

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF  
NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006, AT THE NORTH  
BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:32 P.M. Chairman Barbara Potter called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present: Chairman Barbara Potter, Susan Allman, Jackie Andrew, Pat Ryan, Kirk Hamilton, Brian Thomson

Absent: Trustee John Schnure, Ron Cobb

Also Present: Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Approval of Past Minutes-January 12, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting

The Minutes of the January 12, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Minutes of the January 12, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Kirk Hamilton.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Minutes of the January 12, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Forester's Report

Village Forester Susan Allman reported several issues to the Commission.

The Arbor Day flyer has been sent to assorted Barrington Area Garden Clubs and various District 220 School personnel. The Arbor Day celebration will be held Friday, April 28, 2006 at the North Barrington School. A Hackberry tree will be planted during a short ceremony. Ms. Allman reported that last years Arbor Day tree will be assessed by the Barn Nursery and may possibly be replaced.

Susan Allman reported that she had attended the Tree City USA conference and awards ceremony in March. A main topic at the conference was the Emerald Ash Borer bug. It has not yet been seen in Illinois, but there is concern due to the fact that North Barrington has an abundance of Ash trees. Warnings are being circulated that people refrain from bringing

firewood into Illinois from Michigan since the bug is prevalent in Michigan. Ms. Allman also added that the Village of North Barrington was awarded the Tree City USA award for the 6th year in a row. The Commission discussed the qualifications needed to receive such an award. Chairman Barbara Potter thanked Susan Allman for her dedication to the Environmental Commission.

Ms. Allman brought up the subject of the Illinois DNR Tree Inventory Project. There is still grant money available and she would like to see the Village of North Barrington participate since it provides an excellent tree inventory and management plan. She will follow up with the Village President to implement the program.

#### 4. Proposal for Bat Houses at Eton Park

Pat Ryan gave a presentation and proposal to install bat houses at Eton Park. The cost, installed on a fifteen foot pole, would be \$150. The Commission discussed the benefits of bats since they eat mosquitoes. Chairman Potter expressed her concern about bats being present at Eton Park when children are present. The Commission discussed the requirements of morning sun and water needed to maximize the effectiveness of the bats. The bat houses would be placed in the western tree line perimeter of the park.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees the purchase and installation of two bat houses, not to exceed a cost of \$300, at Eton Park; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the motion approved and the recommendation passed on to the Board of Trustees.

#### 5. Honey Lake Salt Level Test Results

Brian Thomson presented to the Commission a Water Analysis Report for Biltmore Country Club completed by V.J. Zolman & Associates. The focus of the study is Honey Lake and the excessive Sodium Chloride concentration. The Village stopped using sand on the roads a few years ago, changing to salt (Sodium Chloride), which is dispersed by Cuba Township after a snow. This past spring, it was noted that Salt Concentration (TDS) in Honey Lake is the highest ever recorded. Honey Lake has a small watershed, therefore, has less flushing capability and more concentration in the lake. The study illustrates guidelines for salt use followed by areas in Minnesota. The Commission would like to see the Village adopt these guidelines to protect the future of the environment. Brian reported that since Biltmore Country Club uses the water from Honey Lake to water its golf course, potential damage has taken place on the course. Chairman Potter reminded the Commission that Flint Creek is also ultimately affected by this pollution. Pat

Ryan stated that he would like to pass this study to the Board of Trustees for their review. The Commission unanimously agreed.

6. Update Woodland Drive Culvert

Chairman Barbara Potter reported that the survey is being completed, the project is out for bid and the work on the Woodland Drive culvert will be completed hopefully next year in conjunction with the work scheduled for Miller Road.

7. Recent Progress of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Barbara Potter reported that she is most pleased with the progress being made in regards to Flint Creek. Several neighboring communities have also been attending the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership meetings. She reported that a survey of Flint Creek would be administered through Lake County, starting at the main branch of Flint Creek, taking place in North Barrington the latter part of this summer. The Commission will bring several possible meeting dates for the Flint Creek Alliance to the May 11, 2006 Environmental Meeting.

8. Old/New Business

It was noted that the Christopher Burke Engineering, Ltd. deer study did not take place this past winter due to a lack of sufficient snowfall. Chairman Potter announced that the deer count is scheduled to occur at the first snowfall in the winter of 2006-2007.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Pat Ryan moved the Meeting by adjourned; seconded by Brian Thomson.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:40 P.M. Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental Commission Meeting held May 11, 2006.

ATTEST:

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Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk





