

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
“SPECIAL” MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present were Trustee Liaison Mark Vandenberg, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Kourtney Sellers and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve the March 5, 2024, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Review of Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration

The Commission agreed the Earth Day/Arbor Day was a success. The weather was pleasant, and the attendance was good for the tree dedication of a Catalpa tree donated by Biltmore Country Club. A drone flew over the event and captured pictures. The Commission discussed the importance of watering the tree this summer.

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

Steve Kahn reported he had been in touch with CFC about some workshops. Composting is a popular topic, and the Commission discussed the best time of the year to hold such a workshop. Since the event is being planned for the whole community, it is important to work around their schedule. Mr. Kahn stated September-October is good since residents are removing summer plants and growth. Ms. Sellers reminded the Commission of the time between school adjourning and summer school/programs beginning being a down time in terms of schedules.

The Commission would like to engage North Barrington families for these workshops. There was extensive discussion about the role that LRS has in Village resident composting. Chairperson Aylward suggested two different types of workshops for the residents: recycling and composting.

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The Commission would like CFC to supply three firm dates for composting workshops. Steve Kahn will follow up with CFC. Another LRS tour of the recycling facility may be scheduled in the future.

E-Blast Schedule and Topics

The Commission would like the quarterly newsletter to announce the planting of a Catalpa Tree at Eton Park for the Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration. There will also be an announcement about the 2024 Tree of the Year winner. Residents are encouraged to send their 2024 Tree of the Year nominations into the Village by November 1, 2024. These topics will also be part of the Village President's E-news blasts.

August or Fall North Barrington Garden Walk

The Commission enthusiastically discussed a Village Garden Walk to be held in August 2024. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will put an announcement on the Village Website asking residents if they would like to participate. Their preferred weekend date in August will also be requested. Chairperson Aylward mentioned she had spoken with H.L. Silets about having a garden walk of their property, Wandering Trees. The garden walk will be free of charge and the Commission hopes to have five to ten resident participants.

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

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

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito
Village Clerk

