

Village of South Barrington
Conservancy Commission
Thursday, June 16, 2011
Minutes

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mrs. Kornelia Niedzinski, Village President Frank Munao.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Murrin motioned to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Munao edited lines 55 and 56 to read "Ms Munao stated that she would like to personally try and network with these people and with the permission of the Village President, would plan on attending future NCLI meetings." The motion was remade by Commissioner Murrin to accept the minutes as edited. Seconded by Commissioner Munao, the motion carried by voice vote.

Landscape Plan.

Dr. Koty welcomed Mrs. Kornelia (Nellie) Niedzinski to the meeting and thanked her for working up a landscape plan for the mound at the Conservancy. Mrs. Niedzinski took the floor to brief the commissioners on her landscape plan. Mrs. Niedzinski stated that she has proposed 2 plans. The first plan has high evergreens, tall flowering bushes (such as birch), ornamental trees, and perennials. The second plan also has evergreens, flowering bushes (such as lilacs) and lower ground cover. The two plans are similar except that the second plan has less trees and bushes. Mrs. Niedzinski stated that she is very open to suggestions from commissioners if they have other ideas. She stated that her main concern for the mound is the large drainpipe that runs through it and she feared that the roots from the tall evergreens might interfere with it. President Munao stated that the drainpipe is well constructed and he did not see a problem with it.

The commissioners discussed what specific tree and bush species to plant. President Munao recommended planting the largest trees first. They considered tall evergreens, silver spruce, arborvitae and other deciduous trees. Ms. Munao suggested duplicating some of the trees that are currently in the tree walk like sugar maple, dogwood, beech or honey locust.

Mr. Murrin asked about the walking path that was planned to run through the mound. President Munao stated that originally there was a path planned but that the maintenance issue was expensive so they decided against it.

Mr. Murrin left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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48 Dr. Koty stated that she liked the placement of the rocks in plan #2. Ms. Munao agreed
49 and stated that she liked plan #2 because it looks less crowded. She agreed that plan #1
50 had more color and variety of plants.

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52 Mr. Niedzinski stated that the planting should be done incrementally beginning in the fall
53 of 2011. He suggested planting about 1/3 of the landscape this year.

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55 President Munao stated that he would like the Village landscape architect to review the
56 plans before they make any decisions about what to plant where. He hopes to acquire
57 from the architect a better sense of proportion and wanted a professional opinion about
58 the number of tall trees that should be planted.

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60 Mr. Niedzinski asked President Munao for a budget for the proposed landscaping.
61 President Munao replied that sometimes an opportunity arises that the Village can receive
62 donations. He added that the Village's expenditures this year, including pay raises for
63 employees, the anticipated closing of Allstate's South Barrington campus, and road work
64 to be done in the Village, have precluded him from placing more money in the
65 conservancy budget. Mr. Niedzinski asked for clarification stating that his understanding
66 is that the commission should not expect any financial support from the Village for the
67 landscaping the mound. The Village President stated that they should rely on donations.

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69 Commissioners each took copies of the proposed landscape plans to review at home.
70 President Munao will contact Village Landscape Architect Ann Viger and ask her to
71 review the plans as well.

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73 The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2011 where commissioners will host Friends
74 of the Conservancy and discuss future programs.

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76 Old Business.

77 None.

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79 New Business.

80 None.

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82 Adjournment

83 Commissioner Munao motioned, and Commissioner Niedzinski seconded, to adjourn the
84 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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87 The minutes of the June 16, 2011 Conservancy Commission are respectfully submitted,

88 Mary Lampugnano

89 Recording Secretary