

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Linda Aylward, Steve Kahn, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers.

Also present were Trustee Liaison Mark Vandenberg, Village Forester Susan Allman, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Vance Antoniou was absent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2024 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve the February 6, 2024, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes as amended. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, Lauren Preisen, and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration

Lauren Preisen will reach out to Scout Troop #229. It was noted that due to a campout, some Scouts may be unable to attend the Earth Day/Arbor Day event. Village Forester has not had a response from Scout Leader Tony Kircher. Kourtney Sellers will purchase a variety of cookies for the event. Village Administrator Lobaito told Ms. Sellers to submit a receipt to the Village. Village Forester Susan Allman stated that Biltmore Country Club agreed to deliver a small amount of mulch for the donated tree, which will be a small deciduous flowering specimen.

Village Administrator John Lobaito reported the saplings have been ordered from Com Ed, as well as the flyers that attach to the sapling bags. Com Ed will pay the cost of the 75 saplings. Ela Township will pick up the collected brush from the clean-up.

Status of Workshops Offered by E&H In North Barrington; CFC Composting

Steve Kahn reported that he will follow up with Citizens for Conservation (CFC) in two weeks about scheduled event dates. Their events have not yet been determined. Chairperson Aylward would like CFC events and workshops to be announced to the residents by Village E-blasts. Composting by residents is growing in popularity.

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E-Blast Schedule and Topics

The Commission would like the Village E-Blasts to include their upcoming Earth Day/Arbor Day Event, along with various other events they plan to organize. Lauren Preisen will submit a press release to Sue Murdy for the website and Village E-blasts put out by the Village President. President Sweet McDonnell is always looking for E-Blast content.

Tree of the Year Presentation Details

The Commission discussed the 2023 Tree of the Year presentation which will take place at the April 15, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. It was noted the Board meeting was changed from April 17, 2024. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will inform the winning resident of the meeting date change. Two 2023 Tree of the Year yard signs as well as a plaque will be presented to the resident, H.L. Silets of 125 Arrowhead Lane, North Barrington, IL. There was discussion about the placing of the two hard signs. Members of the Environmental and Health Commission plan to attend the Board Meeting.

Old/New Business

The Commission discussed hosting a Village Garden Walk this summer. Steve Kahn will draft a press release for the website and Village E-Blasts. Chairperson Aylward asked Mr. Kahn to coordinate the Garden Walk.

Administrator John Lobaito explained the presentation at the February 21, 2024 Board Meeting by a representative of The Ancient Oaks Foundation which works cooperatively with local municipalities to restore and preserve natural areas by decreasing the growth of invasive buckthorn.

Adjournment

Motion by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Lauren Preisen to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, Lauren Preisen, and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito
Village Clerk

