

## VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting March 6, 2009

President Abboud called the Special Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call.

### Present

Robert G. Abboud, President  
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem  
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee  
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee  
George L. Schueppert, Trustee  
Beth Mallen, Trustee  
Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee  
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney (departed 7:23)  
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration  
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief  
Dolores Trandel, Deputy Village Clerk

### Guests

Barry LeCompte, Resident  
Pamela Cools, Resident  
Emily McHugh, Resident  
Mike McLaughlin, Resident  
Ken Bosworth, Resident  
John Rosene & Karen, Residents  
Jim Drury, Resident  
Jonathan Knight, Resident  
Kristina Anderson, Resident  
Dan Lundmark, Resident  
Karen Selman, Resident  
Mary Beth Holsteen, Resident  
Debra Pfaff, Resident  
Mr. & Mrs. Catton, Resident  
Robert McMurtry, Resident  
Mark Daniel, Attorney  
Joe Able, Attorney  
Tony Solano, Pioneer Press

The purpose of the session was to discuss the Amendment of the Special Use Permit for the Polo Club and the design of the 2009 Village Vehicle Sticker.

Barrington Hills Polo Club Special Use Amendment Res. 09-04 – Trustee Schueppert motioned to pass this resolution, Trustee Gohl seconded. Trustee Schueppert stated that this amended Resolution 08-16 in respect to two conditions, 1) resolution 08-16 will expire December 31, 2009 and the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a new expiration date of December 31, 2010; and 2) to remove condition number 12 (the use of Deepwood Road) from Resolution 08-16 in its entirety.

President Abboud, at this time, asked that the people directly involved in this resolution be given five minutes to state their opinion.

John Rosene, from the Polo Club, is in favor of the amendment. He felt it was what they originally requested of the Village.

Mike McLaughlin, from 2 Deepwood Road, handed out a four page letter to people attending the meeting and proceeded to read it out loud. After about ten minutes, President Abboud asked that he stop, as he was given only five minutes to speak. Trustee Smithe asked President Abboud to let him finish and he did. Given the amount of time that Mr. McLaughlin had, President Abboud asked Mr. Rosene if he had anything further to add.

Mr. Rosene said about six or eight polo playing residents have attended numerous ZBA meetings and they feel the Deepwood Road is the only viable road to the Polo Club. Mr. McLaughlin felt a new road should be put on LeCompte property adjacent to Deepwood Road. He brought an overview picture to show where the road should be.

At 7:00 p.m. President Abboud asked each trustee to for their comments on this amended Resolution.

Trustee Ramesh thanked the members of the ZBA for the countless hours they have spent on this issue and praised Chairman Knight on his fairness in mediating the uneasy situation. She voted no last time because of the special restrictions. This time she will vote yes because of the termination of some of those restrictions.

Trustee Mallen stated that she feels like a hostage. On one side, these are her neighbors and friends, on the other, residents who want their piece and quiet. She remembered her first visit to the field, it was the Tiffany Classic at the time, she felt so sorry for the neighbors for the unfairness the impact this event had on them.

Trustee Schueppert, stated he believed he was one of only a handful of people that attended all the meetings and the many hours held on this. No one knew they needed a special Use Permit until last year. There is no easy way to get a win, win out of this. The Club feels the behavior of the visitors has been modified in the past year and there are many arguments on both sides. All things considered, he will vote yes.

Trustee Knoop was surprised at the amount of money the residents has spent in legal fees to protect their right to enjoy their own property. He is leaning toward what Mr. Schueppert said. We need to protect our residents according to Code. He question item #10 on Resolution 08-16 regarding the timing of signs advertising the event and the number of outsiders attending. Mr. Rosene replied that no signs or advertising other than for the Kalaway Cup are put up, and those go up the day before and come down the same day. There is no other public event on the field other that the Kalaway Cup.

Trustee Smithe is in favor of the Amended Resolution and will vote yes.

Trustee Gohl was concerned about the abrupt turn to lawyers to settle even the smallest issue.

President Abboud appreciated the remarks from both sides, the number of hours and money spent on trying to resolve this matter, and all the efforts of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Village has 101 miles of roadway, some small like Jane Lane, others more complex. Our Village character is rural equestrian and we want to keep it that way. Roll Call on the amended resolution

Ayes: 7 (Ramesh, Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**Resolution 09-04 Approved**

Village Sticker 2009, Design Selection – Trustee Knoop is proud to announce that at the January 2009 Board of Trustees meeting, an application was permitted to be filed with the International Dark Sky Association. IDA has accepted the request for nomination of which no other designation has been given to a municipality east of the Mississippi. The Village's promotion of IYA has been noted by IDA. Sarah Kenney, Building and Zoning Coordinator has called the head of IYA and received permission to use the IYA poster as the Village Vehicle Sticker design for the year 2009-2010.

This design differs from the ones we have used in the past and will be used for one year only, then reverting back to the horse rider design. Trustee Knoop motioned to accept this design and Trustee Smithe seconded. Trustee Ramesh asked if we could give residents a choice. This would not be possible because the stickers are in numerical order. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6, (Mallen, Schueppert, Knoop, Smithe, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 1 (Ramesh)

Absent: 0

**Motion Passed**

Trustee Gohl motioned to end the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Knoop seconded. All present said Aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Approved