

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
AUGUST 5, 2014 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL LOCATED AT
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

At 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper called the meeting to order and Karlin D. Gingrich called the roll:

Present in Person:	Chairman Bruce Kramper, Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski, Rob Haas, Linda S. Aylward, Ron Cobb and Stephen Williams (arriving at 7:36 p.m.)
Absent:	Vance Antonious
Also Present:	Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting LLC Jeff Johnson, 114 Carriage Road Dianne McCallum, 114 Carriage Road Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO Susan Allman, Village Forester Karlin D. Gingrich, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 6, 2014 Environmental and Health Commission meeting

The Minutes of the May 6, 2014 Environmental and Health Commission (“E&H”) meeting were made available to the commission members.

Motion: Ms. Kalinowski moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2014 E&H meeting; seconded by Mr. Haas.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Chairman Kramper, Ms. Kalinowski, Mr. Haas, Ms. Aylward and Mr. Cobb
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Williams
Abstain:	None

Chairman Kramper declared the Minutes of the May 6, 2014 E&H meeting approved and put on file.

3. Introduction of New Commission Member

Chairman Kramper asked Mr. Cobb to introduce himself. Mr. Cobb said he was on this commission approximately 10 years ago and has been a resident of North Barrington for 20 years. He stated he is a practicing attorney, a member of the finance council at St. Anne Parish in Barrington, on the Board of Catholic Charities in Chicago and is involved with Project Hope.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Johnson introduced himself and said he has been a resident of North Barrington for over 20 years along with Ms. McCallum. He stated he wanted to make the commission aware of an ongoing issue that was presented to E&H last year concerning their personal safety and a threat to the wellbeing of their property. Mr. Johnson said that their neighbors, the Tanakas, at 118 Carriage Road are violating Chapter 4 of the Village Code pertaining to burning as well as Lake County laws. He said the Village sent the residents a warning letter last year, but often and as recently as this past Sunday, the residents continue to violate burning rules. Mr. Johnson stated that early last Sunday morning, the Tanaka's were burning and that there was excessive smoke, sparks that flew on their property and that the fire was too close to their property. He also said that he is an asthmatic. Mr. Johnson requested that the commission take action since the Tanakas continue to violate the ordinance.

Ms. McCallum gave pictures of the burning on Sunday to the E&H and stated she is allergic to smoke. She said that the burning on Sunday was of trash, that it was too high, uncontrollable, produced white ash and large amounts of smoke, that the fire was burning near trees and within 10 feet of the Johnson/McCallum property line. Ms. McCallum said she has spoken with Ms. Tanaka repeatedly and requested she burn elsewhere on her own 2-acre property.

Chairman Kramper stated that the issues surrounding burning was a motivating factor for him in joining E&H years ago. He said at that time there was interest in banning burning altogether but the ordinance that past was a compromise with the Village Board. Chairman Kramper stated that Mr. Johnson and Ms. McCallum have the legal right to call the fire department when there is a burning. Vice Chairman Kalinowski said that they could also call the Sheriff to enforce the ordinance. Chairman Kramper stated that they should speak with the Village Board regarding this issue. Mr. Cobb said there was a passionate debate from both sides when the ordinance was created. Vice Chairman Kalinowski said that she is in favor of residents being able to burn landscape debris and against the burning of leaves. Ms. Aylward said she thinks people's attitudes toward burning has probably somewhat changed in the past decade. Ms. McCallum suggested that the amount of days for burning be limited. Mr. Cobb stated that they should call the fire department and the sheriff to deal with the immediate issue, which is the Tanaka's violating the village ordinance and approach the Village Board to begin the process of trying to restrict the ordinance further.

5. Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting LLC: Proposal for South Eton Park Restoration; update on Flint Creek Restoration Project.

Ms. Schumm said that since there were new members present she would give them some background about her. She stated that she has a consulting company and that she works for the Village of North Barrington on environmental issues, primarily as the issues relate to Flint Creek or storm water. Traditionally, she said, she has worked with E&H to review contracts and any work being done in natural areas. Ms. Schumm said that several years ago E&H determined Eton Park was the highest priority park within the community and that she would put a lot of her effort into the restoration of it, such as clearing debris and improving storm water flow.

Ms. Kalinowski asked if North Eton Park was completed. Ms. Schumm said E&H approved a 3-year contract that started in the spring of 2013 and goes through fall of 2015. Ms. Schumm said that clearing began in South Eton Park this past fall because there were some good rates and because the Parks & Recreation Commission ("PRC") had said that they'd love to see some restoration in that area.

