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**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 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 February 4, 2025 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting**

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve February 4, 2025, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Discuss Joint Mailer from Parks & Recreation Commission/Environmental & Health Commission**

The Commission is satisfied with the mailer card that Village residents received publicizing the upcoming Village events. Chairperson Aylward liked the Q Code on the postcard.

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

The 2024 Tree of the Year at 101 Carriage Lane will be recognized during the April 16, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy showed the Commission the two 2024 Tree of the Year yard signs and plaque which will be presented to the winner.

Village Forester Susan Allman announced the Village has been awarded Tree City USA for the 25<sup>th</sup> year.

**Discussion of Earth Day/Arbor Day**

The Commission discussed the upcoming Earth Day/Arbor Day Event. A Kentucky Coffee tree and mulch has been donated by Biltmore Country Club. Lauren Preisen has contacted a Scout leader who will bring some young volunteers. Volunteer hours will be available. Sue Murdy has coordinated the stuffing of the bags with Black Hills Spruce saplings that will be distributed during the event. Lauren Preisen will bring some cookies, and will also pick up garbage bags, sterile wipes and dog bags. Susan Allman has coordinated supplies such as rakes, wheelbarrows and work gloves.

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The pet parade will commence at 1:30 p.m. Chairperson Aylward will bring prizes. Rebecca Doyle will judge the participants and categories of prizes.

**2025 Garden Walk/Composting Discussion**

The Commission discussed the June 29, 2025, Village Garden Walk. The topic of signage was brought up. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will contact the Honey Lake Bee company to ask if they wish to participate this year.

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 to obtain composting information.

**Old/New Business**

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

Steve Kahn brought up the fact the Village fails to use its Tree of the Year budget each year and suggested the Ordinance and guidelines be modified. The Commission discussed the program and agreed the guidelines are cumbersome to the residents. The Commission also would like the residents to be able to plant a 50/50 Cost Share Program tree anywhere on their property.

Motion by Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to recommend to the Board of Trustees to modify the current Tree Cost Share Ordinance to allow the tree planting location of the Village 50/50 Tree Cost Share program to anywhere on a resident's property contingent on location approval by the Village Forester. On voice vote Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**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 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito  
Village Clerk

