

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:33 P.M. Chairman Gery Herrmann called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Jackie Andrew, Pat Ryan, Pete Wesley
Absent:	Barbara Cragan
Abstain:	Frank Mattioli
Also Present:	Mark Bartlett, One Big Oak Road, Cary, Illinois Peder Finnberg, PAF/Heritage Land Consultants LLC Frank & Joyce Mattioli, 424 Mockingbird Lane Natalie Karney, Land Technology Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
March 4, 2008**

The Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Variance Request-424 Mockingbird Lane

A. Code Section VC-4-5A-7B: Septic field to be constructed in an area not already constructed with disturbed trenches.

Mr. Peder Finnberg, PAF/Heritage Associates, approached the Commission on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mattioli and explained their request for a septic variance in order to increase the bedroom count of their home from its current three to a possible four or five. North Barrington Village Code requires a septic upgrade of a mound or an at grade system. The back yard is the only location for the new septic system, and a variance is necessary since the new septic design requires it be placed over the existing system.

Mr. Finnberg explained that although the new system is being placed over a disturbed area, the Lake County soil scientist noted that the ground has had 21 years to settle. Secondly, there is no alternative location for the new system. Mr. Finnberg also explained that a new tank and aerator will be installed, classifying a total septic upgrade to the property.

Mr. Frank Mattioli approached the Commission stating that no changes are being made to the foot print of their home and confirming that no bathrooms are being added.

Ms. Natalie Karney approached the Commission stating that her septic design and setback requirements have been met. Ms. Karney also asked Mr. Mattioli to review his house plans for the Commission. There was some discussion about the definition of a bedroom i.e. accessibility by hall way and proximity to a full bathroom. It was concluded that the conversion of the loft into a bedroom plus the addition of a 5th bedroom would be in compliance with Village ordinance.

Village Forester Susan Allman asked for verification of the equipment entrance location. There was extensive discussion about some existing trees which may be dead and require removal. Ms. Allman and Mr. Mattioli agreed to set a mutual time to view the trees. Mr. Mark Bartlett, the septic installer, confirmed there is no need to store any backfill during the installation.

Motion: Mr. Pat Ryan moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend approval of the variance request to Code Section VC-4-5A-7B: Septic field to be constructed in an area not already constructed with disturbed trenches; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

<u>By Roll Call:</u>	Ayes:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Jackie Andrew, Pat Ryan, Pete Wesley
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Barbara Cragan
	Abstain:	Frank Mattioli

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the motion approved and the recommendation passed on to the Village Board.

4. Discussion of Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained that the Board of Trustees has committed to a Flint Creek cleanup project via a possible conservation easement. The Village Plan Commission is researching Village Ordinances and legislation to determine private resident accessibility issues prior to starting any work. Lake County will begin monitoring the beginning and ending points of the creek within the Village. There was some discussion of possible previous monitoring by use of the Village owned salinity meter. The Village has budgeted storm water management dollars for the project. The Commission discussed possible future restoration work along the creek bank using native vegetation. Tallgrass Restoration LLC has expressed an interest in this project involvement.

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained that the Board of Trustees would like the Environmental and Health Commission to begin considering some educational programs for the Village regarding the use of rain gardens. The Commission also discussed whether improving water quality or physical

aesthetics was the objective of the Flint Creek program. Chairman Herrmann clarified that improving water quality was the primary goal of the program.

5. Earth Day-Arbor Day Presentation

The Commission discussed the April 26, 2008 Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration. Village Forester Susan Allman has ordered small tree seedlings to be handed out, and will decide the location at the Village Hall for the tree dedication. The location next to the North Barrington Village Hall sign is a possibility. Mr. Mark Spreyer of the Stillman Nature Center will give a presentation on the identification of trees, and Mr. Tom Copenhaver from Lake County Health Department will hold an indoor seminar on the maintenance and function of well/septic systems. Light refreshments will be served. Ms. Allman will coordinate the mailing with the Village staff.

6. Old/New Business

Ms. Natalie Karney confirmed for the Commission that they will continue to hear septic variance requests. However, in the event of emergency necessary repairs to an existing system, the Village Health Officer will have the authority to issue a permit, so as to simplify the process and provide immediate relief to the resident.

Ms. Jackie Andrew asked the Commission to be aware that sand bags have been placed on her property and are now directing the flow of water off of Signal Hill Road into her yard. Ms. Andrew expressed her concern about whether this is a permanent situation.

Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper stated to the Commission that the Village Board has budgeted money for the Village Beautification Project, and would still like to research alternative sites.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:35 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held June 3, 2008.

ATTEST:

Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk

