

Barrington Area Council of Governments
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
April 26, 2016 – 7:00 pm
At the South Barrington Village Hall

Members Present: Gene Dawson, Barrington Township; Paula McCombie, South Barrington; Jack Mumaw (Alternate), Cuba Township; Al Pino, North Barrington; Brian Cecola (Alternate), Barrington Hills; Karen Darch, Barrington; David Parro, Tower Lakes

Not Present: Kevin Richardson, Lake Barrington; Carol Rolfs, Treasurer

Staff: Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director; Carol McLuckie, Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Others Present: Cher Hanson, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Meredith Tucker, Citizens for Conservation; Annamarie Lukes, Citizens for Conservation; Nancy Schumm, Tower Lakes Drain Partnership; Brian Valleskey, Tower Lakes Drain Partnership; David Waring, Rotary and Community Foundation; Shivani Majmudar, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Ishani Majmudar, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Jaimin Patel, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Stephen Zaromba, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Braedon Nelson, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Dillon Alexander, Barrington LEADS/YAC; Christopher Novares, Barrington LEADS/YAC

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Pino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call attendance with all members present except Lake Barrington.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 29, 2016 were approved on a motion by Pino and second by Parro, followed by a unanimous vote. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rolfs was not present. The Treasurer's report was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment:

Barrington Area Conservation Trust – Tower Lakes Drain/Watershed Partnership

Nancy Schumm and Brian Valleskey, from the Tower Lakes Drain Partnership, gave a presentation on and recommended adoption of the 9 Lakes Watershed-based Plan. Communities involved include Hawthorn Woods, Timber Lake, Tower Lakes, Port Barrington and Lake Barrington. The Tower Lakes Drain Partnership initiative identified Best Management Practices (BMP's) beginning in 2011. The EPA 303d list identifies impairments of which 128 projects have been identified; this was narrowed down to 58 viable ones. CMAP wrote the plan which includes shoreline restoration and creek bank stabilization. The process began in the fall of 2012, the 9 Lakes Plan was approved in June 2014, and deployment of projects began in 2015. For instance, Lake Barrington applied alum treatments for algae removal. IEPA 319 funding has been applied for, which will help fund community rain gardens. It was noted that BACOG approved the Flint Creek and Spring Creek Watershed plans, and the partnership is asking BACOG to adopt the 9 Lakes Plan as this will close the gap to cover the entire BACOG area with watershed plans. The Poplar Creek Watershed Plan has been in place for many years as well (covering parts of South Barrington), and all these watersheds are part of the larger Fox River Watershed. These watershed plans help bring funding to the area for implementing projects.

Pino stated that legalities dictate putting this on the agenda for next month to vote on.

David Waring for Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club – Kris Kindlefest Huts

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club and the Barrington Area Community Foundations are looking for potential homes for the twenty huts that were built for Barrington's Kris Kindlefest which will no longer happen. He said Barrington is willing to take them all to use in other future events. Waring would like to offer them to the entire BACOG area prior to making a decision as to their distribution. He described the booths: eight by eight, with floors, electrical in conduit, shelves, and two doors that open in front. Ten of them were built to be collapsible. Pepper construction donated the materials and labor in the creation of these booths. McCombie and Pino both expressed interest. Photographs will be forwarded to Agnoletti to share with the board.

LEADS Youth Advisory Committee: Report on Survey regarding E-Cigarettes & Other Issues

The LEADS Youth Advisory Committee gave a presentation on promoting the use of a "social host ordinance", with the goal of providing policies to keep kids safe. LEADS students are working to create a healthy environment for students in the school and at home, where the school district, local authorities and local governments all report data reciprocally with the intension of creating a supportive environment. The committee also presented results from an E-cigarette survey. E-cigarettes have proven to be harmful, but they appeal to high schools students. LEADS would like to see E-cigarettes banned by the municipalities in public areas and places of employment. The topic of alcohol abuse was next; the student spokespersons suggested Basset alcohol training be mandated for all off premise servers. They talked about the need for training by sellers of alcohol and asked the governments to require this for servers and sellers by adopting local ordinances. Examples of the ordinances, and contact information was included in the handouts, and members were asked to take the information back to their boards for consideration. Pino asked about support at schools and counseling departments, and thanked the LEADS group for their presentation.

Presentation: Neonicotinoid Insecticides

Meredith Tucker / Annamarie Lukes, Citizens for Conservation

Neonicotinoids are systemic insecticides, a synthetic form of nicotine, and highly toxic to insects. It is applied by soil drench, trunk injection or leaf spray, and seeds are coated with it. Neonicotinoids are especially toxic to pollinators (bees). Common bird populations are plummeting, as they cannot find enough food (larvae) on the leaves. Their pamphlet lists some the products that contain neonicotinoids. Companies are starting to discontinue carrying products with this chemical. Citizens for Conservation is asking the board to ban neonicotinoids on public property and to inform their residents. Mumaw asked about alternatives, and Tucker said an option is to not use any insecticides. CFC's purpose is to educate the BACOG board so members can educate their citizens.

Policy and Long Range Committee Report

Committee Chair Pino reported on the policy meeting. The committee did not agree on a new dues allocation policy and voted to recommend that BACOG follow the same policy as last year, with the revenue gap coming out of cash reserves.

Finance Committee Report

Pino reported that the budget will be scheduled for adoption at the May Board meeting. The Finance Committee recommendation was read by Agnoletti: to recommend to the Executive Board adoption of assessments as revised under Version 1 with a total budget of \$198,151 allocated to members at \$14,624 for three members (Tower Lakes, Barrington Township, Cuba Township) and \$25,713 for the other five member municipalities, and to use \$25,712 from reserves for FY 2016-17; funds received from sponsorships will be

returned to reserves at the end of the year. Agnoletti will distribute the recommended budget and dues allocation to BACOG Board members for them to review with their boards prior to action to adopt next month. A recommendation on the auditor will also be made for action by the Board next month.

Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chairman Dawson reported on the recent Lobby Day which was in conjunction with Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). There were meetings with legislators, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Governor Rauner. BACOG lobby day participants (total of 18) attended a reception that allowed face time with legislators from across the state. TOI provided a bus for same day transportation. Dawson complimented Agnoletti for organizing the event, putting together a schedule and making their time productive. Cecola said that the lobby day, his first, was a fun and good program.

Pino inquired if anyone passed a resolution asking the General Assembly and Governor to pass a budget. Barrington Township passed one. Pino said he thought the request had come from Illinois Municipal League. Others were not sure if they received this request.

Agnoletti noted that her report on lobby day was attached to the packet. She said there were several take-aways from the Governor's meeting, including BACOG's request for funding for the BACOG groundwater program. The Governor agreed to a meeting to review the entire program with his staff. BACOG-area legislators agreed to set up a meeting with the chief of the IEPA on this topic as well. Agnoletti discussed how to proceed with the Governor's request for a public statement in support of any part of the turnaround agenda. Pino suggested passing a statement around to be voted on at the next meeting. Agnoletti said she thought something should be submitted to the media more quickly and she could pull language consistent with BACOG platform for a public statement. Darch suggested focusing on the message of "these are issues important to BACOG and local government" and submitting it as an op-ed. Agnoletti will write a piece and send it to the Board for comments as soon as possible, prior to sending it to the media.

Agnoletti spoke about the upcoming BACOG Lobby Day with Illinois Municipal League (IML), May 4-5. Meetings with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Governor's Staff on the topic of groundwater are planned; she is also trying to get a meeting with BACOG's new Senator, Dan McConchie. She asked members to sign up to go to Springfield.

Emergency Management Report

Agnoletti discussed Virtual Emergency Operations Center over Internet (VEOCI) training. She noted her staff memo on next steps with VEOCI. Individual training by Kent McKenzie from Lake County EM for users at their villages and townships is next. Training is free at this time, but as BACOG progresses there will likely be a fee. When training is complete, Agnoletti will contact the county to set up a disaster training exercise, using only VEOCI system to work through it. Agnoletti distributed a letter she wrote to Amy McEwan, Deputy Lake County Administrator, thanking the county for Kent's services and the licenses for VEOCI for BACOG members. BACOG was complimented for taking this on as a community. She was asked to send the next steps memo to administrators.

