

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
“SPECIAL MEETING” MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 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, Lauren Preisen.

Also present were Village Administrator John Lobaito, Village Forester Susan Allman, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy. Vance Antoniou and Kourtney Sellers were absent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2023 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to approve the November 7, 2023, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes as amended. On roll call vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn, and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Environmental and Health Commission 2024 Planning and Goals

The Commission discussed Environmental & Health Commission sponsored activities such as spring and summer events, various workshops, and resource utilization that would bring more visibility of the Commission’s vision to the residents. The methods of communication were discussed. The Commission is in favor of allocating a section of the quarterly newsletter to Environmental & Health issues. Each Commission member could be assigned a quarterly topic. Relevant topics would be E&H events, information about well and septic systems, various seasonal plantings, recycling etc.

Earth Day/Arbor Day Clean Up Date and Details

The date for the Earth Day/Arbor Day event at Eton Park will be Sunday April 28, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Residents will be encouraged to come to Eton Park for a park clean-up, tree planting dedication, and treats. The Commission would like to inform the residents that both Saturday April 27th, 2024, and Sunday April 28th, 2024, would be designated as Village clean-up days. The events will be publicized in the Village spring newsletter, website, and E-blasts. The Scouts will also be contacted and invited by member Lauren Preisen. The Commission liked the idea that the Scouts had a campout in 2023 at Eton Park. The Commission discussed the need to keep the newly planted tree well-watered. A tree bag will also be placed on the new tree.

Tree of the Year Program Prior Winners

The 2023 Tree of the Year winner will be featured in the E-blasts and at the April Village Board of Trustees meeting. The Village Tree of the Year program began in 2015; a list of the winning trees

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since 2015 was distributed to the Commission. Potential Tree of the Year nominees can review the list and visit the locations of the winning tree. The goal is for the community to celebrate its beautiful trees. Chairperson Aylward would like the list published on the website. The schedule for Tree of the Year nomination and subsequent award to the winner was discussed and clarified.

Potential Seminars and Workshops (Backyard Composting/Deer Resistant Plantings)

Commission member Steve Kahn offered to research some possible workshops. Village Administrator John Lobaito suggested contacting SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) for informative resources. Chairperson Aylward asked the Commission to contemplate ideas. Citizens for Conservation and the Botanic Garden are also possibilities.

The Commission discussed backyard composting and the LRS food scrap pick up program. The LRS contract with the Village is up in 2025, and the Commission would like to be included in the search for a new garbage and recycle company. Backyard composting service is preferable.

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

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

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Submitted by,


John Lobaito
Village Clerk

