

**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Also present was Village Forester Susan Allman and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

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

**Discussion of 2024 Tree of the Year Winner and Award**

The Tree of the Year Committee, which is made up of Chairperson Aylward, Lauren Preisen and Stacey Laschen, chose the Bur Oak Tree located at 101 Carriage Way as the 2024 Tree of the Year. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will send letters to the winning resident and thank you letters to all participants.

The Commission decided to offer the residents whose trees were nominated for the Tree of the Year award the option to retain their nomination application on file for future consideration. The winner will be recognized at the April 16, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting with a plaque and yard sign.

Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will include the 2024 Tree of the Year information in the Spring 2025 newsletter.

**Discussion of Earth Day/Arbor Day**

The Commission has decided to host the Earth Day/Arbor Day/Tree Dedication at Eton Park on Saturday April 19, 2025. There was discussion about a possible dog parade and pet rescue station. Sue Murdy will contact Jill Kelly. Village Forester Susan Allman hopes to obtain a tree from Biltmore Country Club again this year.

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**Composting Program Discussion**

Steve Kahn will continue his efforts to assemble a composting program for the residents. He plans to have composting information available at the 2025 Garden Walk check-in location on June 29, 2025. Steve will also contact SWALCO.

**2025 Garden Walk Discussion**

The Village Garden Walk will be held June 29, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy has posted the event on the Village Website along with an article in the Village Newsletter.

**Old/New Business**

Village Forester Susan Allman stated she is completing the application for Tree City USA. This 2024 application will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> year the Village will be a participant.

Steve Kahn would like to begin planning the 2025 programs to be offered to the residents.

The Commission also discussed the possibility of hosting a dog parade in conjunction with the Arbor Day celebration.

The Commission stated they would like to be involved in the new garbage disposal company discussions in 2025 as they feel the topic of food scrapping is important.

**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 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

*John Lobaito (sm)*

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Village Clerk

