

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVANCY COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON  
HELD APRIL 21, 2009  
AT THE SOUTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dr. Eileen Koty.

Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Dr. Koty, Mr. Murrin, Mr. Niedzinski, Mrs. Munao

ABSENT: Mr. Lustig, Mrs. Behal, Ms. Gordon. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were Mayor Frank Munao and Jon Catlin of the Eagle Scouts.

Dr. Koty stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held March 17, 2009. Dr. Koty asked that on page 5, line 11, the verbiage be changed from "award ceremony" to "presentation". Dr. Koty asked for a Motion from the Board to approve the Minutes with stated corrections. Mr. Murrin made a Motion. Mr. Niedzinski seconded. By unanimous decision the Motion was passed.

Dr. Koty stated that the next item on the agenda was the Conservancy update. Mayor Munao stated that the Village has still not received the County permit for the deceleration lanes on Bartlett Road. Mayor Munao further stated that most of the plantings have been completed by the entranceway sign and the lights have been installed and are being used. Mayor Munao stated that maintenance will begin next week and a landscaper has been contracted to install the picnic table bases. Mayor Munao further stated that there will be seven bases which will consist of 24 x 24 inch concrete block measuring approximately 10 feet by 8 feet. Mayor Munao added that the tables will be ordered as

soon as the bases are in place, which will be before June 1st. Mayor Munao stated that the tables will be assembled by the Eagle Scouts with adult supervision. Mayor Munao added that no power tools will be needed for the assembly of the tables or benches. Mayor Munao stated that he had attended the meeting for the "No Child Left Behind" organization which is based on the book, "Last Child in The Woods". Mayor Munao stated that he is currently reading the book which talks about the importance of children and adults having a connection to nature. Mayor Munao stated that he was representing the Village and Jon had also attended the meeting along with approximately 70 other people representing medical, government, education, and public relations. Mayor Munao stated that the main message he got from the meeting was that the group wanted to basically get the word out about the importance of getting kids and parents back into nature. Jon stated that there was a discussion by Ms. Ann Reichel, head of the education committee, of a possible program called "Nature Buddies" which might involve having a high school biology student team up with a 2nd or 3rd grader to do a nature based activity. Jon further stated that she had mentioned possibly hiring a naturalist or having some school sponsored field trips. Jon stated that they suggested that the medical community might be able to get the word out by posting things associated with this program in their offices. Mayor Munao suggested that they may be able to post a sign at the natural area of the Conservancy stating, "No Child Left Inside Classroom". The Board, Mayor Munao, and Jon all agreed that it is extremely important to get the parents involved. Mrs. Munao suggested that they may be able to list activities for children on the Conservancy message board. Mayor Munao stated that the Wilderness Society has agreed to allow the Village to use their logo

and he had also asked if they could send the Village more of their brochures which he has not yet received. Mayor Munao stated that they have a series of meetings scheduled that he will continue to attend. Dr. Koty stated that she had mentioned the program to Rose School and they seemed to be very interested. Jon stated that he would be interested in working with their principal on this program. Mr. Murrin stated that an environmental science college student had asked him if there would be anything that she could do for the Conservancy or the No Child Left Inside Program? Mayor Munao stated that this is the type of program she might be interested in. Mayor Munao stated that he is still going to contact the Crabtree Nature Center to see if they have someone who would be willing to work for the Village part time to possibly conduct a Saturday class at the Conservancy. Mayor Munao further stated that he has been contacted by someone who may be interested in having their wedding ceremony at the Conservancy in July and will let the Board know when he gets further details.

Dr. Koty stated that the next item on the agenda is the discussion of potential purchases. Mrs. Munao stated that the company has recently changed names. Dr. Koty stated that the Park District has placed their order with them and they mentioned that the prices are still the same. Mayor Munao stated that he is going to check with the company to see if they have a different way of anchoring the tables. Dr. Koty stated she had contacted American Portable Restrooms in Wheaton concerning prices for the portable restrooms for the grand opening and they recommended 4 portable rest rooms (3 regular and 1 handicap) for \$385.00 a day. Mayor Munao stated that he also has prices that they can

compare.

Dr. Koty stated that the next item on the agenda was the grand opening. Dr. Koty stated that she wanted to thank the Board members for all their work. Dr. Koty stated that she, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Lustig, and Mayor Munao had attended a meeting on March 30 with some of the restaurant and store owners of The Arboretum and Millrose. Dr. Koty further stated that initially they were scheduled to attend a tenants meeting for The Arboretum, however that was changed due to internal issues they needed to address. Dr. Koty stated that Pinstripes had hosted the meeting along with providing refreshments. Dr. Koty further stated that Mr. Lustig and Mayor Munao had made a presentation about the Conservancy and the grand opening. Mayor Munao stated that they were asking for input from The Arboretum and Millrose for the grand opening. Mayor Munao further stated that he had also been contacted by some of the retailers that were interested but not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Munao stated that he felt they will get many people who will be interested in participating. Mayor Munao further stated that he was hoping that Millrose would supply a large grill and felt that there would be food donations from some of the other restaurants. Dr. Koty stated that Allison Krupp is a consultant for The Arboretum who offered to have a coupon book from The Arboretum put together to distribute at the grand opening. Mayor Munao stated that the restaurants were also willing to provide servers. Mr. Niedzinski suggested that the Board make a list of tasks that have to be completed before the grand opening. The Board agreed. Mayor Munao stated that they want the grand opening to focus on introducing the residents to the Conservancy. Dr. Koty stated that there were performers that participated

in the talent show at the Park District that were fabulous and may be interested in performing at the grand opening. Mayor Munao suggested that the Board may want to consider larger groups in order to be heard at the Conservancy. Mr. Murrin suggested that there could be different groups at different locations at the Conservancy. Mrs. Munao stated that she had heard back from Nancy Tobison from the high school who asked if they had picked a date and what did the Board have in mind. Mrs. Munao stated that she had not E-mailed her back yet. Jon stated that he will be seeing a jazz group from the high school performing this Friday who might also be a possibility. Mr. Niedzinski suggested that they could have a small musical group from the high school who may also be able to promote or sell CD's of their music to the residents. The Board agreed that it will be a one day event with scheduled hours. Mayor Munao stated that the Village Board had also been approached by three of the residents to see if there would be any objection to them working on a project for the 50th anniversary of the Village. Mayor Munao stated that the Conservancy grand opening may be something that they can incorporate into this. Dr. Koty stated that Joan White, Carol Newhauser, and herself had presented this to the Village Board. Dr. Koty stated that she can ask Mrs. White to come to their May meeting for suggestions. Dr. Koty stated that Pinstripes had also suggested that they have musical groups that perform at their restaurant who might be willing to perform at no charge for the grand opening. Mayor Munao stated that he did not have a problem with incorporating the grand opening with a celebration of the Village's 50th Anniversary. Mr. Niedzinski expressed his concern about The Arboretum

possibly advertising the grand opening of the Conservancy. Mr. Niedzinski stated that he would like to have the grand opening for the South Barrington residents only. Mayor Munao and the Board agreed. Mayor Munao stated that they need to tell The Arboretum that they should not advertise the grand opening of the Conservancy in their establishments and that the Conservancy Commission wants this to be for South Barrington residents only. Mr. Niedzinski asked if there will be liquor served? Mayor Munao stated that he is still checking with the Village attorney. The Board agreed that they would like to have a tent in case of rain and they will also need tables and chairs for the event.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Being no further business Dr. Koty asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Koty made a Motion. Mrs. Munao 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  
2nd day of June, 2009.

