

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 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 Bruce Kramper called the meeting to order and the Deputy Village Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Chairman Bruce Kramper, Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Patty Kalinowski
Absent: Rob Haas
Also Present: Nancy Schumm-Burgess, BACTrust
Camille Koertner, Village Trustee
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting
April 6, 2010**

The Minutes of the April 6, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the portion of the Minutes regarding consequences for the Septic Ordinance. Some changes were made. Jackie Andrew stated that her comments under Old/New Business were incorrect and some changes were made.

Motion: Jackie Andrew moved that the Minutes of the April 6, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved as amended; seconded by Susan Allman.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the Minutes of the April 6, 2010 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved as amended and put on file.

3. Flint Creek Project – Nancy Schumm-Burgess, Schumm Consulting LLC

Nancy Schumm-Burgess of Schumm Consulting LLC, attended the meeting to follow up with the Commission on Village owned properties that would be viable options as new project areas. Ms. Schumm-Burgess provided the Commission with a description of each area, the proposed work that would be done on the area, as well as the proposed results. Ms. Schumm-Burgess wanted the Commission to discuss what they thought the top priorities would be, and where they would like to see the work done before discussing pricing options. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained that the Commission should look for areas that are highly visible and include multiple types of environments such as wetlands, woodlands, etc. The properties given to the Commission for consideration were: North

Barrington Village Hall property, Haverton Conservancy, Lafferty Park Conservancy, Leonard Park, and the Eton Park extension.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that she had looked through the properties given to the Commission in advance and made some general comments on each. She stated that she thought the Village Hall property was a good option; it is highly visible from Route 22 and has a good combination of both woodland areas as well as wetland areas. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that Lafferty Park would be a good choice because it is very visible; however, most of it is wetland and from the first quote provided it would be very expensive. Ms. Schumm-Burgess stated that there was more money in grants for wetlands and that any project with a substantial amount of wetland could be reserved until later in an effort to apply for the applicable grants. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that Leonard Park has a built in positive because there is already a nature trail running through the area. Even though this area is surrounded by residents, Vice Chairman Kalinowski feels that everyone could potentially benefit from it. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that she liked the idea of the Eton Park extension area because the project has already been started with Eton Park. There is an existing playground and social events that happen in Eton Park so it would be very visible. This project would also benefit the creek and has the potential for the Environmental and Health Commission to collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vice Chairman Kalinowski does not think that Haverton Conservancy would be a good choice because it is not very visible and would only be primarily beneficial to residents. Ms. Schumm-Burgess also stated that this was a large wetland area and could be considered for the wetland grants.

Ms. Andrew stated that she would like to see the work completed on the area that is most used by the residents of North Barrington, which would be Eton Park. Ms. Andrew also stated her concern about the cost for the project at Village Hall. Ms. Schumm-Burgess explained that estimates are based on the density of buckthorn that would need to be removed. Ms. Andrew suggested taking some of these areas in sections in areas to assist in the ease of completing the project along with making sure drainage issues are addressed properly. Ms. Allman stated that she would like to see work being continued on what was already started. She also stated that she feels as if the Commission is responsible to the residents of North Barrington in these difficult economic times. She stated that she isn't in favor of everything proposed for these projects and that the scope for some of these areas is massive. Ms. Allman also stated that she would be interested in having an inventory done on the areas chosen for work which would provide what vegetation is already there.

Ms. Schumm-Burgess then asked the Commission for their recommendation. Chairman Kramper reminded the Commission that this was simply a recommendation for the Board and that this Commission was not responsible for financial decisions. The Board will take the recommendations and make the appropriate decision. There was some discussion from the Commission. Ms. Allman stated that she was overwhelmed by everything at the moment. Ms. Andrew stated that she would like to see the Village Hall property be the first project, but taken in sections and then her second choice would be Eton Park. The Commission, some with reservations, agreed that their top three recommendations would be as follows, with number one being of top priority:

- 1) Village Hall Property
- 2) Eton Park Extension
- 3) Leonard Park

The other two areas would fall into the wetland category and could be considered for grants.

Ms. Koertner, Village Trustee, stated that this information came to the Environmental and Health Commission prior to the Board seeing it or reviewing it. She also stated that just because there is a line

item on the budget for this type of work doesn't necessarily mean that the Board will spend the money if they do not feel that it is justified. Ms. Koertner stated that the Commission was responsible for prioritizing their recommendations and then sending them to the Board. Then, a plan can be created and the Village will be able to reassess as needed. Ms. Koertner also stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission should be involved along with the Environmental and Health Commission on this project. Chairman Kramper stated that he would contact Pat Ryan, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, when needed for collaboration on this project. Ms. Schumm-Burgess stated that a letter over-viewing the Best Management Practices for water protection as well as plants of concern and local nurseries would be going out to residents living along Flint Creek. This will serve as an educational mailing for the residents and endorse their efforts in helping to keep the work done to Flint Creek maintained. The Commission asked to review the letter before it is mailed to the residents.

4. Septic Maintenance Ordinance

Chairman Kramper stated that the septic maintenance ordinance is in the process of review with the legal department. He stated that all of the questions previously asked of the Commission had been answered in their entirety. Chairman Kramper then stated that one question posed in the previous meeting that still needed clarification was that relating to the timing of the notices and penalties. There was some discussion from the Commission and the final response to this issue was the following:

An initial mailing will be sent and residents will have ninety (90) days to respond. After the time has elapsed two more mailings will be sent, each with thirty (30) days to respond, giving the resident a total of five months response time. If there has still been no response there will be a fine of \$150 and the Environmental and Health Commission will turn the inspection over to Natalie Karney, Village Health and Sanitation Officer. At this point the septic system will be considered non-conforming and handled as if it is inoperable.

Chairman Kramper then encouraged the Commission to review the list of septic companies obtained from Lake County that would be sent out to residents along with the informational letter. The Commission would also need to contact all of these septic companies and let them know of the new ordinance, if passed. Mr. Haas is responsible for drafting a list of what would be necessary for the contractors to obtain at each residence. Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that the information required by the computer program TWIST to initiate the database would be just general information such as the resident's name, address, tax ID number, parcel size, etc.

Chairman Kramper stated that other Villages were showing interest in this proposed ordinance and wanted to learn more about what North Barrington was doing with this project. He also stated that Trustee Weiner mentioned interest in a shorter time frame for the initial implementation of the program across the entire Village. The Commission agreed that they would like to keep the five year time frame for this project.

6. Old/New Business

Ms. Allman stated that Arbor Day activities at North Barrington Elementary School went very well. She stated that the kids were excited for the day's events and that a Red Bud Tree was planted.

Vice Chairman Kalinowski stated that Tallgrass Prairie has an open house in Wisconsin at their office on Saturday June 12.

Chairman Kramper stated that on the South East corner of Route 59 and Miller Road there is a parcel of land that the resident wants to donate to the Village. The Village wanted to do a Village beautification project on that parcel earlier, and Chairman Kramper wanted the Commission to continue thinking about that because the idea may come to the forefront again.

The Commission would like to congratulate Ms. Kalinowski on becoming Vice Chairman of the Environmental and Health Commission. Her thoughts and contributions are greatly appreciated.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Jackie Andrew 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 8:29 p.m. Chairman Bruce Kramper declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held June 1, 2010.

ATTEST:

_____, Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

