

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**“SPECIAL” MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 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 (via zoom), and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order #2020-07, in person attendance requirements under the Open Meetings Act have been suspended and relaxed.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2023 “Special” Environmental & Health Commission Meeting.**

Motion by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Lauren Preisen to approve the January 26, 2023 “Special” Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes as amended. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Discussion of LRS Recycling/Composting.**

The Commission discussed the current services offered to the residents by LRS. Terms of the contract were reviewed regarding food scrap collection and landscape/yard waste collection. Chairperson Aylward stated she was having issues with LRS not picking up her scraps/compost. Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers stated they were having the same issues. There were questions about whether the Village has a contractor designated Landscape Waste and Food Scraps location. Village Administrator John Lobaito stated he would check into this with LRS to confirm the terms of the contract as well as the location of the Village designated disposal site.

The Commission requested that a representative from LRS attend the Environmental and Health Commission to clarify the difference between normal garbage pick up and the food scrap pickup program. Trustee Liaison Martin Pais stated he attended the last SWALCO Meeting. He offered to investigate with SWALCO the details of the food scrap composting and recycling program, as well as the process of the program with LRS.

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Chairperson Aylward stated her expectations of LRS and hopes to see an improvement of services.

**Discussion of 2022 Tree of the Year Award/Plaque**

The Commission discussed the logistics of the 2022 Tree of the Year Award presentation to Darrel and Kay Phillips at the April Board of Trustees meeting. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy has ordered a plaque for the residents as well as the Village Hall. There will also be an Arbor Day Proclamation at the April Board of Trustees meeting. The Village has also been approved for Tree City USA. Village Administrator John Lobaito confirmed tree saplings will be given away for Arbor Day which is April 28, 2023. Earth Day is April 22, 2023. Village Forester Susan Allman reminded the Commission that an Arbor Day event as well as planting of a tree are required to qualify for the Tree City USA designation. There are no plans currently to plant a tree. Village Administrator John Lobaito and Village Forester Susan Allman will discuss planting of a tree.

**Discussion of Earth Day, Distribution of Saplings, Eton Park Clean Up by Girl Scouts**

The Commission discussed an Earth Day cleanup at Eton Park. Lauren Preisen stated her Girl Scout Troop would be interested in participating in a clean-up. Lauren will coordinate the event date of April 22, 2023, with the Scouts. Chairman Aylward asked Village Forester Susan Allman if she would like to plan an Earth Day Eton Park Cleanup event. Village Administrator John Lobaito approved Susan Allman to plan the Earth Day Event. A flyer will be designed and sent out to the residents. Small tree saplings will be ordered to hand out to the residents, possibly at the April 22, 2023, Eton Park Cleanup. There was a brief discussion about planting a tree at Eton Park or the Village Hall. Chairman Aylward suggested focusing on the sapling distribution rather than a tree planting at the cleanup event. Cookies may be served. The Village Administrator mentioned the Parks and Recreation Commission is formulating a five-year plan for Eton Park. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will order additional garbage receptacles from LRS.

There was discussion about the continuation of daytime remote meetings for the Environmental and Health Commission. Village Administrator Lobaito will research the legislative feasibility of remote daytime meetings. Chairman Aylward stated evening meetings are cumbersome for the Commission members.

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**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 of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito  
Village Clerk

