

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:31 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, Susan Allman, Rob Haas
Absent: Jackie Andrew
Also Present: Natalie Karney, Village Health and Sanitation Officer
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting
September 14, 2010**

The Minutes of the September 14, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski moved that the Minutes of the September 14, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting be approved; seconded by Rob Haas.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the September 14, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission “Special” Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Wynstone Tree Request

Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Allman for her opinion regarding the Wynstone tree request since she was not in attendance at the last Environmental and Health Commission Meeting. Ms. Allman stated that she was asking the Commission to allow the tree to stay for one year, and then the health of the tree could be re-assessed. She stated that she saw no noticeable damage, with the exception of the lightning strike, and that she felt as if it could recover. Ms. Allman also stated that she questioned the assessment Wynstone received from Autumn Tree Care Experts because they are a tree removal company and she has had previous negative experiences dealing with them. Ms. Allman also stated that the Wynstone Golf Board was not interested in keeping the tree and asked what the fine would be if they did remove it without consent.

Chairman Kramper stated that he also has no problem waiting to see if the tree recovers. He stated that the people he has spoken to at Wynstone are in favor of the tree being removed for safety. He also stated that it was not in anyone’s interest at the Golf club for the tree to be removed since it will need to be replaced and the money will be taken from their budget. Chairman Kramper stated that they

could have already removed the tree and not gone through the appropriate steps of the Ordinance, but they are making every attempt to follow the correct guidelines. Chairman Kramper spoke with Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite about the issue and was told that the Village would not specifically have any liability if the request to remove the tree was denied and something happened; however, there is the possibility of implied liability. If this were the case, the Village would have to spend a lot of time and money fighting any potential lawsuit. Chairman Kramper stated that, from a legal viewpoint, Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite suggested the tree be removed.

Ms. Allman stated that she had just received eleven more Heritage tree removal applications and if Wynstone were allowed to remove the tree based on the sole fact that they followed the guidelines there would be many more. She also stated that it is not meant to be viewed as a variance, but as an appeal. Chairman Kramper asked if the new requests were also damaged trees. Ms. Allman stated that they were not and with winter coming, and no golf being played, she didn't see a reason as to why the Wynstone tree couldn't be left until spring for a re-assessment.

Chairman Kramper asked Ms. Allman what she would be looking for during the re-assessment and if the crack in the tree bothered her. Ms. Allman stated that she would watch for the tree to leaf out in the spring and that the Environmental and Health Commission could make a recommendation to have the tree cabled. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the Ordinance is written in such a way that if all the steps had been followed then the tree can be removed.

Mr. Haas stated that he would rather not see the tree go since there is minimal damage. He stated that if they were worried about liability that they could cable the tree. Chairman Kramper stated that the Golf Board wouldn't consider cabling the tree when he spoke with them because of budget constraints. Ms. Allman stated that she understands budget constraints, but it could possibly end up being more expensive to remove the tree, plant a new tree, and the bond that is required with that process.

Chairman Kramper asked if anyone would like to make a motion, but no motion was called. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated her opinion that she was not in favor of denying the request to remove the tree, but would be in favor of allowing the tree to be removed. She also stated that Wynstone had complied with everything in the Ordinance, including having a certified arborist evaluate the tree, and felt that the Village could not ask Wynstone for more than what the Ordinance required. Vice Chairman Kalinowski also suggested that the Village consider amending the Heritage Tree Ordinance to include a second or third arborist evaluation and perhaps requiring the appealing party to expend efforts such as cabling trees, etc. since, in its current state, the Ordinance is not specific enough with regards to requirements.

Chairman Kramper declared the topic tabled.

4. Septic Maintenance Ordinance – Review

Vice Chairman Kalinowski revised the operating permit form. Mr. Haas thought of some appropriate Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the back of the form. The questions and some answers are as follows:

- How does a septic system work?
- How often should I pump the tank?
- Are there things I shouldn't put in my tank/system?
- Can I use household cleaner, i.e. bleach? Will it hurt my system?

- Should I use septic system additives? No.
- Are there special detergents/toilet papers I should use?
- How long do septic systems last? Designed to last 15 years. Depending on soil conditions, water table, number of people, etc.
- Should my storm water, downspouts, water softener, be connected to my septic system? No – clear water discharges should not be directed to the system.
- How do I know when/if my system is not working properly? Continuous wet spot, smell, water is not going down the drain, floor drains back up, toilets slow to flush/not flushing, etc.
- What can I put on top of my septic field? Turf grass only over field – no plantings, trees, on field. Perimeter plantings that can handle soils, no construction, no heavy equipment especially when wet, no decks or pools, no underground sprinkler systems within 25 feet of field.
- Why does my grass grow in stripes?

Chairman Kramper stated that the Commission would work on completing answers to the remaining questions for the next meeting. He also stated that he would try to obtain a copy of the Lake County “Do’s and Don’ts” regarding septic systems for the next meeting. Vice Chairman Kalinowski will work on finishing the instructions to be printed on the back of the operating permit for residents’ clarification. Chairman Kramper also requested that an additional copy of his final draft of the letter to be sent with the permit form to homeowners be forwarded to the Commission.

5. Flint Creek Project – Educational Aspect

Ms. Andrew is working on ideas for the Flint Creek Educational Aspect and was not in attendance at the meeting. Chairman Kramper asked the Commission if anyone else had any ideas on this topic and there were none.

6. Old/New Business

Vice Chairman Kalinowski requested information on the BMP manual. Information will be provided at the next meeting. Chairman Kramper informed the Commission that the banks downstream from Rugby Road were being stabilized, although he wasn’t sure as to how outstretched the stabilization project would be. Ms. Allman stated that the Village’s 50/50 Tree Program was going well to date.

The Commission received an email from their Board Liaison, Camille Koertner, announcing her resignation from the Board. The Commission thanked her for all of her diligence and hard work. The Commission is hoping that a new active liaison will be appointed to them.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Susan Allman moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Vice Chairman Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

At 8:24 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

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These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held November 2, 2010.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

