

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF
NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006, AT THE NORTH
BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:32 P.M. Chairman Barbara Potter called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present: Chairman Barbara Potter, Jackie Andrew, Pat Ryan,
Brian Thomson, Kirk Hamilton, Ron Cobb, Susan Allman

: Absent: None

Also Present: Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk
Don Husted, 422 Kimberly Road
Bruce Kramper, 178 Pheasant Run
Trustee Frank Tripicchio

2. Approval of Past Minutes-July 13, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting

The Minutes of the July 13, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission. There were some changes made to the Minutes.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Minutes of the July 13, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Minutes of the July 13, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting approved as amended and put on file.

3. Leaf Burning – Presentation by Trustee Frank Tripicchio

Chairman Barbara Potter introduced Trustee Frank Tripicchio and invited him to speak about options for leaf disposal in the event that leaf burning becomes prohibited by the Village in the future. Mr. Tripicchio approached the Commission and reviewed his background in municipal government and his present position as Director of Public Works for the Village of Lincolnshire. Mr. Tripicchio presented the details and challenges of the current leaf collection program that he administers in the Village of Lincolnshire. The leaf collection program is the most expensive service provided for the citizens of Lincolnshire, begins in the 2nd week of October and runs for about 9 weeks. Last year, the Village of Lincolnshire collected nearly 6500 cubic yards of leaves, at a yearly cost of approximately \$205,000 and 1500 man hours expended. Tripicchio completed his presentation stating that he does not recommend a leaf collection program for the

Village of North Barrington and would strongly support the use of landscape bags to dispose of excess leaves.

There were questions from the Commission about the size of the lots in Lincolnshire as compared to those in North Barrington, the percentage of residents who hire landscapers to haul away leaves, the number of residents who dispose of leaves through the mulching/composting process, and the actual number of residents who burn their leaves. Trustee Tripicchio then explained that he had been requested by the Board to design a survey to distribute to the Village residents for their input. There was extensive discussion on methods to educate the public about options to leaf burning. Susan Allman suggested using a Flowton product that mulches the leaves.

Dr. Bruce Kramper, 178 Pheasant Run Trail, came forward and informed the Commission that there is a leaf disposal program currently available through Waste Management. There was discussion as to whether this method could be a viable option for residents.

Mr. Don Husted, 422 Kimberly Road, addressed the Commission to comment that he regularly mulches his leaves, and has no need to burn them.

Chairman Barbara Potter expressed her opinion that the survey needs to be developed by a committee made up of a Village Trustee, Environmental Commission member and Village resident. Trustee Tripicchio suggested that comments related to the survey should be directed to the Village staff for review.

Kirk Hamilton suggested creating a link to the Lake County website which has a page for tips on good neighbor leaf burning, thus providing educational information for residents.

Dr. Bruce Kramper asked the Commission if there was enough interest from them to endorse an Ordinance prohibiting leaf burning. Chairman Barbara Potter responded that at this juncture, a comprehensive survey from the community is necessary. Trustee Tripicchio agreed and asked that the Commission's input be compiled and forwarded to the Board of Trustees. The survey will be discussed further at the September 14, 2006 Environmental Commission meeting.

4. Water Quality Study

Pat Ryan explained to the Commission that the Board has requested the Environmental Commission to research the cause of the increased salt content of Honey Lake. Mr. Ryan is working with V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd. to establish a scope of services to identify and measure the major sources of salt run off into Honey Lake watershed and its tributaries. Mr. Ryan distributed a working copy of the items V3 has been asked to complete. A representative from V3, Ed Belmonte, will attend the September 14, 2006 Environmental Commission meeting to present the project.

Mr. Don Husted commented on the excessive amount of salt spread on the roads after a snowfall. Mr. Husted questioned the water quality of the Village wells. Chairman Potter suggested he have his well water tested by Lake County.

5. North Flint Creek Alliance

Chairman Potter would like to develop a mailing list of the Village residents along North Flint Creek. Kirk Hamilton offered to assist her. A meeting will be scheduled for this coming fall.

6. Flint Creek Watershed Partnership Update

Chairman Potter informed the Commission that the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership has applied for a \$100,000 Illinois grant to update the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership Management Plan from 1994. The grant, once approved, will be on a shared basis, 60 % of the money coming from the State of Illinois, 40% to be raised by the twelve Flint Creek Watershed Partnership members. Each partnership member, including the Village of North Barrington, has committed \$5,000.

7. Mosquito Update

Brian Thomson reported that Cuba Township did not fund the light trap this year; therefore he has no light trap data to report. Susan Allman suggested that the Village fund the light trap next year in the event Cuba Township declines to do so.

8. Grant Opportunities

Ron Cobb volunteered to research additional grant possibilities for the North Flint Creek Alliance. The Commission discussed the interns from Lake County currently surveying Flint Creek, and will wait for their report on the discharge of water into the creek. Chairman Barbara Potter will check to see if information will be posted on the Lake County Stormwater Management website.

9. Old/New Business

The installation of the bat houses at Eton Park is presently on hold due to rabies concerns.

Jackie Andrew questioned the amount of trimming that is currently being done on Old Barrington Road. Ms. Andrew will contact roads Trustee Frank Tripicchio.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Ron Cobb moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Brian Thomson.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:00 p.m. Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental Commission Meeting held September 21, 2006.

ATTEST:

Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

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