

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF  
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011 AT  
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 7:35 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
Absent:	Jackie Andrew
Also Present:	Susan Allman, Village Forester Pete Boland, Village Trustee Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting  
February 8, 2011**

The Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Rob Haas.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved, and put on file.

**3. Arbor Day Report –Susan Allman**

Susan Allman, Village Forester, stated that the Arbor Day Events would be held at Eton Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> beginning around 10:30 a.m. Ms. Allman stated that she will be handing out 50 small trees in total to people in attendance and is also working with two Girl Scout Troops this year. She stated that there was a kindergarten troop as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade troop, both from North Barrington, which were interested in participating. Ms. Allman is looking to purchase a kit that will allow the girls to earn badges for all of their hard work. She also stated that there was plenty of room to plant trees along the parking lot; however, she hasn't decided on what kind of tree she will plant or where the final location of the tree will be. The tree and planting costs will come from the Village Forester's Budget. Ms. Allman asked the Environmental and Health Commission for their support by attending the event and asked if they would be interested in helping provide refreshments. Ms. Andrew stated that she would handle the refreshments for the event. Ms. Allman also stated that Mark Spreyer, from the Stillman Nature Center, would be in attendance with some birds found throughout the Village of North Barrington. She is also considering asking a tree service to attend and give a pruning demonstration.

The pumpkin seeds, provided by the Parks and Recreation Commission, will also be distributed for residents to begin planting for the pumpkin growing contest held at the Fall Fest.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski suggested that something be added to the Arbor Day postcard advertising the opportunity for residents to see the difference at Eton Park since the completion of the clearing. Ms. Allman asked the Commission if they had any interest in reviving the Neighborhood Clean-Up Days. Chairman Kramper stated that he hasn't noticed many areas that would benefit from the clean-up. He stated that the Village looks free of litter and that the residents generally do a good job of maintaining their properties. He then stated that if anyone were to see problem areas, and that the Village would benefit from a clean-up day, it could be discussed again.

Ms. Allman told the Commission that the Village of North Barrington was again approved as a "Tree City." She also stated that it was becoming progressively more difficult to become approved as the organization is reading through and checking each Village's tree ordinances. She stated that the Commission and Village may need to re-examine tree planting and pruning standards on Village property and right-of-ways in the near future.

#### **4. Old/New Business**

Ms. Allman told the Commission that the Village of North Barrington has been officially notified that trees within North Barrington have the Emerald Ash Borer disease. The insects were found damaging trees in Lake Zurich and subsequently diagnosed in North Barrington on Clover Hill Lane. One infested tree has already been removed from the right-of-way on Clover Hill. Ms. Allman, along with a representative from The Care of Trees, has identified numerous trees throughout Biltmore that are also infested. Information will be released to residents in many forms to help educate them about the Emerald Ash Borer and how to handle the situation. Unfortunately, Ms. Allman stated that there is no state law that requires homeowners to remove infected trees.

Ms. Allman stated that a management plan was vital for the Village. She stated that she needs to know how many ash trees are in the right-of-ways throughout the Village and the amount of money that the Village can use to remove the trees. Village Trustee Pete Boland stated that an inventory of trees in the Village right-of-way would need to be obtained first. He told Ms. Allman that she should work with Cuba Township on this matter. Chairman Kramper asked if all of the Ash Trees throughout the Village would need to be removed. Ms. Allman stated that there were many different ways that the Village could handle the issue; however, she felt as if a re-planting program should be started. The re-planting program would only apply to trees that were removed only from Village right-of-ways. Trustee Boland suggested that the removal of infested trees was of main importance right now. He stated that the number of trees in the Village right-of-ways should be calculated first before cost or decisions could be made. The Commission suggested having the girl scouts also pass out door hangers regarding the Emerald Ash Borer to residents at Arbor Day. The Commission gave their full support to Ms. Allman on this situation.

The Commission also briefly discussed the need for additional Commission members. The Commission is currently looking for interested members that can bring expertise and a passion for environmental issues.

**5. Adjournment**

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:26 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held June 7, 2011.

ATTEST:

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