Ms. Schumm explained that she had been asked by the Village Board to bring the restoration issue to E&H. Ms. Schumm said Julian Steyermark used to be a botanist with the Chicago History Museum and that he owned property in North Barrington at one time and that he did a lot of studies regarding the flora and fauna in this area and that his findings are documented in the Natural History Society's archives. She said the restoration involves removing invasive species to allow seeding of native plants. She stated that some sensitive plants (Blue Cohosh and Wild Golden Glow) have started to grow because of the restoration effort.

Ms. Schumm provided a proposed contract from Integrated Lake Management, Inc. ("ILM") for restoration work from November, 2014 through March, 2015. She said that she occasionally has access to free interns from the Department of Natural Resources to help reduce some of the cost. Ms. Schumm stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission suggested she present the proposed contract to the E&H. She said that she needs a recommendation from E&H to the Village Board in order to get approval for the contract and restoration work. She reported that ILM does a good job, they are personable and they provide a report after every visit. Ms. Schumm said that PRC absolutely did not want trails put through Eton Park so they do some burn breaks and will occasionally mow some temporary trails. She said she has a list of residents in the area that she contacts whenever work is scheduled in the park. She stated that seeding may not be necessary because the seed bank is coming back from the continued maintenance. Ms. Schumm said she would like to see the dead ash trees killed by Emerald Ash Borer cut down and removed. She also stated the Village would like to see a trail system created, that she is working on developing a trail plan and that she will meet with the PRC and show them maps that outline where all the trails are located in surrounding communities. She said the PRC will suggest places for the trails to be made and that public hearings will be held. Ms. Aylward said she loves the idea of signage in the park area to let people know of the restoration work. Ms. Schumm said that there are some grants available for signage and that if she has approval she will research those grants. She asked that E&H approve the maintenance proposal for South Eton Park from ILM. There was some discussion and review of the proposal. Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Schumm what budget would pay for the restoration work. Ms. Schumm said it would be paid for from the Flint Creek Restoration Budget.

Motion: Mr Cobb moved to approve the ILM maintenance proposal for South Eton Park with a recommendation to the Village Board; seconded by Vice Chairman Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote by Roll Call:

Ayes:	Chairman Kramper, Ms. Kalinowski, Mr. Haas, Mr. Williams, Ms. Aylward and Mr. Cobb
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Ms. Schumm said that E&H has previously approved a water testing contract through 2015 and they are studying where there are fecal coliform hot spots throughout the community. Most of these hot spots are in Biltmore have to do with high water levels after significant rain events because of well and septic systems.

Ms. Schumm provided an article that she wrote for the Land and Water magazine regarding the Flint Creek Restoration Project as an update. She said that she would love to see another project started, get some more work done in the community and apply for additional funding.

There was some discussion regarding seeding and clearing.

Ms. Schumm thanked the commission for their time.

6. Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO

Ms. Rampale introduced herself to the commission. She said that she works with other villages and hopes the commission will contact her as a resource. She said SWALCO stands for Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. She mentioned that SWALCO is an intergovernmental agency of which North Barrington is a member as is about 95% of the county, Great Lakes Naval Base and Lake County government. She said SWALCO was formed from a recycling act and that they were the first agency in the state and that the goal was to manage all of the solid waste with an environmentally sound, stable method. Ms. Rampale stated that some core programs and services that SWALCO currently offer include: collections for recycling clothing & textile, electronics, household chemical waste, pharmaceutical/medical waste, shoes, plastic bags, bikes, furniture, etc. SWALCO works with legislatures regarding laws, provide recycling guidelines, work with hauling contractors to allow residents to add more to the curb-side recycling and helps some villages negotiate their contracts with hauling companies and provides school education assistance. Also, they have a composting and rain barrel sale every year as well as provide education about using them. She said that their website (www.swalco.org) is very informative and a great resource. They also do community events and programs. She stated that approximately 70% of what SWALCO collects is recycled or reused.

Ms. Rampale said that if there are any programs that E&H is interesting in that she would assist them in any way she could.

There was some discussion regarding cradle-to-cradle recycling.

Mr. Williams said that he felt making residents aware of all the programs SWALCO has to offer was important and that it was something he felt the commission could assist with and that perhaps the village could let residents know that SWALCO has an e-list they could sign up for on their website.

There was some discussion about possible options for various programs. Chairman Kramper suggested adding SWALCO to the agenda for next month to further discuss possible recycling events.

There was discussion regarding sending a postcard to all North Barrington residents informing them about SWALCO and their e-list. Chairman Kramper reiterated that this subject be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Old Business/New Business

There was no old business or new business.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chairman Kalinowski moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Cobb.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:49 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the E&H meeting held February 3, 2015.

ATTEST: _____

Elia Torres

Deputy Village Clerk

Village of North Barrington