

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF
NORTH BARRINGTON HELD MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013,
AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL,
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD,
IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

At 7:32 P.M. Deputy Village Clerk Nicole Keiter called the Meeting to order and called the roll:

Present in Person: Janis Menges, Denis Taillon, David Grzeslo
Absent: Wayne Onyx
Also Present: Gery Herrmann, 257 Kimberly Road
Lee Brown, President, Teska Associates, Inc.
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

At this time, Deputy Village Clerk Nicole Keiter asked for a motion to select a Chairperson Pro Tem for this meeting.

Motion: David Grzeslo moved that Janis Menges be selected as Chairperson Pro Tem for this meeting; seconded by Denis Taillon.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

The motion was passed.

2. Approve Minutes from the May 20, 2013 “Special” Meeting

The Minutes of the May 20, 2013 “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Chairperson Pro Tem Janis Menges asked the Commission if there were any revisions to the Minutes.

Motion: Denis Taillon moved that the Minutes of the May 20, 2013 “Special” Meeting be approved; seconded by David Grzeslo.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Chairperson Pro Tem Menges declared the Minutes of the May 20, 2013 “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Continuation of Comprehensive Plan discussion and update planning

Chairperson Pro Tem Menges asked if anyone had any information regarding the statuses of Intergovernmental Agreements that were expired or about to expire. It was stated that Village Attorney Bill Braithwaite is working on these. Lee Brown, President, Teska Associates stated that he has compiled population data for the Commission to examine.

Mr. Brown distributed the information to the Commission. He stated that there was a lot of information in front of them; however, not all of it would be practical to be used in the Comprehensive Plan. The communities included in the data were Barrington Area Council of Government (BACOG) groups and any city/village that has an intergovernmental agreement with North Barrington. Mr. Brown started with information obtained through actual census data and provided by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Mr. Brown stated that the data shown from CMAP projects the population of North Barrington to grow 39.5% by 2040. He stated that these statistics are generally higher than what other organizations will predict. On the following page of information 2011 population estimates were used in information provided by CMAP. Mr. Brown stated that typically, when using an estimate, you would want to take an average of the last five years of data in a row. Even though 2011 brings us one year closer to present, Mr. Brown suggested to the Commission to use data stopping at 2010. That data would all be statistical information with no estimates. Mr. Brown also stated that CMAP data may be less reliable for our type of community based on how they make their projections. The Commission asked if the projections were something that should be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brown stated that the point of comprehensive plans are to think ahead, which is a reason to use projections. If the Commission thought that CMAP's projections were reasonable they should be considering the impact on parks, schools, etc. Mr. Brown told the Commission to look at the next page of data, which contains projections from Nielsen Claritas. He stated that these facts are only projected to 2017, not 2040. Mr. Brown stated that in almost all cases the Nielsen projections will be smaller than CMAP. Nielsen projects that the Village of North Barrington will grow by 2.3% by 2017.

Mr. Brown stated that the Village is responsible for providing a plan addressing why residents move into the community. For instance, if residents moved into the Village for its open space, the plan should provide this be kept. It was also suggested that the Commission look at the natural trend of growth within the Village. If the growth is not steered otherwise, the Commission needs to be focusing on questions such as: If greater demands for water are made, can we support them? Chairperson Pro Tem Menges suggested that the Commission use the statistical census data stopping at 2010. This would eliminate the estimated data for 2011. Mr. Brown suggested that the Commission also consider using the projected population information from both CMAP and Nielsen, with a reference in the text that the Nielsen data is believed to be more correct. The information being suggested is on page 3 of the information distributed by Mr. Brown.

Chairperson Pro Tem Menges also suggested that the figures on pages 38-39 of the current Comprehensive Plan be updated. These figures include a history of revenue, a history of expenditures, and a history of unreserved fund balance collected from audit reports. Mr. Brown suggested using information from the last ten years. He also suggested transforming this information into a cost per population figure, which may be more useful. Mr. Brown stated that, if given the information from the last ten years, he can translate it into a cost per population figure.

Chairman Pro Tem Menges asked Mr. Taillon to discuss Chapters 8 and 9, as he was to revise them. Mr. Taillon started with Chapter 8, "Transportation." Under the "Introduction" portion, Mr. Taillon suggested possible removal of bullet points two and five; "Accommodate through-travel of non-local traffic" and "Accommodate transport of goods and services," respectively. Mr. Taillon also suggested removing "Rainbow Road" from the list of "Minor Access Roads" further down page 25. The paragraph at the top of page 26 speaks to the quality and condition of roads, to which Mr. Taillon stated it was his opinion that the condition should not be referred to as "good" but "very good."

