

Village of South Barrington
Conservancy Commission
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Minutes

Call To Order

Commissioner Murrin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Eileen Koty, Jerry Murrin, Nancy Munao, and Darryl Lustig.
Absent: Michael Niedzinski. A quorum was present.

Others present: Village President Frank Munao.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lustig motioned to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded as edited by Commissioner Munao and carried by voice vote.

Village President Munao announced that the Conservancy Commission has been reduced to a five member commission. This will make it easier to reach a quorum at future meetings.

Conservancy Update

Village President Munao updated commissioners on activity at the Conservancy. He stated that the environmentalists have volunteered to redesign the butterfly garden and will do it at their own cost. He also stated that he will mow the grass on the trails this week.

Mr. Murrin briefed commissioners on the children's photography classes that have begun on May 14. Photographer Diane Bodkin has volunteered to instruct the children. Five children attended last week's class and six are registered for the May 21 class. Two students are the children of South Barrington Life magazine editor Michelle Evans. Mr. Murrin stated that he hopes that the event will be publicized in next month's issue of the magazine along with pictures to accompany the article.

Dr. Koty stated that she spoke with Commissioner Niedzinski who requested a Saturday morning meeting to go over the plans for the landscape architecture for the mound. The commissioners discussed this and decided to wait until the next meeting when Mr. Niedzinski is here.

Future Programs

Commissioner Munao stated that they should review the methodology they have been using to attract volunteers. They have plenty of ideas for programs but no one to create,

47 facilitate, and instruct them. She suggested that they reconnect with the contacts made at
48 the grand opening and send these people more email correspondence to try and elicit a
49 better response than was received from the survey. She suggested having a better and
50 more consistent communication with those contacts they have already made. Ms. Munao
51 stated that the No Child Left Inside (NCLI) people would make good contacts. President
52 Munao rebutted that he has tried to make contact several times and they appeared to be
53 interested only in their own programs and were reluctant to help with South Barrington
54 projects. Ms Munao stated that she would like to personally try and network with these
55 people and with the permission of the Village President, would plan on attending future
56 NCLI meetings. President Munao agreed.

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58 President Munao expressed frustration at not being able to find people to facilitate
59 programs at the Conservancy but also stated that the commission is responsible for
60 creating and designing the specific programs. He felt that the volunteers will come once
61 the program is set up. Other commissioners were doubtful, stating that they need the
62 volunteers first before they can design a specific program. Dr. Koty suggested forming a
63 committee to work on specific programs which may help in recruiting volunteers to run
64 the programs. Mr. Murrin suggested that they try volunteer recruitment from a different
65 approach—programs, people, participation—first identify the specific program and then
66 ask people to facilitate it.

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68 Dr. Koty stated that the South Barrington Garden Club will be handing out flower seeds
69 at the Jewel store and the Barrington library on June 11. Dr. Koty recommended that the
70 conservancy should network with the garden club. They have over 60 members and
71 would be a reliable resource. She also stated that the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs
72 is an organization that they should be involved with and perhaps the Rotary Club too.

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74 Commissioners discussed the idea of giving members of the South Barrington Garden
75 Club an area of the Conservancy with which to plant and maintain a vegetable garden
76 that is open to residents. Mr. Lustig suggested that it might be teaching garden where
77 experienced gardeners could help and instruct the novices. Another suggestion was that a
78 children's teaching garden could be created. Dr. Koty noted that there is no running water
79 at the Conservancy so watering the garden could pose a problem.

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81 Mr. Murrin renewed his suggestion that they should organize some sort of music festival
82 to draw attention and visitors to the Conservancy.

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84 Commissioners discussed sending out another letter to residents soliciting their
85 suggestions and interests and inviting them to attend the next meeting. President Munao
86 was opposed to doing a mass mailing to all village residents, citing the expense, but
87 supported the idea of sending another email to the Friends of the Conservancy list that
88 was created at the grand opening. Dr. Koty and Mr. Lustig agreed to compose the letter
89 that will be sent via email.

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91 The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2011.

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93 Old Business.

94 None.

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96 New Business.

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99 Adjournment

100 Commissioner Murrin motioned, and Commissioner Lustig seconded, to adjourn the
101 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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104 The minutes of the May 17, 2011 Conservancy Commission are respectfully submitted,

105 Mary Lampugnano

106 Recording Secretary