

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION OF  
THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 AT  
THE NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 7:34 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,  
Barbara Cragan, Jackie Andrew, Susan Allman, Pete Wesley  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk  
Lawre Weiner, Trustee  
Wojtek Bialy, 9323 Knight Avenue, Des Plaines  
Peder Finnberg, Heritage Land Consultants

**2. Approval of Past Minutes: Environmental and Health Commission Meeting  
June 3, 2008**

The Minutes of the June 3, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Minutes of the June 3, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting be approved; seconded by Ms. Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Minutes of the June 3, 2008 Environmental and Health Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

**3. Variance Request 475 E. Oxford Road**

Mr. Peder Finnberg, Heritage Land Consultants, approached the Commission and explained the reason for the variance requests. Mr. Finnberg provided the septic design and reviewed the drawings for the Commission. Due to the position of the original house (to be torn down) and the plans for the new house, the future expansion area needs to be installed prior to construction. It will be located in the back yard behind the pool. Due to the proximity to the designated wetland area, the expansion field area must be approved. The new at grade mound septic system will be placed over the existing system. Chairman Herrmann pointed out that they were installing considerably more than the owner needs, and Mr. Finnberg pointed out that once the new house is in place, it would be impossible to access the back yard to install the expansion area.

The Commission discussed the drainage concerns on the property since the house has been empty for a year, and the property backs up to a wetland area. Mr. Finnberg clarified the elevation levels shown on the drawing in relation to the septic field and emphasized there is sufficient drainage. There was discussion about the impact of the existing pool in regards to water pumping out onto the property.

The Village Forester asked for clarification of the access route during construction and stated that she required a tree inventory and tree protection plan prior to permit issuance.

Mr. Wojtek Bialy, the architect, reviewed the background of the existing home, and the decision by the homeowner to construct a new home. The Commission expressed some concern about the steep slope of the property and its effect on construction efforts.

Chairman Gery Herrmann explained that Village Health Officer Natalie Karney was unable to attend the meeting this evening, but had no objections.

**A. Code Section VC-4-5A-7-E-6: Future expansion segment of the At-Grade Mound to encroach slightly with-in the 50 feet set-back from the wetland.**

Motion: Ms. Barbara Cragan moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend approval of the variance request to Code Section VC-4-5A-7-E-6 to allow the future expansion segment of the at-grade mound to encroach slightly with-in the 50 feet set-back from the wetland; seconded by Vice Chairman Kramper.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

<u>By Roll Call:</u>	Ayes:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Barbara Cragan, Pete Wesley, Jackie Andrew
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None
	Abstain:	None

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the motion approved and the recommendation passed on to the Village Board.

**B. Code Section VC-4-5A-7-A: New At-Grade mound to be placed over the existing seepage field.**

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend approval of the variance request to Code Section VC-4-5A-7-A to place the new at-grade mound over the existing seepage field; seconded by Ms. Jackie Andrew

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

<u>By Roll Call:</u>	Ayes:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Susan Allman, Barbara Cragan, Pete Wesley, Jackie Andrew
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None
	Abstain:	None

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the motion approved and the recommendation passed on to the Village Board.

Chairman Herrmann thanked them for their attendance and advised them to attend the September 24, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting.

**4. Update on Flint Creek Watershed Partnership.**

The Commission discussed the progress of the Flint Creek Watershed Restoration project within the Village of North Barrington. The grant submittals have been made by Nancy Schumm-Burgess from BACTrust. Ms. Susan Allman expressed her hopes to involve the community in the education and implementation of the proposal submitted by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC. The Commission would like to see a community campaign effort, initiated by the Environmental and Health Commission. The Flint Creek Watershed Partnership would like to see individual homeowner efforts that would be partially reimbursed by grant funds. Ms. Allman reviewed a sample agreement between the Village of North Barrington and Wetland Restoration Program Participant. The Commission agreed the progress of the project has been favorable.

**5. Old/New Business**

Chairman Gery Herrmann announced to the Commission that Mr. Frank Mattioli had resigned his position effective immediately. Chairman Herrmann thanked Mr. Mattioli for his service and stated to the Commission that there are now two openings. Chairman Herrmann also expressed his condolences regarding the death of previous longtime Commission member Mr. Robert Strain.

The Commission reviewed the Village Entrance Beautification Project, and the feasibility of planting and maintaining gardens.

Motion: Ms. Jackie Andrew moved that the Environmental and Health Commission recommend to the Village Board using the budgeted Village Entrance Beautification funds to purchase signage in order to define the Village entrances instead of planting gardens; seconded by Mr. Pete Wesley.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

By Roll Call:

Ayes:	Chairman Gery Herrmann, Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper, Barbara Cragan, Jackie Andrew, Pete Wesley
Nays:	Susan Allmann
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the motion approved and the recommendation forwarded to the Village Board.

Ms. Susan Allman announced that the Village 50/50 Tree Planting Program applications have been sent to the residents.

Ms. Allman has also invited Mr. Mark Duntemann, Natural Path Urban Forestry Consultants, to speak at the next meeting. Mr. Duntemann performed the Village tree inventory as part of the Trees Count Program.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion: Vice Chairman Bruce Kramper moved the Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Jackie Andrew.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:50 p.m. Chairman Gery Herrmann declared the Meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting held October 7, 2008.

ATTEST:

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Sue Murdy, Deputy Village Clerk



