

VILLAGE OF
Port Barrington
Minutes

Planning Commission
Village of Port Barrington
69 S. Circle Avenue
Port Barrington, IL 60010
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Russo and PC members Kotarski, R.Alesi, Rosen, S.Alesi and Bergbauer

III. Consideration of Approval of Minutes for July 14 And August 11 2026, Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Motion: Bergbauer moved to approve draft minutes for July 14th and August 11th Regular Planning Commission Meetings, seconded by R.Alesi.

Ayes: Russo, Bergbauer, R.Alesi, Kotarski, Rosen and S.Alesi

Nays: None

Motion Carried 6-0

IV. Open PC Position – Discussion

Resident Heather Brown was present to observe the meeting in interest of the open pc position. She provided her history with serving on the West Chicago, IL municipal level as Alderman for 9 years as well as her effort towards seating on the State Senate. The PC thanked Mrs. Brown for her interest and noted that she would be an asset to the PC with her experience.

There was discussion about staffing at the Riverfest to look for potential pc member candidates.

V. Update on Darrell Road Property

There was general discussion regard Plan B

VI. Update On Roberts/Darrell/Rawson Bridge Road Intersection

There was discussion on political lobbying options. Rosen agreed to accept this task.

VII. Bike/non-motorized Traffic Trails

Chair indicated that Trustee Carrigan will be preparing the bi-annual application for bike trail construction. The PC has volunteered to help.

There was discussion of other possible options besides the prior joint Cary-Port Barrington proposal such as:

Smaller proposal to connect Rawson Bridge to the Forest Preserve without Cary.

Rawson Bridge to Fox River Marina Preserve to Grassy Lake Preserve connector in conjunction with Lake Barrington (LCFPD would like this)

Rawson Bridge, along Darrell then up to the Bonner Road bike lane to Wauconda in conjunction with Island Lake (LCDOT would like this)

There was discussion regarding linking of the neighborhoods for non-motorized traffic and codify a plan to:

Connect Deer Grove and Deer Grove North together, probably along Darrell

Connect Deer Grove to Willow St. with a Roberts road crossing

Connect the orphaned trail in the northwest section of River Walk to Fox Trail Park and down to Rawson Bridge road

Extend the southernmost part of the forest preserve trail down to the Morrings

Extend the Fox Trail Park trails over to and along the Fox River (maybe to the Broken Oar)

VIII. Discussion of PB's Commercial/Retail Growth

There was general discussion regarding ideas of different types of businesses the village want to fit the rural/recreational village residents. There was discussion if any changes be codified into the village comprehensive plan in the future

There was general discussion about what could be limiting village growth such as how the property is zoned and/or developable land.

Discussion regarding formalizing a Darrell Road Commercial Corridor with a small amendment to the comprehensive plan to state an intent to run all the way up to 176 and encompass the horse farms. General discussion about future of the farmhouse property to be commercially developed. Random discussion regarding whether or not the road to the riverfront property immediately north of the Broken Oar.

General discussion if no water a non starter for business or is a commercial use only (at least initially) water system feasible.

IX. Old Business/New Business

X. Open to the Floor

Chair asked Heather Brown to forward her credentials and letter of interest to serve on the PC to either himself or Clerk Schroeder.

XI. Adjourn

Motion: Kotarski moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Bergbauer. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Elizabeth Schroeder

Deputy Clerk

Chairman Vince Russo