

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF  
NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007, AT THE NORTH  
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Due to the resignation of Environmental Commission Chairman Barbara Potter, Pat Ryan conducted the March 8, 2007 Environmental Commission Meeting.

At 7:30 P.M. Pat Ryan called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present: Susan Allman, Bruce Kramper, Pat Ryan, Brian Thomson  
Absent: Jackie Andrew  
Also Present: Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk  
Trustee John Schnure  
Trustee Jim Moran

2. Approval of Past Minutes-November 9, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting

The Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Brian Thomson moved that the Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Arbor Day Designation

Village Forester Susan Allman reported to the Commission that the Arbor Day Celebration would be held at Eton Park on April 28, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Mark Spryer from the Stillman Nature Center will bring a Great Horned Owl for viewing. Ms. Allman will provide refreshments. Mr. Brian Thomson will ask the local Boy Scout Troops if they would like to be involved in the planting. Ms. Allman will determine the type of tree to be planted and report back to the Commission.

4. Mosquito Abatement

The Commission discussed the possibility of obtaining a mosquito light trap for the Village to count the number of female and male mosquitoes. Mr. Brian Thomson informed the Commission that a light trap does not distinguish the mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. There was extensive discussion.

Motion: Brian Thomson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees to fund an amount of up to \$1500 so the Village can purchase and place a light trap at Biltmore Country Club; seconded by Bruce Kramper.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

By Roll Call:	Ayes:	Susan Allman, Bruce Kramper, Pat Ryan, Brian Thomson
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Jackie Andrew
	Abstain:	None

Mr. Pat Ryan declared the motion approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

#### 5. Flint Creek Watershed

The Commission had no news to discuss.

#### 6. Deer Count Results

The Commission discussed the recent Deer Study flyover conducted, as well as the brief history of the deer population trends within the Village of North Barrington. The Commission reviewed the list of recommendations made to the Village by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. contained in the 2007 Aerial White-tailed Deer Survey Report submitted to the Village last month. Mr. Bruce Kramper volunteered to contact the Village of Highland Park to discuss their trends regarding the number of deer in their community. The Commission will consider the possibility of a third Deer Study flyover in the near future.

#### 7. Storm Water Management Issues

Trustee John Schnure explained that the Woodland Drive culvert replacement had been approved by the Board of Trustees. The project will be started shortly by Baxter and Woodman, Inc. The Commission expressed some concern about the impact on Highway 59 at a later time.

#### 8. Review of the Tree Ordinance

Pat Ryan explained that Trustee Jim Moran had requested this agenda item. There was some discussion by the Commission as to whether any changes were needed to the Ordinance at this time. Village Forester Susan Allman stated that she feels the Ordinance is working effectively.

Mr. Pat Ryan stated for the record that the Environmental Commission will examine specific Village Tree Ordinance aspects only upon specific requests made by the Board of Trustees.

#### 9. Leaf Burning

Mr. Bruce Kramper reviewed for the Commission the results of the Village resident survey recently conducted. Mr. Kramper would like the Environmental Commission to continue to educate the Village residents on the health hazards of leaf burning. Mr. Kramper asked the Commission to research various alternatives available for leaf disposal, and would like to engage additional speakers to make presentations to the Village Board. There was extensive discussion about the results of the leaf burning survey and its accuracy. Trustee John Schnure explained to Mr. Pat Ryan that no motion was necessary in order to encourage Bruce Kramper to contact Mundelein Disposal to obtain costs associated with their leaf disposal program, on behalf of the Environmental Commission. Mr. Pat Ryan would also like to recommend to the Village Board adding to the Village website the audio presentations (MP3 recordings) made by the two expert speakers at the previous Board Meetings about the health dangers of leaf burning.

Motion: Mr. Bruce Kramper made a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees the addition of the MP3 audio of the last two expert speakers at the Board Meeting to the Village website; seconded by Brian Thomson.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Pat Ryan declared the motion approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

#### 10. Buckthorn Removal – Voluntary or Forced

The Commission had no news to discuss.

#### 11. Inventory of Ash Trees in the Village and Other Diseased Trees

Village Forester Susan Allman reported to the Commission that there was no news at this time, but that the situation concerning the Emerald Ash Borer will be addressed in the spring. Ms. Allman also stated to the Commission that she would be in favor of implementing a tree inventory and identification program. Ms. Allman will be contacting a company by the name of Trees Count.

#### 12. Old/New Business

Mr. Pat Ryan informed the Commission that new Environmental Commission member Barry Altshuler had resigned from the Commission.

Mr. Pat Ryan informed the Commission that Ron Cobb had resigned from the Environmental Commission.

Trustee John Schnure informed the Commission that Kirk Hamilton had resigned from the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Pat Ryan thanked the members for their time with the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Pat Ryan addressed the Commission with a complaint from a resident in regards to a tree located at 574 Golfview Drive. Mr. Ryan was concerned about the alleged lack of responsiveness from the Village in getting the branch of the tree removed in a timely manner. Village Forester Susan Allman stated she had not had conversation with this resident and was not aware of the removal request immediately. There was extensive discussion, and it was confirmed that the requested branch removal had been completed.

Mr. Pat Ryan stated that any use and results of the recently purchased salinity meter by the Environmental Commission would be documented to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee John Schnure took possession of the salinity meter recently purchased by the Environmental Commission for purposes of measuring salt content in various Honey Lake tributaries.

### 13. Adjournment

Motion: Bruce Kramper moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Brian Thomson.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:45 p.m. Pat Ryan declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held May 10, 2007.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk





