

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 AT
404 CONCORD LANE IN NORTH BARRINGTON**

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

At 7:43 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

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

The Minutes from the February 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 February 7, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

2. 2011 Events

The Commission discussed the progress made since last month. Each member is scheduling different events for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Season. Ms. Onyx stated that she had ordered the pumpkin seeds for Arbor Day and that there should be no problem getting the bags assembled and ready for Village Forester Susan Allman. Arbor Day events will be held at Eton Park on April 30th.

June 18 – Concert

Chairman Ryan stated that his band, The Young Souls, would most likely be able to perform the concert scheduled for this date. If for some reason they are unable to commit to this date, Ms. Farrell suggested her uncle's band, Parallel Rain. The Commission supports either band.

June 25 – Garden Walk

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she had conducted research on possible gardens to use in the Wynstone Community. There were two possible houses that could be used on Riderwood Road; however, they are both currently on the market to be sold. Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she had already spoken with the realtor who had no problem working with the garden walk. Vice Chairman Kafka also stated that one of the homes had a very large paver patio in the back that could be used as a space for vendors. Ms. Onyx stated that she would look into the interest for possible vendors as it

would be an opportunity to give local businesses exposure. Last year approximately 100 people attended the garden walk.

July 23 – Concert/Ice Cream Social

Mr. Onyx stated that he had contacted the ice cream man and booked him for July 23rd as well as August 20th. Mr. Onyx stated that pricing would be comparable to last year, although an exact amount has not yet been determined. The band Eleventh Hour has also been scheduled to play on July 23rd.

August 20 – Concert/Movie

Mr. Onyx scheduled the ice cream man to run the movie and the Commission discussed what kind of refreshments they would like to have. The Commission discussed the possibility of having popcorn at the event. Since the ice cream man would already be there though, the Commission decided to have ice cream available. The Commission will continue to brainstorm on possible movie choices.

October 2 – Fall Fest

Ms. Onyx suggested that the Commission change the music for this year's Fall Fest. She stated that she had been to an event recently and seen a musician called "The Piano Guy." The Commission discussed the idea of changing the music, and even though "The Piano Guy" may not fit the theme of Fall Fest, it was decided that the Commission would look into other possibilities. The Commission stated that any decision made would need to be determined by the May meeting. Vice Chairman Kafka asked the Commission if there were any other suggestions for changes, additions, etc. to the Fall Fest. Ms. Onyx stated that she would love to give business to Merna Patyk in Richmond. Squashes, gourds, etc. can be purchased from them. The Commission also stated that they would like to have two different farmers selling their goods this year.

December 10 – Pictures with Santa

Santa and his reindeer are already scheduled and set for the event. Ms. Onyx stated that it would be beneficial for the Commission to preorder the candy canes by July this year. Vice Chairman Kafka suggested a different size candy cane as she thought last year's were too big. Ms. Onyx stated that she would check to see if a different size was available, but did not think so. The idea of having candy coal was also introduced to the Commission; however, Ms. Onyx will have to check pricing on it first. It was also stated that last year the Commission ran out of hot chocolate. Ms. Onyx stated that she would look into pricing for a bulk order of hot chocolate as well. Ms. Farrell suggested that the Commission purchase an additional Cambrio, so that there would be an extra, and the Commission would not have to worry about a Cambrio in the future. Vice Chairman Kafka will look into pricing.

Ms. Farrell stated that she would handle all of the postcards this year, including the general mailer that goes out to residents at the beginning of spring. Ms. Farrell asked the Commission member in charge of each event to send the information that they want included in their postcard to her and she would put it together.

3. Discussion of Park Usage Guidelines

This season the Village has received more requests than usual to use Eton Park for sporting, social, etc. events. The Commission discussed the current procedure for requesting use of the Park. Chairman Ryan stated that the Village is responsible for replacing spikes for the goal posts, replacing soccer nets when needed, working with BASA for the initial lining of the field, and the FOSSIL team maintains the lines with their own budget throughout the year. Chairman Ryan also stated that it was necessary

for any field usage requests to be made by North Barrington residents solely. The Commission decided that the current procedures to make requests and reserve the field were fine; however, if the Village or Commission received any complaints from neighbors, or if there was extreme wear and tear on the fields, or if other problems were to arise, they would discuss the issue further. The Commission stated the importance of remembering that Eton Park is a park for the residents of North Barrington and utilizing it should never create problems or complaints for the residents living close in proximity.

4. New/Old Business

The Commission discussed the extent of damage to their belongings held in the garage at the Village Hall. Due to a flood in the garage Vice Chairman Kafka walked through to determine what, if any, damage had occurred. Some of the signs used to promote concerts, etc. were warped from the water; however, not too many. The Commission decided that they had enough extra signs that the loss of a few signs wouldn't hurt the Commission. The Commission did decide to get additional metal stakes used to hold the signs in the ground. Many of them were rusted and not as sturdy as they used to be.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Jane Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wayne Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 9:07 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held April 4, 2011.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk