

Village of South Barrington  
Conservancy Commission  
Thursday, June 21, 2011  
Minutes

Call To Order

Commissioner Koty called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mr. Vernon King, Village President Frank Munao.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Munao motioned to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting as written. Seconded by Commissioner Murrin, the motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Koty announced that there were no responses to the emailed invitation to attend this meeting. She stated that the commission would conduct their regular scheduled meeting anyway.

Future Programming.

Commissioner Murrin stated that his daughter, Emily, has volunteered to facilitate a Saturday children's program hosted by the Conservancy. Emily is a recent college graduate with a major in social studies education. She has offered to teach a class of the Commission's choice.

Dr. Koty updated commissioners on her communications with the South Barrington Garden Club. She stated that the garden club has been notified that they are welcome to plant a garden at the Conservancy next year. Mr. Murrin suggested that the conservancy could be used as a location for a garden-swap, a location where residents may trade vegetables from their individual home gardens. The idea is to get the word out among residents that the Conservancy is available to them.

Dr. Koty suggested that a fireworks display or a village picnic might draw visitors. Mr. Murrin took no issue with the idea of holding a village picnic but was opposed to a fireworks venue, stating that the Conservancy venues should be more related to nature. Other commissioners agreed.

Commissioners discussed nature programs offered by other organizations such as garden clubs and park districts for program ideas. They acknowledged the handicap that the conservancy has due to limited financial resources and considered ways to overcome this disadvantage. They discussed the possibility of "piggy-backing" on the Art in the Park program for July 17<sup>th</sup> scheduled and sponsored by the South Barrington Park District.

47 Perhaps the conservancy could sponsor a tree walk during the Art in the Park activities. It  
48 was suggested that they set up a table with literature about the Conservancy and Tree  
49 Walk information. It was also suggested that Victoria Niedzinski could facilitate the walk  
50 since she has done them before.

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52 President Munao suggested that one or more of the commissioners meet with Jay Morgan  
53 from the South Barrington Club regarding the Art in the Park program or any other joint  
54 projects. He instructed commissioners to clearly communicate with the Park District that  
55 the Conservancy does not have the funds to commit to anything that will cost money. Dr.  
56 Koty agreed to make contact with Mr. Morgan and arrange a meeting to discuss the  
57 mutual benefits of working together. If their schedule permits, Commissioners Munao  
58 and Murrin will also attend the meeting.

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60 Dr. Koty asked commissioners if they were interested in marching as a group in the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
61 July parade. The commissioners agreed. She asked President Munao for the banner which  
62 he agreed to get for her. Mr. Murrin suggested handing out flyers at the parade to  
63 advertise the Conservancy and its activities such as the tree walk.

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65 The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2011 where commissioners will host Friends  
66 of the Conservancy and discuss future programs. The public will be invited to attend.

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68 Old Business.

69 None.

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71 New Business.

72 President Munao Suggested organizing an overnight trip to one of the many nature based  
73 parks in Illinois, Starved Rock State Park, for example. Commissioners discussed how  
74 this might be marketed to Friends of the Conservancy to encourage more activity and  
75 involvement with the South Barrington Conservancy.

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77 Adjournment

78 Commissioner Munao motioned, and Commissioner Murrin seconded, to adjourn the  
79 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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82 The minutes of the June 21, 2011 Conservancy Commission are respectfully submitted,  
83 Mary Lampugnano  
84 Recording Secretary