

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 AT
404 CONCORD LANE
NORTH BARRINGTON, IL**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of November 26, 2012 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting:

At 7:39 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

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

The Minutes from the November 26, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the November 26, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting; seconded by Jane Farrell.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

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

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the November 26, 2012 Parks & Recreation Commission “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

2. Winter Fest 2013 Reservations

Chairman Ryan asked Ms. Onyx to update the Commission on the Winter Fest. Ms. Onyx stated that Winter Fest will be on Saturday, December 14th from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Ms. Onyx stated that all plans had been solidified except for remaining payments toward Summerfield Zoo for the reindeer and elves and Sparkles Entertainment for Santa and his chair as well as determining the candy cane order. Ms. Onyx stated that last year four cases of candy canes had been ordered. There were many that arrived damaged, an amount equal to one case, and the Commission ran out towards the very end of the event. Through some discussion the Commission decided to place the same order as last year as it seemed to work out well. Ms. Onyx will place an order for three cases of filled candy canes and one case of the popular assortment. Once the order has shipped, in October, the cost will be billed.

Motion: Jane Farrell moved to allot an amount of \$525 to Sparkles Entertainment to pay the remaining balance on Santa and his chair; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes:	Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Lisa Onyx, Jane Farrell
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Lloyd Struttman, Terri Wall

Chairman Ryan declared the motion approved.

Motion: Lisa Onyx moved to spend an amount of \$1,300 to Summerfield Zoo to pay the remaining balance for the reindeer and elves; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:	Ayes:	Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Lisa Onyx, Jane Farrell
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Lloyd Struttman, Terri Wall

Chairman Ryan declared the motion approved.

3. Skating Rink Issues/Usage

Chairman Ryan stated that temperature fluctuations, causing thawing, has pulled some of the kick plates around the ice rink away from their positions and has caused the bumpers to follow. He stated that he was able to pull out some that were problematic; however, there was still one that was situated about 7 or 8 inches in the rink that he was unable to move. It was stated that the rink was getting used and neighbors have even taken it upon themselves to clear away snowfall off the rink. The rink has not been flooded since the first time it was filled. Ms. Farrell asked the Commission what they thought about the rink size and if there was any interest in increasing its size. There was some discussion and the Commission agreed that they would like to increase the size of the rink. Chairman Ryan and Vice Chairman Kafka also stated that they would like to research costs and necessary steps for re-grading the land where the ice rink sits. The Commission agreed that this would be a good idea, especially with a bigger rink.

Motion: Jane Farrell moved to spend an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of an expansion kit and necessary items for the ice rink; seconded by Vice Chairman Ann Kafka.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:	Ayes:	Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Lisa Onyx, Jane Farrell
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Lloyd Struttman, Terri Wall

Chairman Ryan declared the motion approved.

4. Remaining Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Chairman Ryan stated with the monies voted on by the Commission in tonight's meeting the remaining budget has been used.

5. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Needs

Chairman Ryan stated that he attended the Finance Committee's meeting to learn the Parks budget and list some requests. He reported to the Commission that the same budget they received last year, \$30,000, would be renewed this year with the addition of \$7,000 to be used in the replacement of rail

road ties in the wooden perimeters surrounding the play equipment and \$3,000 to be used in possible re-grading of land where the ice rink is constructed. The Commission was pleased with the news.

6. 2013 Events (Bring Calendars)

June 8th - Concert

This will be the year's first event. Chairman Ryan suggested a concert in the park, perhaps with multiple bands. The idea of using this event as a fundraiser was briefly discussed and the Commission will consider the idea during future discussion. Vice Chairman Kafka is going to speak with members of "Eleventh Hour" about the idea and Chairman Ryan is going to reach out to a few other musicians if the idea comes to fruition.

August 24 – Concert and a Movie

The Commission discussed the idea of inviting the group "Mr. Big Stuff" back to perform this concert. It was stated that the crowd seemed to really enjoy the group last year and that the concert leading into the movie was successful. Ms. Onyx brought a brochure of the 2013 movies in the park from the Chicago Park District for the Commission to look at for ideas. There was some discussion on the topic.

October 6 – Fall Fest

The Fall Fest will be from 1:00 – 4:00pm as usual. Ms. Farrell asked Vice Chairman Kafka to assign her tasks in the effort to alleviate Vice Chairman Kafka from spearheading the event on her own.

December 14 – Winter Fest

As discussed previously, the Winter Fest will be from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

7. Recruiting Members

Chairman Ryan asked the Commission to reach out to the community for anyone interested in joining the Commission. There was some discussion.

8. New/Old Business

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she spoke with Nancy Schumm, of Schumm Consulting, at last month's Village Board Meeting. She stated that they spoke about the possibilities of re-grading some land at Eton Park and Ms. Schumm stated that there may be permits and specific laws to follow prior to any changes since the area is in a floodplain and contains wetlands. Vice Chairman Kafka stated to Ms. Schumm that, at the time, nothing had been formally discussed and if the Commission decided to move forward with the idea they would want to do it correctly. It was also unknown if any of the construction to be completed on Miller Road would affect Eton Park.

9. Adjournment

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 9:15 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held April 1, 2013.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk