

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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: Susan Allman, Village Forester
Pete Boland, Village Trustee
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
March 8, 2011**

The Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 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 Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved, and put on file.

3. Emerald Ash Borer

Village Forester Susan Allman stated that there is currently no state Ordinance requiring a resident to act in any particular manner when it comes to the Emerald Ash Borer. Therefore the management plan being discussed at this time will only pertain to public property. Trustee Boland stated that the Board would like to encourage residents to take necessary actions; however, they do not want to impose anything upon residents. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the Environmental and Health Commission wants to educate residents on issues that pertain to them rather than giving them more rules to obey. Ms. Allman stated that some Villages are drafting Ordinances requiring residents to be very active. She stated that her management plan, as it pertains to private property, would include notifying the resident and giving them educational materials.

Ms. Allman stated that she has been working on an inventory of Ash trees in Village right-of-ways. The inventory does not include the Wynstone subdivision, Miller Road, Route 59, Route 22, or any nature preserves/parks. The inventory was conducted in a block-by-block fashion and Ms. Allman

estimates that the Village has approximately 936 Ash Trees in the right-of-ways. All trees that were counted were a minimum size of 2-3" in diameter. Ms. Allman stated that the area with the most concentration of Ash trees was the Biltmore area and there are areas throughout the Village that look healthy while others show signs of decline. She also stated that she will be talking with Brian Thomson, Biltmore Country Club Golf Course Superintendent, in the near future as he is taking inventory along the Biltmore Country Club grounds.

Chairman Kramper wanted verification that the Emerald Ash Borer does not affect any other types of trees outside of the Ash tree. Ms. Allman stated that the Emerald Ash Borer only attacked Ash trees. Chairman Kramper then asked if there would be a problem with removing the trees as they died out. Ms. Allman stated that that was her recommendation. Chairman Kramper asked if removing trees as they died out was an effective measure. Ms. Allman stated that it was and some communities are chemically injecting trees that they want to save. This would include very large trees or trees that are distinctive marking points in the Village. Chairman Kramper asked if it was cost effective to treat trees with the chemicals instead of cutting them down. Ms. Allman stated that according to what she has read, it would be cost effective over many years.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski asked if there was any hope for the trees labeled as "trees in decline" and if they were still hosting the Emerald Ash Borer. Ms. Allman stated that they do still host the Emerald Ash Borer and that their decline was eminent, therefore not providing much hope if left untreated. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the trees in decline should be cut down and questioned whether healthy trees should be treated. Ms. Allman stated that treatment for healthy trees would be up to the Village Board. Vice Chairman Kalinowski also stated that, in her opinion, trees that were already dead and were not a hazard do not need to be cut down right away and preference should go towards trees that do cause a hazard.

Mr. Haas asked if the inventory included a percentage of dead trees, a percentage of declining trees, a percentage of healthy trees, etc. Ms. Allman stated it did not; however, there were a very small percentage of dead trees. Ms. Allman recommended that the trees in decline should be removed as appropriate to the budget as this was flight season for the Emerald Ash Borer.

Chairman Kramper suggested that the Commission prioritize treatment options, make a recommendation, and discuss Ms. Allman's management plan. Ms. Allman stated that her management plan was not aggressive, was taken from a multitude of sources, and was dependent upon the budget. Chairman Kramper asked the Commission whether they thought chemical treatment of trees should be considered. Ms. Allman stated that her management plan did not include that right now but the cost of doing so could be researched if there was interest. She also stated that once treatment is started, it must be continued in order to be effective. Chairman Kramper stated he did not want to see all of the trees cut down and if possible, would want to try to save the larger ones. He stated that priority should be given, in his opinion, to removing the trees in decline to avoid further infestation. Chairman Kramper asked if the Village would then be responsible for replacing removed trees per a Village Ordinance. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the Ordinance does not require residents to replace diseased trees. Ms. Allman stated that, in some situations, she would like to see possible replanting due to the loss of our canopy. She stated that in some cases she has residents who would have up to 15 trees removed from their right-of-way leaving them with nothing. Chairman Kramper suggested that we wait to see how properties look once trees start to be cut down and then deal with replacement on an individual basis. He stated that he would like to develop a plan towards replanting at a later time.

Trustee Boland suggested that three actions be present in the management plan: No Action, Remove, and Treat. He also suggested that Ms. Allman get quotes for each of these action plans and include them prior to review by the Board. Chairman Kramper asked if the “Reforestation” issue be dropped from the management plan at this time to be developed at a later time. Trustee Boland suggested leaving it in the management plan as it was vague and general enough to be manipulated at a later date. Vice Chairman Kalinowski suggested placing the public education section closer to the beginning of the management plan and adding more information to it. She also suggested adding the option to have Ms. Allman go to a resident’s property if they so request to answer any questions and provide educational materials. This is to be added in the private property portion of the management plan and also left vague in case changes are necessary at a later date.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Environmental and Health Commission vote to recommend Village Forester Susan Allman’s Management Plan to the Village Board for approval with the modifications as discussed; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Jackie Andrew, Rob Haas

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the motion approved.

4. Septic Maintenance Ordinance

The Commission requested that Trustee Boland reintroduce the Septic Maintenance Ordinance to the Village Board for approval. The topic was left unanswered due to former Trustee Das Gupta wanting to review the materials. Since Ms. Das Gupta has left the Board since then, the Commission would like the Board to review the materials again. Trustee Boland stated that he would reintroduce the topic to the Board at the June Board Meeting.

5. Old/New Business

Ms. Allman thanked Ms. Andrew for all of her hard work and volunteering her time at this year’s Arbor Day event. Ms. Allman also stated that she gave away 75 trees at this year’s Arbor Day events making it the most successful Arbor Day to date.

The Commission discussed the need to begin spraying for mosquitoes. Since the weather has been so wet the mosquito population has boomed this season; however, weather conditions have prevented Clarke Mosquito from being able to treat the Village. Mosquito spraying will begin as soon as weather conditions allow.

Ms. Andrew stated that there have been some problems with residents not picking up after their dogs while on walks through the neighborhoods. She stated that this would be a good topic to include in the Village Newsletter.

5. 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 8:46 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held October 4, 2011.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

