

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Linda Aylward, Steve Kahn, Stacey Laschen (via Zoom), Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers (via Zoom).

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

Vance Antoniou was absent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2023 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting.

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve the September 5, 2023, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes as amended. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

LRS Recycle Facility Tour

Chairperson Aylward, Commission Members Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen, along with Village President Sweet McDonnell attended the LRS Recycling Facility tour in Northbrook. It was agreed that the tour was most informative. The participants were impressed by the efficiency, functionality of the equipment and the advanced automation. The demand for recycling continues to grow.

Village Administrator Lobaito stated to the Commission that the Village had recently received a certificate for the paper recycling involved with 27 boxes of Village records disposal. Paper recycling demand is also growing.

Chairperson Aylward stated the recycling and composting of organics is popular with large companies such as LRS and reflects the future of overall recycling.

Tree of the Year Nomination Discussion

There have been four 2023 Tree of the Year nominations. The deadline for submission is November 1, 2023. One nomination was submitted after the deadline and the Commission agreed to accept it. The

Tree of the Year Committee consists of Stacey Laschen, Lauren Preisen and Kourtney Sellers. The committee would like to make a final decision by the 2023 holiday season. The Commission stated

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how impressive the rarity, age, and size of the submitted nominations are. The Village Forester commented on the nice variety and mix of the trees on the nominations.

Tree Cost Share Program Discussion

Village Forester Susan Allman reported that 11 residents had participated in the Tree Cost Share Program. She was most pleased with the wide variety of trees planted and the enthusiasm of the residents. She recommended continuance of the program. An informative handout is given to all the participants to help with the care of their newly planted trees along with their reimbursement check. Administrator Lobaito stated the program was below its budget for FYE 2024. Environmental and Health Commission Chairperson Linda Aylward stated the program was a good investment in the community.

Old/New Business

Village Forester Susan Allman stated she placed mulch and a tree bag on the Maple tree at Eton Park. She also wrapped the tree to prevent buck rubbing by the local deer. Ms. Allman said the local birds have accepted the tree well. Chairperson Aylward thanked everyone for watering the tree over the summer.

An Arbor Day/Earth Day Village cleanup in conjunction with LRS was discussed. The Commission as well as Village Administrator agreed it would be a good community event. Involvement of the Scouts and Cubs were mentioned. Last year's clean-up of Eton Park was a huge success. The Village wide Arbor Day clean up would be promoted online and through word of mouth. Refreshments may be served afterward. Sunday April 28, 2024, was set as a tentative date. A dumpster will be ordered, and large garbage bags would be made available to the participants.

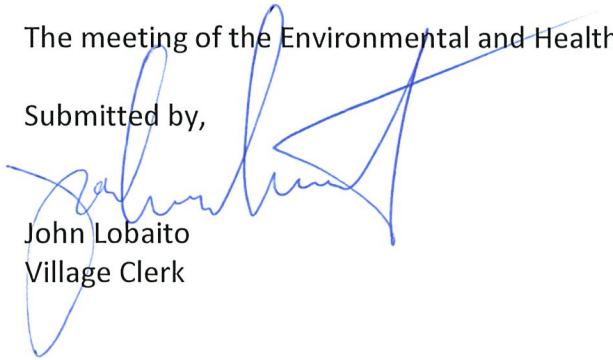
Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy informed the Commission the holiday light recycling totes would be outside the lower-level Village Hall.

Adjournment

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

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito
Village Clerk

