



**Equestrian Commission - Special Meeting
AGENDA & NOTICE OF MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021 6:30 PM
Village Hall
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hills, IL 60010**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 [Vote] Minutes - June 7, 2021
[06-07-21 EQU Commission Minutes.pdf](#)

2. EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LICENSE ORDINANCE

- 2.1 Equestrian Trail License
[08-19-21 Chair Clement Summary.pdf](#)
[Village Code 8-5 Equestrian Trail License.pdf](#)

3. 9th ANNUAL THE HILLS ARE ALIVE FALL FESTIVAL - Sunday, September 19 ~ Noon to 4 PM

- 3.1 9th Annual The Hills Are Alive Fall Festival - Sunday, September 19 ~ Noon to 4 PM
[THAA 2021 Flyer.jpg](#)

4. AS PRESENTED

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE AS POSTED

Equestrian Commission Minutes 6/7/2021

1. Present at the meeting were Jeryl Olson, Jane Clement, Jill Zubak and Anna Paul. There were no participants via telephone and there was no public comment. The members of the Equestrian Commission ("EC") were sworn in for their new term prior to the start of the meeting, which was chaired by Jane Clement.

Meeting began a 6:31 PM.

2. The Minutes of the 6/1/2020 meeting were approved with some minor corrections by the EC.
3. Trustee Laura Ekstrom was introduced to the members of the EC. She reported the roads project was complete and residents can call the Village if there are further repairs needed such as potholes. Trustee Ekstrom also encouraged the EC to send notices or recaps of equestrian events to Anna or Nikki for the website and/or newsletter. EC members agreed to review the Equestrian Page of the Village website for further suggestions.

4. Old Business

There was a discussion of signage (horse crossing signs). Residents can call Cook County if they would like signs. Residents can also approach the Village for village roads.

Anna Paul is working on the equestrian/trail easement project.

The EC continued the discuss taking turns attending the ZBA meetings to stay informed of potential issues respecting properties that have or should have easements. It was agreed that Jill Zubak will review the ZBA agenda and communicate to the EC, through either Nikki or Anna, the need for an EC member to be present at the ZBA meeting.

5. New Business

There is a need to replace a departed member of the Equestrian Commission. Anna will check to determine if President Cecola has a suggestion for the slot. If not, the EC will reach out to a village resident.

6. Adjournment was made at 6:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Jill Zubak

I. ISSUE:

The Village Board of Trustees has asked the Equestrian Commission to look into the continued need for the Equestrian Trail Licenses issued by the Village for the purpose of riding on the Village deeded easement trails. Issues for discussion include the following:

- Whether the costs/burdens of Village administration of a license program outweigh the potential benefits of developing Easement Trails, and using licenses, to reinforce the Village Comprehensive Plan that includes trails and the equestrian lifestyle.
- If the provisions requiring permits are retained, whether those provisions should be included in the Village Codes Section relating to the Comprehensive Plan in Title 6, or should be included in some other section of the code. (Currently the Equestrian License rules are under Title 8 (Police Regulations) chapter 5 (Equestrian Permits))
- If the section 8-5 provisions are removed entirely from the Code, are there other provisions that could be included in the Comprehensive Plan to encourage residents and developers to record equestrian easements in favor of the Village.
- Should the Section 8-5-2-1 Equestrian License provisions contain a condition that provides for either the Equestrian Commission, or RCBH to “screen” applicants for the safety and privacy of residences abutting Easement Trails?

II. BACKGROUND:

Forest Preserve trails.

There are 65+ miles of trails within the Spring Creek Forest Preserve owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and maintained by the RCBH for the enjoyment of the public, including, but not limited to Village residents. Riding on Forest Preserve trails is by permit only; permits are obtained at the FPDCC website at <https://fpdcc.com/> >permits>membership and passes>Equestrian license's and tags.

Trails on Private Property.

When The Riding Club of Barrington Hills was established in 1937 an informal agreement was entered into by neighbors whereby mounted members of the RCBH

could traverse landowners' properties on horseback; RCBH members can ride on private property within the Village, provided they respect RCBH rules and exhibit their RCBH membership tag. RCBH Membership is allowed for applicants residing in the Village or who board horses in the Village, however only after nomination by two RCBH members, and approval of the RCBH Board.

Easement Trails (Trails with easements granted to the Village of Barrington Hills).

By Ordinance in June in 2005, certain trails traversing private land in the Village exist as Easements recorded in favor of the Village. The Easements are generally in and around the newer subdivisions in the Village where the Village and the Equestrian Commission worked successfully with developers subdividing tracts of land to protect the continuity of the trail network and to maintain the unique character of the Village. Easement trails are maintained by the RCBH. As set forth in Title 6 and Section 8-5 of the Village Code, equestrian use of Easement Trails is allowed solely by Licenses issued by the Village of Barrington Hills.

III. CURRENT VILLAGE CODE:

8-5-1: DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this chapter the following terms are defined and shall be construed as hereinafter set out unless it shall be apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended.

CLERK: The village clerk.

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL: The equestrian trails established pursuant to title 6 of this code in favor of the village.

HORSE: An animal of the genus Equus.

OWNER: Any person having a right of property in a horse or who keeps or harbors a horse or who has a horse in his or her care or custody. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2: LICENSE REQUIRED:

Prior to taking any horse on an equestrian trail, the owner thereof shall obtain an equestrian trail license issued by the village upon payment of the fee specified herein. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2-1: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE:

As a condition to his or her use of the equestrian trails located in the village, every owner of a horse shall file an application with the village clerk or his designee, setting

forth the name and address of the applicant and a description of the horse for which the license is desired. Upon payment of the fee herein provided, the village clerk shall issue or cause to be issued a license which shall be attested by the village clerk authorizing the owner to ride the horse over and across the equestrian trails within the village until the expiration of the license. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2-2: LICENSE FEES:

The annual fee to be paid for an equestrian trail license is ten dollars (\$10.00). (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2-3: LICENSE YEAR:

All such licenses issued under this section 8-5-2 shall expire on April 30 following the date of issuance. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2-4: LICENSE TAG:

Each applicant, upon payment of the fee, shall be given a tag to be affixed to the bridle of the licensed horse at all times while in use of the equestrian trails. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-2-5: LOSS OR TRANSFER OF LICENSE:

In the event that any person to whom an equestrian trail license has been issued loses the tag issued by the village, or in the event that such tag is destroyed or mutilated, such person may apply for a new tag upon providing to the clerk satisfactory evidence of the loss or destruction of such tag and upon paying a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). In the event that any person to whom an equestrian trail license has been issued transfers title to the horse to which such tag is issued and wishes to substitute a different horse, such person may apply for a new tag upon providing to the clerk satisfactory evidence of the transfer of title to such horse and the destruction of such tag as was originally issued and upon paying a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

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8-5-2-7: USE OF FUNDS:

All fees derived from such licenses shall be deposited in the general fund. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

8-5-3: PENALTY:

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense. (Ord. 05-02, 6-17-2005)

CHAPTER 5

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LICENSE

SECTION:

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8-5-2: License Required

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8-5-2-2: License Fees

8-5-2-3: License Year

8-5-2-4: License Tag

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