Water Resources Initiative and Committee Report

President McCombie reported that the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) did not meet. The relocation of the monitoring well has been delayed due to illnesses at the drilling company, etc.

Agnoletti discussed the possibility for BACOG to recoup costs for the USGS monitoring wells contract for

payments made by BACOG on Deer Park's behalf, due to the monitoring equipment still being located in the Vehe Farm well. Consensus was not to take action.

Directors Report

Agnoletti reported that she had presented "About BACOG" to approximately 35 participants at the Barrington Area Development Council's Leadership Academy on April 23rd. She presented the new elementary school groundwater video to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance on April 26th and received great feedback. She has been working on meetings for the May 4-5 lobby day, and she noted progress on the water quality mapping project being conducted by GIS Analyst Tomasz Szczuka and an Elmhurst College student under the supervision of Professor Carmi Neiger, who continues in a consulting role for BACOG.

President and Supervisor's Reports

Barrington Township

Dawson reported on a new hire who will replace Barbara in the office. Teresa speaks Spanish and a limited amount of Chinese which will be a plus in working with assisted housing in Barrington Township. He also presented at the BADC Leadership Academy in April. The township newsletter will be coming out shortly.

Barrington

Barrington Junior Women's Club honored Community members by awarding the annual Character Counts program. A Daily Herald article about a proposed Great Lakes railroad line being developed west of this area indicated that it will reduce delays in the Barrington area; Darch did not agree, saying there may be some relief only to Chicago and suburbs located farther out. She noted the good police work on the recent shooting in Barrington; the case was resolved in three days. Renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine will perform at the White House to a sellout crowd.

Tower Lakes

Tower Lakes is starting to implement environmental projects, including large rain gardens and bioswales. Forty percent of the funding is to come from volunteer labor as a match. Lake County Stormwater Management awarded them \$10,000 towards the projects this year and Parro hopes for the same grant again next year; these funds are contingent on receiving an EPA 319 grant.

South Barrington

McCombie said their Plan Commission is considering the Nathan Glen subdivision, an unincorporated area in Cook County, to incorporate into the village. She and two of her staff had participated in the Governor's Smart Cities/Smart State program today, and two other BACOG officials had attended.

North Barrington

Pino reported that North Barrington is in the middle of their road and drainage program, anticipated at \$500,000. A zoning ordinance is anticipated to be adopted by the village, prohibiting short-term residential rentals of less than 60 days, such as Air B&B. North Barrington will be showing the BACOG elementary school video to their board tomorrow night. On Earth day, Pino planted a tree with the boy scouts at Eton Park.

Cuba Township

Mumaw spoke about the Zika virus and the BACOG communities coming together on a mosquito abatement program. Cuba is amenable to partnering in their contract with Clarke Mosquito with other members of

BACOG. Members reported that many of them use Clarke, and Agnoletti reported that she and Supervisor Nelson had looked into a larger contract with Clarke with greater cost efficiencies several years ago, and there may not be additional benefits to be had due to customization of services in each community. Parro asked about Cuba Township's mosquito funds being spent throughout BACOG; Mumaw clarified that these services are only provided in unincorporated areas; Parro talked further about larvicide treatments. Tower Lakes had George Balis at their board to talk about the Zika virus, which was a good presentation.

Mumaw talked further about neonicotinoids and that this is the treatment for emerald ash borer. Agnoletti asked if members would like an article for their newsletters. Pino mentioned his village is getting grants to remove ash trees.

Barrington Hills

Cecola reported that he sprays and is mosquito free. The Polo Club event will be held in September.

Parro said May 14th is Good Shepherd Hospital's grand opening for the renovation. Dawson will send information about the hospital selling brick pavers for the entryway for distribution and asked members to consider purchasing a brick from the government unit.

Adjournment

On a motion by Dawson and second by Darch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. All voted in favor.

Submitted by:

Carol McLuckie, Secretary