

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:35 P.M. Chairman Bruce Kramper called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Rob Haas,
Jackie Andrew
Absent: None
Also Present: Gregg Zink, Integrated Lakes Management
Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
June 7, 2011**

The Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Rob Haas.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved, and put on file.

3. Water Quality Testing

Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting, stated that Integrated Lakes Management has been doing water quality testing over the past two years. Over those two years they have been able to assess the progress and now have some suggestions for the Commission to consider. Ms. Schumm introduced the Commission to Gregg Zink, Integrated Lakes Management (ILM). Mr. Zink thanked the Commission for their time and explained that Sandy Kubillus, Integrated Lake Management, would have been in attendance; however, she was ill and could not make it. Mr. Zink stated that he would do his best to inform the Commission of her suggested changes and that an additional meeting could be scheduled for some time in the future. Mr. Zink stated that the general recommendation would be to eliminate some of the testing and perhaps some of the testing sites as well. By doing so, different testing could be added such as monitoring for macro invertebrates. Mr. Zink stated that the information currently being obtained was good; however, it was too small of a snap shot.

Ms. Andrew asked Mr. Zink when the testing was being performed. Mr. Zink stated that the testing would occur at the same time of the year each year because the goal is for consistency. Ms. Schumm added that some specific things require testing at certain times.

Chairman Kramper asked what macro invertebrate testing would encompass. Mr. Zink stated that biological monitoring of waterways is important to the analysis of water quality due to the type of insects present. Ms. Schumm added that information could not only be told by which insects were absent but also by which were present. For instance, some insects are only present in "good conditions." Ms. Andrew asked if septic leaking into Flint Creek was a worry. Mr. Zink and Ms. Schumm stated that it is always a legitimate concern. Chairman Kramper asked why they were suggesting that some of the sites be closed. Mr. Zink stated that the Biltmore site was more like a lake than a stream and therefore the data was not meaningful for this type of study. The other two sites under consideration to close, Chung's Creek and the Willow Ponds Tributary, are both at the south end of the testing grounds and are considered "high quality." The data from those two sites aren't showing any significant changes at this time and the money could be used in a more meaningful area.

Mr. Zink reiterated that having Ms. Kubillus at a meeting with the Commission is vital. He stated that Ms. Kubillus would be able to share a much more detailed presentation with the Commission and that this was just an introduction. Ms. Schumm stated that it would also be a good idea to supply some general education materials for the community. Chairman Kramper stated that the information could be put in a newsletter, information meetings could be held at women's clubs, etc. The Commission thanked Mr. Zink and Ms. Schumm for their time and look forward to hearing more from them at upcoming meetings.

4. Septic Maintenance Ordinance Review

The Commission asked Deputy Village Clerk, Nicole Keiter, for an update on the Septic Maintenance Ordinance. Ms. Keiter stated that the Septic Maintenance Ordinance had been put in place and the program was beginning to take effect. Previously, letters to all Lake County contractors dealing with septic systems had been mailed notifying them of the program. An informational letter had also been sent to all residents so that they were aware of what would be expected of them sometime within the next five years.

Ms. Keiter continued by stating that the office staff had decided to take the Commission's recommendation regarding splitting the residents into groups equivalent to 20% each year. The group selected for the year would participate in the program and their five year cycle would begin. The office staff decided to use an alphabetical system of street names for the program. It was also decided that the 20% selected each year would be split into two groups. This would give the office staff a chance to keep up with forms being submitted and also reduce any stress put on local septic system contractors. Ms. Keiter stated that the first half of the 20% was sent their notice in early September and that the response has been good. She stated that most people were receptive and appreciative of the Ordinance. Ms. Keiter stated that the only problem encountered to date, was not knowing how much information needed to be supplied in order for a permit to be granted. The Commission stated that as long as the personal information on the top part of the application had been completed and accompanied by a receipt of inspection and the fee the permit should be granted. The Commission also stated that the purpose of the Ordinance was not to put undue stress on residents but to make sure that their systems had been inspected and pumped if needed.

5. Old/New Business

Ms. Schumm stated that the restoration efforts for Flint Creek have been put on hold until the Village is notified of any grant funding which will be made in February. If the Village gets the grant, then a meeting with homeowners can be held and stream bank stabilization will occur. Ms. Schumm stated that stream bank stabilization will reduce much of the problem and will focus on big problem areas. She also stated that the whole project would only take about 3 weeks and would probably happen in July when conditions are most stable for this type of work.

Chairman Kramper stated that the Eagle Scout project at Eton Park had been completed and that the new boardwalk looks great. He urged the Commission to take a look at it when they get the chance. Chairman Kramper also stated that ComEd was working with Lake Barrington to bury cables along Route 59. He stated that there would be three poles affected in our Village located south of Miller on Route 59. Chairman Kramper also updated the Commission with regards to the BACOG report. He stated that the private water testing would be conducted again in November, allowing residents to have their well water tested. He also stated that old or unused medications could be disposed of at the Barrington Village Hall at a collection event on October 29th. The Route 53 extension had also been discussed and residents in the BACOG area would be able to make comments regarding their thoughts and suggestions.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Rob Haas.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:21 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held February 7, 2012.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

