

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF
NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005, 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 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, Brian Thomson

Absent: Ron Cobb, Kirk Hamilton

Also Present: Thomas Byrne, 96 S. Wynstone Drive
Robert Knox, 75 N. Saddletree Lane
Jerry Meese, 117 W. Lakeshore Drive, Tower Lakes
Jack Knox, 300 115 N. Lee, Alexandria, VA
Randy Kottke, 400 S. Cook St., Barrington
Trustee Dave Peterson
Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Approval of Past Minutes – September 22, 2005 "Special" Environmental Commission Meeting
Approval of Past Minutes – October 13, 2005 Environmental Commission Meeting

The Minutes of the September 22, 2005 "Special" Environmental Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Brian Thomson moved that the Minutes of the September 22, 2005 "Special" Environmental Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Jackie Andrew

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Minutes of the September 22, 2005 "Special" Environmental Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

The Minutes of the October 13, 2005 Environmental Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Brian Thomson moved that the Minutes of the October 13, 2005 Environmental

Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Minutes of the October 13, 2005 Environmental Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. 75 Saddletree Lane, Property of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox
Village Tree Ordinance, Section 5-3A-8: Appeal

Village Forester Susan Allman recused herself from the hearing.

Mr. Jerry Meese, the builder hired by Mr. & Mrs. Knox, came before the Commission and gave a brief synopsis of the house and barn construction at 75 Saddletree Lane. During this process, there was a meeting between Village Forester Susan Allman, Jerry Meese and Randy Kottke, the landscaper of the property, to discuss a particular tree that had been removed. The tree had been located two feet from the foundation of the barn and it was agreed at the meeting, that the tree would have had to be removed.

The Village Forester explained to the Commission, however, that since no phone call was placed to her prior to tree being cut down, a fine would be levied on the homeowner. There was extensive discussion about the original location plan of the barn, and its proximity to the removed tree (designated as #1928 on the tree survey). Village Forester Susan Allman stated to the Commission that the proper procedure for tree removal was not followed and the fine of \$1800 was justified.

Mr. Jack Knox approached the Commission and requested consideration for the circumstances based on a "common sense" perspective that the tree would not have survived the approved construction of the barn. Trustee Dave Peterson explained to the Commission that they serve as the judge and jury in this matter. They can either find there was a violation of the ordinance or not, or they can identify mitigating circumstances and recommend a reduction in the amount of the fine. The Commission discussed adjusting the amount of fine in lieu of other trees that were preserved during construction.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Environmental Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees the amount of the fine be reduced from \$1800 to \$1000, thus taking into consideration the 8" of tree DBH saved; seconded by Brian Thomson.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairman Barbara Potter, Jackie Andrew, Brian Thomson,
Pat Ryan

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ron Cobb, Kirk Hamilton

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

4. 96 S. Wynstone Drive, Property of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byrne
Village Tree Ordinance, Section 5-3A-8: Appeal

Village Forester Susan Allman recused herself from the appeal hearing.

Mr. Thomas Byrne approached the Environmental Commission and recounted the events leading to his tree fine levy. Mr. Byrne reviewed the list of replacement trees scheduled for planting on his property. There was extensive discussion. Mr. Byrne is requesting that the Commission recommend to the Village Board some relief from the fine incurred on the basis that the violation was unintentional and that he is replacing far more trees than were removed.

Village Forester Susan Allman explained to the Environmental Commission that she determined Mr. Bryne's fine according to the Village Ordinance standards. She imposed the fine on the basis that Mr.

Byrne did not follow the proper procedure. Ms. Allman does not recommend that the Commission give Mr. Byrne any relief in regards to the fine. The Commission discussed reducing the fine based on the consideration of desirable trees being planted. The Ordinance currently has no formula for this type of rating.

Motion: Brian Thomson moved that the Environmental Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees that the fine for violation of Village Tree Ordinance, 96 S. Wynstone Drive, of \$7100 be reduced to \$5300 on the basis of the desirability rating of the trees being planted on the property at 96 S. Wynstone Drive; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

By Roll Call:

Ayes: Jackie Andrew, Brian Thomson
Nays: Chairman Barbara Potter, Pat Ryan
Abstain: None
Absent: Ron Cobb, Kirk Hamilton

Chairman Barbara Potter declared that the motion did not carry.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Environmental Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees

that the Village Tree Ordinance, Section 5-3A-8: Appeal for 96 S. Wynstone Drive be denied; seconded by Chairman Barbara Potter.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

By Roll Call:

Ayes:	Chairman Barbara Potter, Jackie Andrew, Brian Thomson Pat Ryan
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ron Cobb, Kirk Hamilton

Chairman Barbara Potter declared the motion approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

5. Village of North Barrington, Village Code Amendment (Amendment to Provisions Requiring Removal of Diseased Trees) Section 1: Section 5-3B-4A, Section 2: Section 5-3B-4B, Section 3: Section 5-3B-5, and Section 4.

The Commission agreed to discuss this matter at a future Environmental Commission Meeting.

6. Discussion of North Flint Creek Alliance

Chairman Barbara Potter reported to the Commission that she would like to organize a meeting of the North Flint Creek Alliance in the spring of 2006 and invite the residents that live along North Flint Creek to attend.

Chairman Barbara Potter reported that the Board of Trustees had approved in principal the implementation plan for North Flint Creek. Trustee Dave Peterson requested that the Environmental Commission monitor the plan and report the progress to the Board of Trustees every six months.

7. Discussion of Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

Chairman Barbara Potter reported to the Commission that she was pleased with the progress of the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership.

8. Old/New Business

The Commission would like to discuss the issue of deer control at the next Environmental Commission Meeting. There was discussion about the reliability of a flyover deer count.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Pat Ryan 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 9:35 p.m. Chairman Barbara Potter declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the "Special" Environmental Commission Meeting held December 1, 2005.

ATTEST:

Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