Under "Goals-Objectives" Mr. Taillon had numerous points of question. The second bullet point, "The Village should continue to support the proposed north extension of the IL Route 53 expressway," is a statement that Mr. Taillon disagrees with. The Commission discussed the statement and concluded that as it is stated, it will take tension off of overusing Route 12 if the proposed extension came to be. It was also stated that the Board supports the Route 53 extension. Therefore, the Commission decided that the statement should remain as written. The next bullet point, "The Village should continue to oppose the expansion of SRAs US Route 12, Illinois Route 59, and Illinois Route 22" was discussed. Mr. Brown asked the Commission to consider how much of the problems on these roads are due to needed intersection improvement instead of widening or capacity issues. The sixth bullet point "The Village should encourage the evaluation of sight lines to enhance traffic safety within the Village network, especially at junctions" was then discussed. Mr. Taillon stated that many line of sight issues were being created by shrubbery, weeds, etc. on Village right-of-ways. If these were controlled, Mr. Taillon stated, many blind corners would be eliminated. Within the final bullet point, Mr. Taillon suggested removing the sentence "The Village should encourage Lake County to perform engineering studies to improve safety on Miller Road and reduce congestion" since this is currently underway. Mr. Taillon suggested adding an idea of having lights installed from Village roads leading to/from larger roads. He stated that some of the smaller roads in the Village were difficult to see when coming from larger roads like Illinois Route 22 or Illinois Route 59. Mr. Brown asked the Commission if there were any roads to add to the plan. The Commission did not believe so.

Mr. Taillon continued to the next subject "Flood Control." He stated that Flint Creek should be referred to as "North Flint Creek" and then questioned the statement regarding monitoring the water level of Honey Lake. He asked when this should be happening, who should be conducting the monitoring, and how? Mr. Brown stated that many communities have a lake management plan. He stated that this plan incorporates regulations such as if the water level of the lake is too low no extraction can take place. The Commission discussed the idea and suggested that a lake management plan be referenced.

Under "Mass Transit" Mr. Taillon suggested changing the railroad name to "Canadian National" since they have taken over the railway discussed. Gery Herrmann, 257 Kimberly Road, suggested that the Village's support for the underpass of the railway be mentioned in this section. He stated that the Board passed a resolution on the matter and it should be included.

Chairman Pro Tem Menges stated that under the subheading "Bikeway Paths" Cuba Township was mentioned as having "...developed a plan for a series of interconnecting bikeways within the

township area.” She stated that, to her knowledge, this was not under Cuba Township’s guidance, but rather Lake County. The Commission agreed to change any reference of this from “Cuba Township” to “Lake County.” Mr. Taillon suggested adding the website information for the Lake County bikeway map.

The final subtitle in this chapter, “Walking Trails,” was discussed by the Commission. Mr. Grzeslo suggested adding Grassy Lake Forest Preserve Paths to the section. Mr. Grzeslo stated that the paths were accessible from the Lake Barrington Village Hall. Mr. Brown asked if there were any access points that North Barrington could add. The Commission discussed the idea and stated that they thought there were a few possibilities. Mr. Brown stated that this idea would be something to consider adding.

Mr. Taillon stated that Chapter 9, “Fresh Water, Storm Water Drainage, Sewer, and Septic Systems” was a chapter that he wanted input on from the Environmental and Health Commission. New Ordinances have been passed such as the Septic Maintenance Ordinance that should be mentioned. Mr. Brown stated that the Watershed BMP handbook should also be referenced. The Environmental and Health Commission will be asked to review chapter 9 and make suggested revisions.

The Commission thanked Mr. Taillon for his hard work, and then Chairperson Pro Tem Menges asked Mr. Grzeslo to discuss the two chapters he was to revise. Mr. Grzeslo started with Chapter 5, “Parks and Recreation.” He stated that he has been attending meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission and knew that many changes to this section have occurred. For instance, he stated that Citizen’s Park in Barrington, Grassy Lake Forest Preserve, and the Lake Barrington Fieldhouse should be added to page 15 under “Other Resources.” On page 16, under “Goals-Objectives” he stated that additional activities have been added such as the skating rink, Winter Fest, Summer Concerts and Family Movie Nights. Mr. Grzeslo stated that he would like to ask the Parks and Recreation Commission for clarification on this chapter as well as some portions that seem to contradict themselves throughout different portions of the chapter.

Mr. Grzeslo also briefly discussed Chapter 2, “Land Use and Open Space.” He stated that he hasn’t been able to thoroughly read through the chapter and would like to come back to it in the future. He stated that “buffer zones” would definitely need to be added to this chapter. Mr. Brown suggested to all Commission members that they reflect on the Village’s current position and did not necessarily need to spend as much time on the history.

4. Old/New Business

Chairperson Pro Tem Menges asked about the potential combining of the Plan Commission with the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was stated that the Board discussed the idea, but decided to see if more members for each Commission could be found first.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Denis Taillon moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by David Grzeslo.

Discussion: There was no discussion

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

At 9:00 pm Chairperson Pro Tem Janis Menges declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Plan Commission Meeting held July 8, 2013.

Attest: _____
Nicole Keiter , Deputy Village Clerk