

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004, AT THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE

1. Call to order and Roll Call

At 7:38 Chairman Ken Peterson called the meeting to order and the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

Present: Chairman Ken Peterson, Vice Chairman Barb Potter, Susan Allman, Pat Kemper, Pat Ryan, Brian Thomson
Absent: Craig Hasselberger
Also Present: President Starkey, Trustee Dave Peterson, Deputy Village Clerk Sue Manko

2. Approval of Past Minutes-October 23, 2003

The Minutes of the Meeting were made available to the Commission. There were no changes to the Minutes.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved that the Minutes of the October 23, 2003 Environmental and Health Commission be approved; seconded by Chairman Peterson.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the Minutes of the October 23, 2003 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

3. Commission Member Reports

A. Vice Chairman Barb Potter/Pat Ryan Stormwater Management Issues Update

1. Swano Property. Vice Chairman Potter reported that due to the cold weather, there were currently no Stormwater Management problems to report. A contract has been signed with Ted Gray in regards to Flint Creek; however, it is too late to begin the survey. The survey work will resume in the spring after the ice has melted. A meeting with Ted Gray and Vice Chairman Potter has been scheduled for February 12, 2004. Ted Gray hopes to have the topographical maps of Lake County shortly. It was noted that there was an error in the contract where it makes reference to Exhibit A on the work order. Vice Chairman Potter will follow up at the February 12 Meeting to make sure the correction is made. Trustee Peterson will also attend that meeting. Vice Chairman Potter thanked Trustee Peterson for calling the Klehm residence at 231 Shady

Lane. There are piles of cedar chips on the Village right of way next to the road.

2. Other Issues. Vice Chairman Potter hopes to have the Stormwater catch basin locations identified on the topographical maps for purposes of cleaning. The Commission hopes to supply the Village with the exact count and an estimate of what it would cost to have them cleaned. Trustee Peterson suggested prioritizing the cleaning schedule. There was some discussion. Vice Chairman Potter hopes to have this completed by April 2004. Pat Kemper mentioned the importance of using these cleanings to remove mosquito larvae.

4. Goal Setting for 2004

A. Continuing issues

1. Deer situation. Chairman Peterson and Vice Chairman Potter complimented Pat Kemper on her comprehensive report on surrounding Villages and their procedures relating to deer control. Vice Chairman Potter stated that there is likely more than 150 deer currently in North Barrington. Pat Kemper stated that the Village could conduct a helicopter flyover to obtain an exact deer count. President Starkey asked who would conduct such a flyover. Pat Kemper explained that there are services that do this, usually for an average amount of \$3000. Pat Ryan suggested several flyovers to ensure an exact count. There was lengthy discussion. The winter time is better for a flyover due to increased visibility. It was discussed whether or not a member of the Environmental and Health Commission would accompany the helicopter pilot and counter. The Commission decided that they would gather information about the specifics of a flyover and make a recommendation to the Board.

Motion: Vice Chairman Potter made a motion that the Environmental and Health Commission gather the necessary facts to conduct a flyover of the Village of North Barrington, not to exceed the cost of \$4000, for purposes of an exact deer count and then make a recommendation to the Board; seconded by Chairman Peterson.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the Motion approved and that the recommendation would be forwarded to the Village Board.

2. Mosquitoes. An Annual Report was made available to the Commission from Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. Brian Thomson will call Clarke to get a more specific report detailing the Village. The Commission stated that the Village was under budget due to less sprayings.

3. Sand vs. salt. The Commission agreed that all was going well with the new snowplowing company is doing a good job and the present mixture of salt on the roads is working well.

4. Stormwater management. The topic of Stormwater management is ongoing and was previously discussed under Commission Member Reports by Vice Chairman Potter and Pat Ryan.

5. Septic matters. There were no septic matters discussed.

B. New Issues

1. Program to wipe out invasive plant species. Trustee Peterson stated that this program is intended to eliminate and control such invasive plants as buckthorn.

2. Expand Arbor Day. The Commission discussed incorporating Arbor Day with the Earth Day clean up and the possibility of having a spring party at Eton Park. They reserved the park for April 25, 2004. Susan Allman volunteered to plant a new tree by the Eton Park sign and Pat Ryan volunteered to be in charge of coordinating the Earth Day cleanup. Susan Allman will call Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson Cassidy Towne to coordinate the Spring Fling. There was some discussion on the proposed event. The Commission agreed the details need to be organized right away.

3. Beautification of public spaces. The Commission would like to continue planting trees and taking steps to beautify the Village. Susan Allman would like to plant a crabapple tree next to the Eton Park sign at Eton Park.

4. Adopt a Road Program. The Commission discussed incorporating the program with the local schools. Brian Thomson volunteered to discuss the program with the Cub Scouts since he is a Cub leader. Susan Allman volunteered to see how many roads are available for the Adopt a Road Program.

5. Plan for conservation easements. The Commission discussed open space conservation. Trustee

Peterson clarified that the purpose is to identify open space to prevent development and enhance the Village. There was some brief discussion of the Steep Slope Ordinance. Susan Allman plans on obtaining a copy of this proposed Ordinance.

6. Catch basin cleaning program. This topic was discussed earlier in the Meeting. Pat Kemper again emphasized the importance of incorporating the cleaning with the mosquito larvae elimination.

7. Swale/culvert cleaning program. The Commission clarified that the Village is responsible for culvert cleaning when the culvert runs underneath the road. This is done as part of the Roads Committee. The homeowner is responsible for cleanout of the culverts underneath the driveways.

8. Others. Susan Allman discussed the new landscaping idea of Rain Gardens. It is a concept of planting in areas that are extremely wet from Stormwater and other moisture producers.

5. Old/New Business

A. Deer Update. This issue was previously discussed.

B. Miscellaneous. The Commission decided that they would like to publish an Environmental and Health Commission newsletter, either quarterly or seasonally. The goal would be to educate the North Barrington residents on issues such as Stormwater management, tree removal, culvert cleaning etc. The newsletter would educate the residents on utilizing the present land and maintaining a natural state. There was some discussion. Vice Chairman Potter's husband would do the graphics design.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Chairman Peterson moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Pat Kemper.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:55 P.M. Chairman Peterson declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held February 26, 2004.

ATTEST:

Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

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