



**Equestrian Commission - Special Meeting**  
**AGENDA & NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 6:30 PM**  
Village Hall | MacArthur  
112 Algonquin Road  
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1.1 [Vote] Minutes - December 1, 2025  
[12-01-25 EQU Comm Minutes.pdf](#)

**2. McHenry County Conservation District's Comprehensive Plan**

**3. Animal Disaster Preparedness Plan**

**4. Equestrian Signage**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTICE AS POSTED**

## **Equestrian Commission - Special Meeting Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Submitted By: Nikki Panos

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**Subject:**

[Vote] Minutes - December 1, 2025

**Suggested Action:**

**Attachments:**

[12-01-25 EQU Comm Minutes.pdf](#)

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION

12/1/2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.

**Present**

Jill Zubak

Elaine Ramesh

Tricia Wood

Mary Beth Holstein

Laura Ekstrom, Trustee Liaison

Anna Paul, Director of Administration

Angela Johnson - absent

**Also present**

Attorney for Acorn Corner

Margaret Palmer – VP of RCBH

**Approval of the 8/7/2024 minutes** – motion to approve made by Jill Zubak and seconded by Mary Beth Holstein – motion passed

**Commissioner Introductions** – New commissioners were welcomed to the Commission

**Discussion of historic equestrian trail at Acorn Corners which is being subdivided.**

Mary Beth Holstein and Margaret Palmer spoke about the use of this trail.

Mary Best Holstein provided a plat of survey which outlined the trail showing that the trail surrounded the Acorn Corners property but did not traverse the property.

Attorney for Acorn Corners stated the owners are open to the historic trail if it did not cut through the property.

This being the case, Mary Beth Holstein made a motion to request the trail be kept open for equestrian use. Motion was seconded by Jill Zubak and passed.

### **Equestrian signage in the Village**

Margaret Palmer will present a list of equestrian signage which need maintenance as well as spots in the community where signage would be helpful to denote trails, etc.

Liaison Ekstrom suggested that the list for new signs be sent to Roads & Bridges for input. Anna Paul requested that photographs of signs needing repair be sent to her attention to handle.

### **Fireworks in the Village**

It was noted that fireworks are not permitted without a permit.

The next Village newsletter will stress the need for permitting. Anyone with materials that speak to firework safety and potential harm/stress to wildlife, domestic animals and people should send them to Anna Paul

It was suggested that perhaps the Riding Club of Barrington Hills could send a notification to members noting the need for permitting as well.

Anna Paul reminded the commission that the public should call the police while fireworks are going off so that illegal firework activity can be addressed.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Elaine Ramesh reminded the commission of the following dates:

December 13, 2025 – National Day of the Horse

March 5, 2026 – Illinois Day of the Horse.

Elaine Ramesh suggested donations and volunteering to horse related charities would be an appropriate way to honor the dates.

Being no further business, a motion to dismiss the meeting was made at 7:07 p.m. by Jill Zubak and seconded by Marybeth Holstein.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Zubak