

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009 AT
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:40 P.M. Chairman Gery Herrmann called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper,
Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Barbara Cragan, Patty Kalinowski, Pete
Wesley
Absent: None
Also Present: Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk
Camille Koertner, Trustee
Ginger Das Gupta, Trustee
Nicole Keiter, 285 Honey Lake Court

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
May 5, 2009**

The Minutes of the May 5, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission. Some changes were made to the minutes.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the May 5, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the May 5, 2009 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved as amended and put on file.

3. Introduction of New Trustee Liaison Camille Koertner

The Commission expressed their positive opinion of the new Trustee Liaison Camille Koertner and look forward to Trustee Koertner attending their meetings.

4. Review of Flint Creek Discussion

Chairman Gery Herrmann reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting held 5/5/09 for Trustee Koertner and Pete Wesley. Since the last meeting there was work done to the initial clearing area such as herbiciding and burning of brush piles. There was concern from area residents regarding the burning of the piles which could cause damage to the canopy cover and existing vegetation under the pile, as well as damage the basic air quality. There is some seeding and re-growth of vegetation in the area;

however, the quality of what is re-growing was discussed. Additionally there are some wildflowers growing, but buckthorn and garlic mustard are reappearing.

Susan Allman and Trustee Koertner walked the area on Monday 6/1/09. There were approximately 9 – 12 log jams identified in the creek from this walk. Ms. Allman noted her concern about the spraying and its possible damaging effects on the wild flowers. She mentioned that the best time to be spraying would be in fall or early spring. Ms. Allman contacted Tallgrass about the spraying and as a result, witnessed Tallgrass hand pulling. There was discussion among the commission regarding the initial clearing performed by Tallgrass. Long term plans were discussed. Trustee Koertner gave an update to the commission as to what the Village Board had discussed at their previous meeting regarding this issue. Trustee Koertner noted that re-assessing and creating a new plan for the project was essential. Two line items were added to the budget; 1) Flint Creek restoration 2) clearing debris from the creek.

After much discussion, it was decided that a list of concerns should be drafted; and subsequently a new plan implemented. Ms. Kalinowski volunteered to begin work on that list. Educational tools such as a Best Management Practices pamphlet will be designed to inform the residents and spark interest in the project. In addition, there was discussion about the possible use of volunteers; however, liability issues are of concern.

5. Review of Septic Tank Maintenance Ordinance Public Meeting Mailing

The Commission discussed that a postcard be sent to residents inviting them to a Public Meeting to review the proposed Ordinance at the 7/7/09 Environmental and Health Commission meeting. The commission is hopeful that Village residents will be receptive to the ordinance.

Motion: Barbara Cragan moved that the Environmental and Health Commission approve the mailing of the postcard; seconded by Patty Kalinowski.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: Ayes: Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Barbara Cragan, Patty Kalinowski, Pete Wesley

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Jackie Andrew

The motion was passed.

The review of the septic maintenance ordinance will take place in conjunction with the next Environmental & Health Commission Meeting on 7/7/09. This proposed ordinance will be posted on the Village website. A copy of the proposed ordinance will also be available for public review in Village Hall. The costs of the postcard and mailing will not be covered with the \$10,000 grant funds. Funds will be deducted from the Environmental and Health Commission's budget.

6. Old Business

The Flint Creek Watershed Partnership received only a portion of their rain garden grant money. They received \$4,500 of the \$12,000 grant. The rain gardens will be placed in high profile areas such as schools, libraries, etc. The Village of North Barrington's easement areas will most likely not be chosen for a rain garden; however, they are still on the list for consideration.

Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper reported on the Village Board's views of the proposed spring chipping program. Mr. Kramper stated that it was brought up at the last meeting, however was not then discussed or finalized. (The proposed spring chipping program will be a mirror image of the fall program.) If implemented, the amount of burning would decrease, promoting better air quality and safety. The Environmental and Health Commission proposed to take the costs of this program out of their budget. Susan Allman volunteered to speak with Tom Gooch regarding this issue.

The Village's deer population was also mentioned. Several commission members attended the Citizens For Conservation sponsored program on deer held at the Library on April 11, 2009 where the issue was discussed. Commission members were concerned with the acceptable number of deer in a given area. Concerns for the destruction of landscaping as well as the spread of disease were voiced. It was decided that education for the residents would be the most vital starting point in creating a plan to deal with the over abundance of deer. Trustee Koertner offered to bring this issue before the Village Board.

New Business

Mosquito spraying and monitoring was discussed. The majority of concern revolved around the diseases carried by mosquitoes and their general nuisance. Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper informed the commission about what the Village Board discussed at their last meeting and questioned whether or not spraying actually had an effect on the number of mosquitoes. The suggestion to spray on a more regular basis was proposed. The contract that the Village has signed regarding the cost of mosquito spraying as well as the regularity will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission on July 7, 2009.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Pete Wesley.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:10 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held July 7, 2009.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

