

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Monday, April 10, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**Walter Esch Hall**

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** will review the application for a variance (320 Juniper Lane). A public hearing will be part of the meeting.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet immediately after the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The meeting will include a public hearing for a fence permit (264 Barton Shore) and a wall permit (340 Barton North).

Public comment for either/both public hearings may be submitted in writing to Barton Hills Village prior to the meeting, or in person during the meeting. The public may attend in person or:

[Zoom \(View only link\)](#) Meeting ID: 867 6568 6088    Passcode: 707460    Dial +1 646.931.3860

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

Ordinance review re: trees, steep slopes and zoning

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**In person    Walter Esch Hall**

**RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM FAQ**

1. What is the size of the carts? These carts will be 96 gallons.
2. When will the pilot begin? The collection time frame has not been determined yet. We need to get the tipper installed, get the carts for the pilot program, conduct it, and reassess.
3. Will the bins by the shed still be accessible? Yes, you can continue to use the bins by the shed. These will be here for the foreseeable future; we currently have no plans to remove them.

If you haven't done so, please complete the [online form](#) to sign up for the BHV At-Home Recycling Collection Pilot Program!

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## CLIMATE CORNER

**Join in International Dark Sky Week April 15-22 by Turning Off Your External Lights at Night.** Our entire ecosystem thanks all our neighbors who only use their external lights at night when necessary. Our plants require nocturnal pollinators, and our bats, owls, turtles, frogs, moths, insects, and many other night creatures need the darkness to live healthier lives. Pollution has a profound impact on animals who require darkness to live healthy lives. It confuses migrating birds and attracts moths, turtles, and frogs to places they shouldn't be. As a result, they end up in a habitat they weren't designed to stay in, become easy prey for predators, and find themselves in a trap that exhausts and kills them. Predators who use darkness for cover - such as owls - are challenged to find enough food to sustain them and their young. Pollinating nocturnal insects are drawn to lights instead of plants which negatively impacts our flora ecosystem. And bats - another pivotally important nocturnal animal - become less active as their foraging pathways are disturbed by light. So, please only use external lights at night when you need them...not as a matter of routine.

**Show Your Support for Pollinator Habitat in Barton Hills.** While bees and other pollinators are integral to the pollination of a wide diversity of native vegetation and food crops, they are threatened due to habitat loss, unhealthy water, pathogens, parasites, and widespread use of pesticides. An MSU study published in 2021 found a 61% decline in Michigan's bee population between 2004-2018. To support pollinator habitat in our beautiful Village, we encourage all residents to:

- Leave dead stems standing until spring temperatures reach a consistent 50 degrees as pollinators lay eggs in the stems to overwinter;
- Mow your lawn less often - and maintain lawn heights between 6" and 12", particularly in April, May, and June;
- Increase your plantings of diverse native species;
- Reduce or eliminate your use of fertilizers and pesticides; and,
- Reduce raking and clean-up of leaves during the fall months.

Washtenaw County provides a couple of helpful lists. One is a [listing of plants native to our area](#). A second list identifies [native plants that are useful in managing stormwater](#).

Read [MSU's bee article](#) and [Ann Arbor City's recent resolution to protect pollinators](#)

*Enjoy the beautiful springtime!*

