

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID
VILLAGE**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of June 1, 2009 Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting:**

At 7:35 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

Present in Person:	Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Jane Farrell
Absent:	Andrew Seagren, Lloyd Struttman
Also Present:	Ginger Das Gupta, Trustee Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the June 1, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission 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 June 1, 2009 Parks & Recreation Meeting approved and put on file.

2. Update on 50th Anniversary Gift

There was some discussion regarding the 50th Anniversary Gift. Input was gathered regarding a possible tree brochure that would be distributed. Thoughts were to expand this to also include the topography of the area and make it a color brochure to distribute at the Village Hall. This would serve as part of the public relations campaign for North Barrington and would be available for years to come. There was also some discussion about linking it to the website. Ms. Farrell followed up the idea of a larger gazebo with Kelly Rafferty, Building and Zoning Officer, as well as Baxter and Woodman. She is still waiting for a definitive response as well as their professional suggestions before reporting to the Commission and moving further with the idea. Ms. Farrell will re-establish contact and discuss the possibility of a rendering. Trustee Das Gupta brought the suggestion from the Board and other Commissions of a long-term project. This project would include a garden, a walking surface, and an educational component in Eton Park. The garden would use native planting and the walking surface could include stepping stones to navigate the boggy area from the parking lot to the playground. There was some discussion regarding this idea. Chairman Ryan suggested the possibility of posting educational signs along the walking paths instead. The educational signs would include facts about the ecology of the area, animals, plants, weather, etc.

3. Discussion of 2009 Events

There was discussion about the upcoming Talent Show and Ice Cream Social. The Commission has verified that there will be six acts, all with at least one North Barrington resident, to perform at the Talent Show on July 18th. Gift certificates were discussed as “prizes” for the participants of the talent show. Vice Chairman Kafka has confirmed the ice cream truck company and will tell them to be ready to start at the beginning of the event, 6:00 pm. Logistics of trash receptacles and signage were also planned.

The upcoming Fall Festival was discussed. The starting time and number of hours will be the same as previous years, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Vice Chairman Kafka has ordered the tents as well as the tablecloths needed. She is also responsible for the flyers and posters. There was some discussion regarding the color of the promotions. The topic of volunteers was highly discussed. Volunteers are needed for the Carnival Food Tent, the face painting, the pumpkin painting, as well as hayride monitors. Trustee Das Gupta as well as Ms. Farrell will be responsible for recruiting volunteers for the Carnival Food Tent as well as face painters. Trustee Das Gupta will contact Barrington High School’s Volunteer Coordinator for additional support. Vice Chairman Kafka will be responsible for finding adult volunteers to help Bellaluke’s food services as well as a clean-up crew. Trustee Das Gupta will meet with the President of Midwest Bank regarding their sponsorship for this event. The task of ordering the pumpkins in advance was also discussed. Vice Chairman Kafka suggested that the Commission use the same company and plans as last year. A banner for the tent was also considered to educate the public of the 50th Anniversary and the Fall Festival. Vice Chairman Kafka will research the cost and availability of such a banner.

4. New/Old Business

Eton Park has been cleaned and fallen trees were removed. The Pan Go Steel Band event held at Eton Park on June 27th had good attendance and went well. A playground inspection was also discussed. The Commission decided that the inspection needed to be completed and would contact the same company that handled it last year. The picnic tables of previous concern have been repaired as well as stained. There is one seat that still needs minor repairs. Ann Kafka will follow up with the handy man.

The Commission made a final decision on the t-shirts and decided to go with a red t-shirt. Vice Chairman Ann Kafka will order the shirts and finalize the design for the Commission.

The Commission suggested sending out a special letter for those receiving service pins. The letter will tell those individuals why they are receiving the pins and how they can redeem them at the Fall Festival. Ms. Farrell will take the task of ordering the pins and finalizing the design.

There was some discussion about the approaching Movie Night in Eton Park. Chairman Ryan will be the point person and coordinator for this event, and will also be renting the popcorn machine.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman Pat Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jane Farrell.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:40 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held August 3, 2009.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk