

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 26, 2023

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Linda Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers (all attending via zoom). Vance Antoniou was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator John Lobaito, Trustee Liaison Martin Pais (attending via zoom), Village Forester Susan Allman (attending via zoom) and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2022 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting.

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Kourtney Sellers to approve the September 6, 2022, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Tree of the Year Submitted Applications Discussion.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Tree of the Year applications and pictures submitted by three Village residents. A large Elm Tree was submitted by 208 Biltmore Drive; a Shag Bark Hickory was submitted by 200 Orchard Road; a White Oak and an Eastern White was submitted by 157 N. Signal Hill Road. There was discussion about Tree of the Year applications being submitted more towards the summer months into the fall season.

Village Administrator Lobaito stated the Tree of the Year Resolution suggests forming a separate selection committee made up of three Environmental and Health Commission Members, along with a North Barrington resident, to nominate the Tree of the Year Award. There was discussion and the Resolution was reviewed. To keep in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it was decided the Tree of the Year Selection Committee would be comprised of two members of the Environmental and Health Commission as well as a North Barrington Resident. Village Resident Stacey Laschen was recommended by Lauren Preisen to serve on the Selection Committee. The Village Forester would act in an advisory capacity. Lauren Preisen will contact Stacey Laschen.

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Kourtney Sellers to form a Tree of the Year Selection Committee made up of two members of the Environmental and Health Commission along with a

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resident of North Barrington. The Village Forester would act as an advisory. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Tree of the Year Award will be presented at the April Board of Trustees Meeting in combination with the Arbor Day Proclamation. A plaque will be given to the resident and placed in the lobby at the Village Hall. A yard sign will also be placed in the resident's yard to recognize the Tree of the Year. An announcement would also be made in the Village Newsletter and on the Village website. Administrative Assistance Sue Murdy will order the plaques and invite the Tree of the Year recipient to the Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Commission reviewed each Tree of the Year submittal, and discussed the type, characteristics, and size of each tree. The Elm Tree at 208 Biltmore Drive was selected due to its beauty, size, specimen, and prominence in the community. There was discussion about offering a program to encourage residents to treat/inject trees with nutrients, as an incentive to plant and maintain trees. It was agreed to bring that topic up for further discussion later.

Motion by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Lauren Preisen to nominate the Elm Tree located at 208 Biltmore Drive as the 2022 Village of North Barrington Tree of the Year based upon its age, beauty, and prominent display in the community. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

A post card will be sent to the applicants thanking them for their tree submission. Lauren Preisen volunteered to write the thank you letter to the participants as well as a congratulations letter to the winning residents informing them of their award presentation at the April 19, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Commission discussed Arbor Day 2023. Handing out saplings to the residents is a possibility and Administrator Lobaito will contact Commonwealth Edison to obtain the saplings. There is money in the budget in the event Commonwealth Edison is not participating this year. Commission member Lauren Preisen mentioned the 5th grade Girl Scout Troop holding a possible clean up of Eton Park for Earth Day. The Commission will investigate this further.

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Old/New Business

There was no other old or new business. Chairperson Aylward thanked Village Forester Susan Allman for joining the meeting.

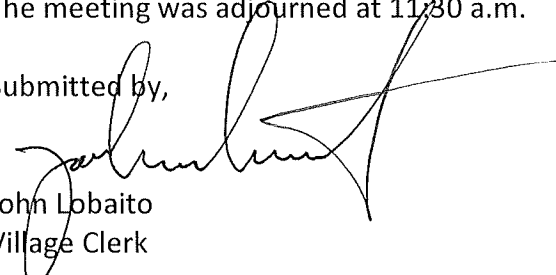
Village Forester mentioned that many residents enjoy hanging their Tree of the Year plaque in their homes and leaving it for the next owner. Yard signs for Tree of the Year can be obtained from State Graphics.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Lauren Preisen. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito
Village Clerk