

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of March 7, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:

At 7:30 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

Present in Person:	Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Lloyd Struttman, Jane Farrell
Absent:	Lisa Onyx, Wayne Onyx
Also Present:	Colin Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane Karen Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the March 7, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the March 7, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; seconded by Jane Farrell.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on the Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

2. Colin Thomson –Eagle Scout Project at Eton Park

Colin Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane, gave a short presentation to the Commission regarding a potential Eagle Scout project that he would like to conduct at Eton Park. Mr. Thomson stated that he would like to build a boardwalk from the parking lot area at Eton Park, across the muddy grass, and towards the playground area. The muddy grass area has been a problem for residents and anyone trying to use the park since it is located in a centralized area where people can't walk around it very easily. Mr. Thomson presented the Commission with sketched drawings outlining the approximate location and size of the boardwalk, as well as three different options in terms of building materials. The proposed boardwalk is estimated to be fifty (50) feet in length, eight (8) feet wide, and will be raised to the level of the parking lot. Mr. Thomson estimated that the boardwalk would require 115 boards, but made all cost estimates based on 120 boards. The following prices include building material and all supplies needed. The low-budget option would be pressured treated pine at \$1,570.63. For Cedar boards the cost would be \$1,892.23 which represents the mid-range option. Recycled plastic, at \$3,070.63, would represent the high-end pricing option. Mr. Thomson stated that this would be the most durable and stable to use for the project, it comes with a 20 year warranty, and also has many different color

options. Once Mr. Thomson was finished with his presentation he asked the Commission for questions and/or suggestions.

Mr. Struttman asked Mr. Thomson if he had taken into account any need for additional substructure beneath the boardwalk. The additional substructure may be needed for creating a level boardwalk. Mr. Struttman also asked if there would be any need to accommodate for warping if the recycled plastic option was used. Mr. Thomson said that he had taken into consideration the need for additional substructure; however, the way in which he intends to construct the boardwalk he did not feel as if it would be an issue. Mr. Thomson also stated that he would look into any warping issue with the recycled plastic, but did not anticipate that any issues would stem from it. Mr. Struttman also asked if the boardwalk would be handicap equipped. Mr. Thomson stated that the ramp would be at ground level, allowing handicap access.

Ms. Farrell stated that, during her term as a Trustee member on the Board, many plans were presented to them to conduct a project similar to this one. She stated that most of the other plans were fancy and expensive; however, this one is doable and she completely supports it. Ms. Farrell suggested that the materials used for this project should be close in color, or match in some sort, the fence posts that are already there. This would bring a sense of unity and completeness to the project.

Vice Chairman Ann Kafka asked if the recycled plastic material would become slippery when wet. Mr. Thomson stated that it is porous and has grooves to reduce any type of slick circumstances. Mr. Struttman stated that the recycled plastic material may become hot with the sun.

Chairman Pat Ryan asked Mr. Thomson when he would like to start and finish this project. Mr. Thomson stated that he would like to begin sometime during the summer or fall and complete it as soon as possible. He also stated that it would depend on the Eagle Scout Coordinator and how long it took for approval of his project, etc. Chairman Ryan suggested that the boardwalk be built in a manner so that there would be no space between the top of the boardwalk and the ground. He stated that he was concerned that a small child would attempt to crawl into the space and wedge themselves between the boardwalk and ground. Chairman Ryan also suggested that the boardwalk be angled to avoid any foliage already in the park.

Another suggestion that was mentioned from the Commission as well as Karen Thomson, 580 Crooked Lane, would be to relocate one of the posts from the fence creating a new opening and a new place to locate the boardwalk. Chairman Ryan asked Mr. Thomson to attend next month's Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and to supply the Commission with revised drawings. The revised drawings should include one diagram of the boardwalk built at an angle, with the original starting point, and going to the side of the foliage present. The other drawing should take into consideration the removal of a fence post and proceeding with those thoughts. The Commission also asked Mr. Thomson to re-price the cedar wood and recycled plastic materials for both drawings.

3. 2011 Events

The Commission briefly discussed the events of the upcoming season. Chairman Ryan stated that he was still working on which band would definitely be playing the first concert of the season on June 18th. Ms. Farrell brought movie suggestions to the Commission for the concert/movie night date on August 20th. The Commission was interested in "Pixar Shorts." Ms. Farrell and Vice Chairman Kafka

will preview the movie. Chairman Ryan also asked everyone to bring their music suggestions for Fall Fest to the meeting next month.

4. New/Old Business

Chairman Ryan stated that the field at Eton Park had been lined. Chairman Ryan also stated that he will contact Nazarrio to make sure all of the soccer nets are placed and upright. Mr. Struttman suggested that the Commission re-discuss the unevenness of the playing field at Eton Park. Vice Chairman Kafka stated that the golf courses in the area will give people the topsoil they have removed from their golf courses free of charge on most occasions. She stated that it is less costly for them to do so rather than finding a place to haul it and dispose of it. Chairman Ryan stated that he would ask Brian Thomson for an informal pricing on the leveling of the playing field.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Jane Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:04 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held May 2, 2011.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk