

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**“SPECIAL” MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 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. 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 March 7, 2023 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting.**

Motion by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Lauren Preisen to approve the March 7, 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/Food Scrapping**

Mr. Steve Ramos, LRS Municipal Services Manager, addressed the Commission. He gave a brief history of LRS, its culture of being service oriented (LRS purchased Prairieland in 2021), and its current programs as related to recycling services. LRS has been expanding into the recycling industry and has introduced such recycling items as holiday lights and shoes into its program. An existing transfer station was converted into a single stream recycling facility. LRS has continued to acquire land with the intent of building transfer stations which reuse, recycle, and convert items deposited by garbage companies.

Mr. Ramos explained the recycling needs of the residents increase starting in the month of April. There is an all-in-one truck used during peak season. In the off season, rerouting and other trucks may be used. LRS strives to have good communication between the truck drivers and the office dispatch.

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The Commission inquired about the process of the organic/food scrap program. Mr. Ramos explained the scraps go to Midwest Organics. Yard waste and manure are also taken to this facility. Some logistical issues were addressed. Mr. Ramos offered to take the Commission on a tour of their largest recycling facility, which is in Northbrook, IL. The facility processes 150 tons of recycling a day. There was discussion about organic food scrap recycling technology and its progress. Plan. The goal of LRS is to construct more transfer stations and expand the food scrap program. The Commission thanked Mr. Ramos for his presentation and expressed their interest in touring the Northbrook facility. Mr. Ramos said he would conduct a tour of the Northbrook facility for the Environmental and Health Commission in the future.

**Discussion of Arbor Day/ Earth Day Cleanup at Eton Park April 22, 2023**

Village Forester Susan Allman addressed the Commission with the details of the event scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday April 22, 2023. Biltmore Country Club has donated a Sugar Maple tree along with mulch for spreading at Eton Park. The tree will be planted in the Northeast corner of Eton Park. Cookies and hand sanitizer will be provided by Kourtney Sellers. Village Administrator informed the Commission the Arbor Day flyer is complete and ready for the website as well as an E-blast. Lauren Preisen agreed to take the Earth Day/Spring Cleanup signs home, paint the correct time, and place the signs throughout the Village. Adult volunteers are needed. Administrator Sue Murdy will also order an organic bin from LRS. Garbage bins are already ordered. Ela Township will pick up large limbs and sticks the following Monday.

The Saplings donated by Commonwealth Edison will be delivered to the Village Hall the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be available for handout in bags at the event. The bags will contain a flyer with the Commission Members listed, information on the Village Tree Cost Share Program and information from Commonwealth Edison.

The Village landscape contractor will edge around the trees at Eton Park, so they are ready for the mulch to be spread at the event. Village Administrator informed the Commission that the landscape contractor will be more vigilant this year regarding maintenance at Eton Park.

**Old/New Business**

The Tree of the Year presentation is scheduled for the Board of Trustees Meeting April 12, 2023. The resident at 208 Biltmore Drive has been contacted and will be present at the Board Meeting. A wall plaque and a yard sign will be presented by Environmental and Health Commission Chairperson Linda Aylward. The Commission decided promotion of the Tree of the Year Program will begin on Arbor Day. An Arbor Day Proclamation will be read at the Board Meeting.

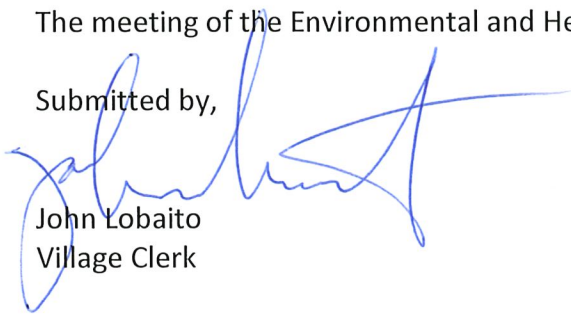
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**Adjournment**

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 12:05p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito  
Village Clerk

