

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:33 P.M. Chairman Bruce Kramper called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Rob Haas,
Jackie Andrew
Absent: None
Also Present: Susan Allman, Village Forester
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
February 7, 2012**

The Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved that the Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved as written, and put on file.

3. Proposed Tree Management Ordinance – Susan Allman

Susan Allman, Village Forester, presented the Commission with a revised draft of the proposed additions to Section B of Village Ordinance 5-3A-7: Street Right of Way Tree Management. The revisions contained changes relating to the Environmental and Health Commission's comments at the last meeting. Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Allman to begin her presentation by discussing the importance of having an addition made to the Tree Management Ordinance.

Ms. Allman stated that the Tree City organization has four standards that a municipality must follow in order to maintain their Tree City status. One of the standards is to have a Tree Ordinance, and in particular, a portion that includes tree care. According to the Tree City website, the tree ordinance must "...provide clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees from streets, parks and other public places" (www.arboday.org). Ms. Allman stated that the Village's Tree Ordinance does not include anything about right of way care and/or maintenance of trees. She also stated that the other three standards for Tree City is that (1) there is a tree board or department (Environmental and Health

Commission), (2) a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, which is approximately \$6,000 for our Village and (3) an Arbor Day Observance or Proclamation.

Ms. Allman stated that the revised draft given to the Environmental and Health Commission was based upon the comments she received from them at the previous meeting, input from the Village Attorney, and on the sample Ordinance provided as an example from the Tree City Organization. She explained that this particular Ordinance was primarily for the Village to follow, not necessarily individual residents as it does not pertain to private property. Ms. Allman stated that having “Tree City” status allows the Village to receive grants as well. She stated that the Village just received a \$10,000 grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for Emerald Ash Borer re-planting as well as receiving a tree inventory because of its “Tree City” status. Ms. Allman also stated that it was beneficial to have guidelines, etc. for tree planning so that they are not too close to power lines, stop signs, etc. A good relationship with the state of Illinois was also another reason that Ms. Allman shared with the Commission. Vice Chairman Kalinowski asked if Ms. Allman had received anything in writing stating that our “Tree City” status was in jeopardy. Ms. Allman stated that this was a pre-emptive move so that the Village never came close to losing status. Ms. Allman finished her presentation to the Commission by stating that the Village currently has a removal program, but nothing about a re-planting program. Over the years many trees have been removed, but never re-planted until last year when six trees were planted in right of ways on Clover Hill.

The Commission reviewed the Ordinance and noted that some changes they had suggested had been made. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that in number 3 of the Ordinance the word “unlawful” was still used, even though it had been changed in other locations throughout the document. Ms. Allman stated that Village Attorney, J. W. Braithwaite, did not want to change the wording. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that it was unclear as written, and suggested that it state who it was “unlawful” for such as “...it shall be unlawful for the Village, or any property owners to top any tree on Village Streets or public property.”

Chairman Kramper stated that the Village gets many benefits from having “Tree City” status and asked the Commission for their recommendation.

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved that the Commission recommend the additions to Village Ordinance 5-3A-7: Street Right of Way Tree Management with the wording recommendation of adding “for the Village, or any property owner” to number 3 after the word “unlawful;” seconded by Rob Haas.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Jackie Andrew, Rob Haas

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the recommendation approved and passed to the Village Board.

4. Report: Septic Maintenance Ordinance

Deputy Village Clerk Nicole Keiter gave the Commission a brief update on the Septic Maintenance Ordinance. Ms. Keiter stated that the first group who started the process is now in the adjudication process. She stated that, because it was the first time this process has been implemented, there was a larger gap of time than would normally be between the residents’ second notice and their letter stating intent of adjudication. She explained to the Commission that the letter residents recently received gave

them an additional fourteen calendar days to turn in their information to the Village, and if they still did not comply the adjudication process would begin. Ms. Keiter stated that eighteen letters were sent.

Ms. Keiter then stated that the second group of residents had received their first notification that their cycle was beginning. She stated that seventy-two letters were sent in total and their first deadline is August 1st. This group will then get a second notice, allowing an additional sixty days, and then their letter stating intent of adjudication.

5. Report: Flint Creek Projects

Chairman Kramper asked if anyone on the Commission knew any updates regarding the Flint Creek projects. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the Village received a grant; however, no correspondence from Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting, LLC, Land Acquisition Consultant to the Village, had ever been received. The Commission did not have anything else to add. Chairman Kramper stated that he would extend an invitation to Ms. Schumm for the next meeting in order for her to give the Commission an update.

6. Old/New Business

Ms. Allman stated that Arbor Day was a big success. Placed on some trees around Village Hall were "price tags" showing residents the benefits that that particular tree had given in one year. The listed benefits included stormwater runoff reduction, carbon reduction, electrical energy savings, and property value impact. Ms. Allman stated that she may do a similar exercise at Fall Fest.

Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Allman if there was anything further regarding Biltmore Country Club and their three year tree removal plan. Ms. Allman stated that she has been working with Brian Thomson, Grounds Manager, without a problem. Chairman Kramper then asked about the tree at Wynstone Golf Club that the Commission had denied removal of last year. Ms. Allman stated that the tree looked wonderful and was growing well.

The Commission asked for notification when the first mosquito spraying of the season was scheduled. At this point, nothing has been scheduled.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:19 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission "Special" Meeting held August 14, 2012.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk