

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 1, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was answered by Chairperson Jill Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar. Also present was Gery Herrmann, Administrator John Lobaito, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Dwight Bennett was absent.

**Public Comment**

Plan Commission Chairperson Gery Herrmann thanked the Commission for their efforts on behalf of the Village.

**Approve Minutes of May 6, 2024 Meeting**

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission Special meeting. Chairperson Jill Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Leonard Park Walking Path Proposal Discussion**

The Commission discussed the Leonard Park walking path timeline. Village Administrator John Lobaito distributed the Request for Proposals (RFP) and project requirements which will be posted on the Village website on July 3, 2024. There will be an opportunity on July 11, 2024, at 8:00 am for potential contractors to walk through the proposed project area. Bids will be due July 25, 2024. All accepted bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. July 29, 2024, at the Village Hall. The Commission would like to meet with Administrator Lobaito on July 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to review the bids. The Commission hopes to have the recommended bid on the August 21, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting agenda for Board approval. Ideally, the path installation could begin in September 2024. There was a discussion about new signage for the path and perhaps a mile-marker.

Administrator Lobaito stated he had met with both resident homeowners (476 E. Oxford Road and 480 E. Oxford Road) who have easements on part of the path and discussed the proposal. There was an issue of a retention pond installed when the subdivision was built which the resident at 476 E. Oxford would like drained.

Gery Herrmann inquired about future walking path plans for the Village.

**Discussion of Consultants for 5 year Parks and Recreation Commission Plan**

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The Commission would prefer a consultant that is an “all in one” planner that could imagine the Village of North Barrington history for planning purposes. The consultant may conduct their own resident survey and design all the needed graphics. Administrator Lobaito will send a draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to some consultants specializing in parks and recreation planning.

**Old/New Business**

Chairperson Kelly stressed the importance of promoting John Anthony, the musician scheduled for the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, summer concert. The Commission feels the font on the new summer concert signs is too small and the colors fail to stand out enough. New sign design will be discussed. The Commission may organize a Parks and Recreation fundraiser in the future to benefit their events. The Commission discussed the feasibility of a GAGA court at Eton Park. Chairperson Kelly expressed concern about the cicadas.

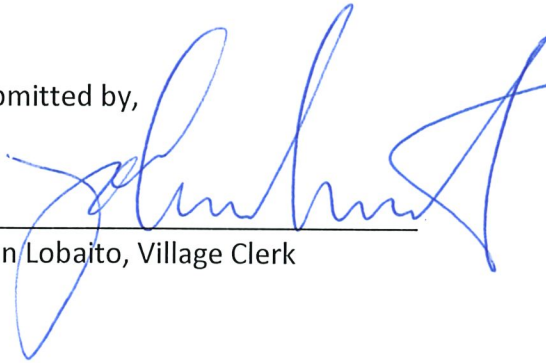
The Commission stated they would like two additional tents for Fall Festival. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will contact Party Plus. The possibility of fans in the event of extreme heat was discussed. Chairperson Kelly would like a table at the Fall Festival, October 6, 2024, with visuals of the Parks and Recreation Commission long term plans for the Village.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairperson Jill Kelly and seconded by David Lauffer to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Kelly, Jeff Harwood, David Lauffer and Kasia Lazar voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito, Village Clerk

