerning the possibility of doing his Eagle Scout Project for the Conservancy. Ms. Gordon stated that she has worked with Jon on his presentation for this evening and was very impressed with his professionalism and felt he did a fantastic job. Jon distributed a handout listing his Eagle Scout Project Objectives to the Board. Jon stated that he is very interested in working with the Conservancy to complete his Eagle Scout merit ranking advancement. Jon explained that the project must be something charitable and helping the community in nature. It must also give him the opportunity to demonstrate leadership, participate in organizing an event, doing volunteer work, and showing some initiative in the community. Jon stated that he felt this project would be a great opportunity for him and the Conservancy. Jon presented a list of things that he would like to help with which were discussed at the January meeting. Jon stated that the first item would be to do research on the tree species that would be included in the tree walk along with organizing the information for a brochure and the message board. Jon further stated that he would like to get some ideas from the Board on what they had in mind for the plaques for the tree walk. Jon added that he would also be interested in helping to install the plaque markers along with any other installation help that the Board may need with the picnic benches, message board, clearing brush, etc.

Jon stated that there was a time line to get approval for his project by his Troop which is usually two weeks. Mr. Murrin asked how soon would he be making his project presentation to his Troop? Jon stated that he is working with an Eagle coordinator from his Troop and must submit a portfolio of the project to the Boy Scout Council which would probably be a few weeks after Spring break. Mr. Niedzinski suggested that the Board could approve Phase 1 of Jon's project which would include the research of the tree species for the tree walk, brochure, and tree markers. The Board agreed. Jon stated that he will need a list of the trees. Mr. Niedzinski stated that they may have to wait a few weeks to see which trees survive. Jon asked if the Board had an idea of when the assembly and installation of the tables and benches would be done. Mr. Lustig stated that they felt it would probably be sometime around the last two weeks of May which would be before the Grand Opening. Jon stated that he would also be interested in doing other things at the Conservancy even after the Grand Opening. The Board was very impressed with Jon's proposal. Mr. Niedzinski made a Motion to approve Phase 1 of Jon's Eagle Scout Project Proposal. Ms. Gordon seconded. By unanimous vote the Motion was approved. Ms. Gordon stated that she will continue to work with Jon on his proposal. Jon thanked the Board and stated that he felt this was the perfect opportunity and he was very interested in the Conservancy. The Board agreed to have Jon come back for an update at the April meeting.

Dr. Koty introduced Grant Wilmont and his mother Stella to the Board. Grant is a member of Jon's Scout Troop and is attending the meeting this evening to fulfill a merit badge requirement which includes attending a Village meeting. The Board welcomed him and his mother to the meeting.

Mayor Munao introduced Pat Winkleman, who is a representative of the Consortium in Deer Park called Leave No Child Inside. Mayor Munao stated that he thought this program would be the type of children's program that he envisioned having at the Conservancy. Mayor Munao further stated that he has already volunteered as a representative for the Village to attend their next meeting and suggested that the Conservancy Board may want to assign one of their members to this group as well. Ms. Winkelman distributed information about the program to the Board members. Ms. Winkelman stated that she was a member of the Deer Park Leave No Child Inside Consortium. Ms. Winkelman further stated that there are 40 organizations that are involved with this program. Ms. Winkelman stated that they are currently looking for stake holders who are individuals representing the community sectors in (education, health care, Village officials, businesses, scouts, etc.). Ms. Winkelman explained that they are looking for these stake holders to develop goals and strategies in their sectors of the community that will support the vision and mission statement of No Child Left Inside. Ms Winkelman stated that their vision is to have families and communities connect nature with children through activities, play, and stewardship. Their mission is to get children outside in nature based activities and play by fostering family and community awareness and support. They are also trying to gear the program towards parents and their concerns of subjects such as stranger danger, different types of insects and others things that children are exposed to outside. Ms. Winkelman stated that the group is currently in their second phase of the project and have a coordinating and steering committee and are now looking for individuals to help them implement their program into the community. Ms. Winkelman concluded by stating she was here this evening to ask for help in

getting the word out and implementing their programs into the community. Mayor Munao stated that they had contacted Rose School about implementing a program at the Conservancy. Mayor Munao further stated that they had expressed interest, however he has not heard anything further from them at this time. Mayor Munao suggested that because this program would have a wider range than just the school, he felt it would be beneficial to contact the school about this program. Dr. Koty stated that she was going to be making a presentation outlining guidelines for a citizenship contest for Rose School fifth graders and suggested that they may want to call Scott Carlson at the school to see if he would be interested in having them be part of the presentation. Dr. Koty stated that this year the award will be given for a project that the student feels would most benefit South Barrington and how they would go about implementing it. Dr. Koty stated that she felt this program would tie in with this project. Mayor Munao asked Ms. Winkelman if they were a charitable deduction organization? Ms. Winkelman answered yes. Dr. Koty stated that the school was not aware of this program and this may be a great opportunity. Ms. Winkelman stated that they are also looking for scouts to help them determine how they can best reach older kids and what types of things would they be interested in. Ms. Winkelman added that the best place to reach them would be at [funoutside.org](http://funoutside.org). Dr. Koty stated that the presentation at Rose School will be on March 30, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Winkelman thanked the Board. Mr. Murrin stated that he had gotten an E-Mail stating that their next meeting will be on April 10th. Mr. Murrin further stated that he can E-Mail the members to see who would be interested in attending. Dr. Koty and Ms. Gordon stated that they would be interested. Jon stated that he felt this program may be something that Mr. Scott Carlson at Rose School may be interested in and will mention it to him.

Mr. Murrin stated that the next item on the agenda was the discussion of the Grand Opening. Ms. Gordon stated that she and Dr. Koty had visited several restaurants at The Arboretum. Ms. Gordon further stated that they had met with Mr. Jeff Power at Pinstripes who was very interested and offered to host a brain storming meeting with the other restaurants and the Conservancy members. Dr. Koty stated that Mr. Power also offered to donate food. Dr. Koty further stated that they also stopped at The Arboretum's business office and their representative was also very interested in taking part in the Grand Opening. Dr. Koty and Ms. Gordon also visited Cooper's Hawk who also expressed an interest in participating and stated that they have done things similar to this in the past. They also stopped at Ruth's Chris Steak House, but the person they needed to talk to was in a meeting so they will contact them tomorrow. Dr. Koty stated that there will be a tenant meeting on March 31st for The Arboretum and she would like to have Mayor Munao attend the meeting with them. Ms. Gordon stated that she would like to have some information from the restaurants before the March 31st meeting. Dr. Koty stated that The Arboretum had a bus event for charity that went from place to place in the shopping center and asked the Conservancy to keep that in mind for a fund raising event. Mrs. Behal stated that the Aveda Salon in The Arboretum sells many natural products and she can get information from them to see if it may be something that they may be interested in tying into the Conservancy. Dr. Koty stated that the people performing in the talent show at the Park District may also be interested in participating in the Grand Opening for the Conservancy.

Mr. Niedzinski asked what other things needed to be completed before a Grand Opening date can be set? Mrs. Munao stated that they still needed additional

landscaping to be put in and lighting on the bridge on Bridges Drive. Mr. Murrin stated that they needed to find out from Mayor Munao if the budget had been approved so they can order the tables, benches, garbage receptacles, and message board. Mr. Murrin and Dr. Koty agreed to work on getting information for portable washrooms for the Grand Opening. Mr. Lustig stated that he will also contact the band that he knows to see if they would be interested in performing. Mr. Niedzinski asked if there had been any contact with Clemenza's? Dr. Koty stated no, however it would be up to the Mayor on how he would like to proceed. Mrs. Behal suggested that Millrose should also be contacted. The Board agreed. Mr. Lustig stated that he thought the Mayor was going to contact them. The Board agreed that the Grand Opening event itself should be held at the Conservancy. Mrs. Behal suggested that they can introduce the pathway from the Conservancy to The Arboretum at the Grand Opening. The Board agreed that "walk the path to The Arboretum" may be a possible theme. The Board discussed June 14 or 28 as possible dates for the Grand Opening. Mr. Lustig asked Mayor Munao what needs to be finished before the Grand Opening? Mayor Munao stated that the lights need to be placed on the bridge on Bridges Drive, the stone work and landscaping needs to be completed at the entrance sign, and they are waiting for a permit from the County for deceleration lanes going into Bridges Drive. Mayor Munao stated that he was contacted by the Park District and they are almost ready to place their order through the same company that the Conservancy would like to use. Mayor Munao further stated that they would like to combine the order to see what type of discount may be offered by Great Lakes for a larger order.

Dr. Koty gave the Mayor a brief update of what was discussed while he was attending the other meeting. Dr. Koty stated that they were invited by The Arboretum's business

office to make a brief presentation at their tenants meeting on March 31. Mayor Munao stated that he would be able to attend. The Board would like to possibly have events at both the Conservancy and The Arboretum for the Grand Opening. Dr. Koty stated that she will contact The Arboretum concerning being on the agenda for the March 31 meeting.

Being no further business, Dr. Koty asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lustig made a Motion. Mrs. Behal seconded. By unanimous decision the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christine Latoria, Secretary

These Minutes were approved this 21st day  
April, 2009.

