

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present were Village Administrator John Lobaito, Trustee Liaison Martin Pais (attending remotely), 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 April 12, 2022 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting.

Motion by Vance Antoniou and seconded by Lauren Preisen to approve the April 12, 2022, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Vance Antoniou, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Tree of the Year Program Discussion/Recommendation

The Commission reviewed the rough draft of the purpose and guidelines for the Tree of the Year Program compiled and submitted by Kourtney Sellers. The Village of North Barrington is currently a Tree City USA community, and the Village would like to honor a unique tree each year by awarding the tree owner with a designated Tree of the Year award. The Environmental and Health Commission would like to finalize the program through a Resolution submitted to the Board of Trustees.

There was discussion about changing the qualifying tree nomination timeframe to May 1st through September 30th, as well as the criteria used for selecting judges, along with the process for selecting and awarding the Tree of the Year. The privacy issue about approaching a potential tree owner was discussed. There may also be a yard sign placed by the Tree of the Year recipient. The award will be presented at the Annual Village of North Barrington Arbor and Earth Day Celebration.

Village Administrator Lobaito will draft a Resolution to present to the Board of Trustees. He will also finalize an application form and guidelines

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50/50 Tree Program Discussion/Recommendation

The Commission reviewed the rough draft of the purpose and guidelines for the 50-50 Tree Program put together by Chairperson Aylward. The purpose of this program is to encourage the planting of trees by residents to ensure maintenance of green space and the natural environment. The resident pays for half of the expense of the tree purchase and planting, and the Village pays for the other half. The program was in place for several years, then paused. Chairperson Aylward explained to the Commission she had researched many Villages and found that the majority have tree planting programs for the parkways, but few have a 50-50 tree planting program for private property. The Village of Crest Hill has a comparable program and Ordinance for reference. The Commission would like the Board of Trustees to approve the program by a Resolution.

The Village Administrator stated the budgeted amount for this program is \$7000. The Commission would like to engage the Village Forester for her expertise in locating trees at a discount. There was discussion about joining a consortium to get access to various trees at a more competitive price. Obtaining at least two proposals was recommended by the Village Administrator. The Commission complimented Forester Susan Allman on her selection of trees in previous years. Due to the loss of trees in recent years, the Commission would like to be proactive replacing trees in the Village.

A resident can get a tree every two years while participating in the program, and the tree must be visible, preferably planted in the front yard. JULIE must be arranged to mark utilities, and septic fields would need to be identified. The Village Forester will determine the size of the tree, although 2 1/2 inches is optimal. There was discussion about whether to guarantee the tree. There was discussion about whether spring or fall is the best tree planting time. The Commission will consult with the Village Forester.

Administrator John Lobaito stated the 50-50 Tree Program would be codified. He will also draft a Resolution to present to the Board of Trustees. Due to the Village Board schedule, this matter most likely will be brought to the Board in August.

Old/New Business

Chairperson Aylward requested Village Administrator John Lobaito give the Commission an update on the proposed Thorntons gas station development at the corner of Miller Road and Route 12. Mr. Lobaito stated that some questions have arisen about the environmental impact of the proposed project, and that certain inaccurate information being circulated needs clarification. In April 2021, the Village was approached by a developer representing Thorntons. A concept presentation was done at the August 2021 Village Board of Trustees Meeting. The property is in unincorporated Lake County, at

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the northwest corner of Miller Road and Route 12. If the project were to move forward, a voluntary annexation to the Village of North Barrington would take place. The Board gave approval to move forward with the conceptual proposal. The first step in the process is to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance to include gas stations as a permitted use, by way of a special use permit. Mr. Lobaito stated there has been no submission of engineering plans or annexation proposals by Thorntons. The Plan Commission rejected a motion at the May 9, 2022 Meeting for an amendment to the Zoning text. The Plan Commission recommendation then goes to the Board of Trustees. The Board can vote to approve the text amendment, or they can side with the decision of the Plan Commission. Conceptual drawings are all that is available to view currently.

There was discussion of various Thorntons in the area. The definition of truck stops, and video gaming was discussed. The criteria of a truck stop had to be satisfied to allow video gaming, with a minimum of 10 thousand gallons of diesel sold a month according to the Gaming Commission. There must be a minimum of three acres and a separate island for trucks.

There was discussion of the facility being open 24 hours, noise issues, stormwater runoff, access from Route 12 and Miller Road. There was discussion about the expected tax revenue for the Village. Village Administrator Lobaito stated that the revenue would diversify the current tax base for the Village, and that a source of reoccurring revenue is financially important for the Village. Trustee Liaison Martin Pais mentioned if the project is approved, levels of control on the development by the Village will be established.

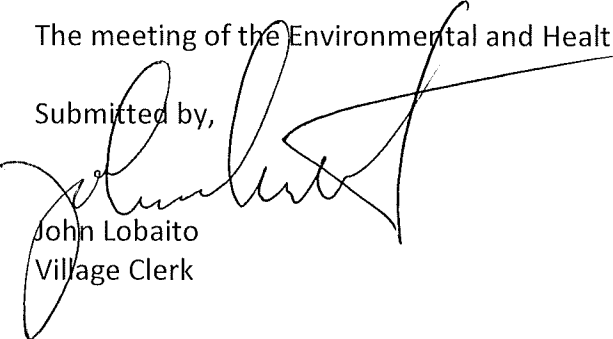
The Commission thanked Village Administrator Lobaito for his explanation. Chairperson Linda Aylward stated that the Environmental and Health Commission would be willing to assist in any manner they can.

Adjournment

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

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito
Village Clerk

