

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BARRINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON
VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD, IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:40 P.M. Vice Chairman Bill Bishop called the meeting to order and the Village Administrator called the roll:

Present in Person:	Vice Chairman Bill Bishop, Martin Pais, Janis Menges, Denis Taillon
Absent:	Chairman Dan Nass, David Wilford
Also Present:	Jane Papadimitriou, 132 Old Barrington Road Dave & Rachel Toeppen, 409 S. Hi Lusi Ave., Mt. Prospect Nicole Keiter, 285 Honey Lake Ct. Mark Kolar, Plan Commission Liason Kathy Nelander, Village Administrator

2. Approve Minutes: Public Hearing – Held May 11, 2009

The Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Plan Commission Public Hearing were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Dennis Taillon moved that the Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Plan Commission Public Hearing be approved; seconded by Janis Menges.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Vice Chairman Bill Bishop declared the Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Plan Commission Public Hearing approved and put on file.

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3. Dark Sky Presentation

Mr. Dave Toeppen presented the “Dark Sky: See the Light!” presentation to the commission. Mr. Toeppen has been working with the International Dark Sky Community (IDSC) for ten years. The IDSC is dedicated to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting codes, dark sky education, and citizen support of dark skies. The program is 22 years old and originated in Tucson, AZ; with Flagstaff, AZ being the world’s first IDSC.

Mr. Toeppen discussed the benefits of the IDSC program which included saving money as well as health and environmental benefits. Every year the United States unnecessarily spends over ten billion dollars in the inefficient use of night lighting. When lighting fixtures allow light to escape into the night sky (instead of directing it downward towards the street, sidewalk, etc. that it is to be illuminating) energy is wasted. When the light fixtures are completely shielded, light is properly directed, which allows for the use of lesser wattage bulbs. Switching to these bulbs not only saves money through the conservation of energy, but also through the purchasing of smaller bulbs.

In addition to saving money, there are also health and environmental benefits found with the implementation of the IDSC program.

- When lights are either too bright or misdirected, the glare confuses and blinds our eyes.
- Light trespass (from athletic fields, overused decorative lighting, etc) offends neighbors.
- Clutter of lights, signs, and signals cause driver confusion.
- Bright illumination and high contrast levels (like those found in LED billboards) create significant visual safety hazards.
- Biological cycles can be disrupted causing serious health problems.
- Wasted energy adds to climate changes.
- Valuable oil, natural gas, coal, and hydroelectric energy is wasted and/or lost.

The commission had some concerns regarding this program and discussed areas in the Village that could be addressed. Most of the concern was about private property and how the plan could be implemented. The use of decorative/accent lighting on houses would have to be regulated. Mr. Toeppen suggested that the commission look to Barrington Hills as an example seeing as they are an IDSC participant. The commission, as well as Mr. Toeppen, will be reviewing the Village’s lighting ordinance for future consideration.

4. New/Old Business

Vice Chairman Bill Bishop contacted Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Pat Ryan regarding the 50th anniversary gift to the Village. The Parks Commission was looking at the pavilion as a possible project. An expansion of the existing gazebo or the possibilities of moving the gazebo to the NW corner were both discussed. The commission discussed the feasibility of construction in a flood plain, costs, and limited parking; all of which are a concern at Eton Park.

The possibility of scaling the project back to more of a memorial garden with native, deer resistant plantings or a sculpture was also considered.

There was no new business.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Janis Menges moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Dennis Taillon.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:35 pm, Vice Chairman Bill Bishop declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Plan Commission Meeting held July 27, 2009.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk