

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, WHICH WAS HELD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003,  
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 Ken Peterson called the meeting to order and called the roll:

Present: Chairman Ken Peterson, Susan Allman, Craig Hasselberger, Pat  
Kemper, Pat Ryan, Brian Thomson

Absent: Barbara Potter, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk  
Dave Peterson, Trustee  
Julie Swano, 405 Concord Lane  
Kelly Mazeski, 243 Woodland Drive  
John Briggs, 583 Brookside Lane

2. Approval of August 28, 2003 minutes:

The Minutes of the Environmental & Health Commission Meeting on August 28, 2003 were made available to the Commission. There were some changes made to the minutes.

Motion: Pat Ryan moved to approve the Minutes of the Environmental & Health Commission Meeting on August 28, 2003 as amended; seconded by Pat Kemper .

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the minutes of the August 28, 2003 approved and put on file.

3. Commission Member Reports:

a. Barbara Potter-Stormwater Management Issues Update. It was noted that the Sioux Drive retention basin was now clear of gravel. Barbara Potter will update the pending cases at the next meeting. It was noted that there has been very little rain lately. Pat Ryan told the Commission that the history of the drainage problem on Concord Lane was reviewed at the September Board Meeting. He said that the topic was tabled until the Board had ample time to review the issues.

b. Brian Thomson-Mosquito Spraying Update. Brian Thomson reported that due to the lack of rain, the mosquito counts were low. Trustee Peterson suggested that George Balis write up a season end report/summary.

#### 4. Old/New Business

a. Mr. John Briggs approached the Commission about the issue of leaf burning in his neighborhood. His son has asthma and he has concerns about the burning adversely affecting his son. The Ordinance No. 841 regulating the outdoor burning of leaves and other landscape waste was addressed in discussion. He wishes to show support for tighter control of burning and to support a leaf burning ban. He stated that he has a neighbor who is in constant violation of the Ordinance. The question of whom would be contacted in regards to a violation arose and it was determined that the Lake County Sheriff would be called. The Commission wishes to bring to the public's attention the guidelines of the Ordinance. Susan Allman brought up the subject of what constitutes proper burning. She said that if the burning was done properly, there should not be a lot of smoke. Lake Zurich can issue a permit for burning a brush pile, if necessary. Trustee Peterson suggested publishing the burning rules in a newsletter. Pat Kemper questioned the allowed burning hours and there was discussion on whether the hours should be amended. Chairman Peterson suggested that the commission find out when the next newsletter or postcard can be sent out to clarify all the burning issues. Pat Ryan brought up Section 7-10-3 Times and Days Burning Permitted of the Ordinance and wished to delete (A) "Leaves and other landscape waste" and insert "Landscape burns". Trustee Peterson advised the Commission to make a recommendation to change this wording of the Ordinance. Chairman Peterson and Pat Ryan both made the recommendation to change the wording. Pat Kemper stated she would be the contact for air quality issues.

b. Deer Update. Pat Kemper is currently meeting with various villages in regards to their handling of the deer population. It was noted that there are considerable more deer now in the United States than in the past. Pat Kemper reported there were ongoing studies by surrounding villages and their problems with the deer population. Pat Kemper and Kelly Mazeski expressed their views pertaining to culling of deer, and other options possibly available to address the problem. Trustee Peterson suggested making a presentation to the Board on whether or not the deer were indeed a problem. He suggested the Commission make a recommendation based upon a larger sampling of the public, along with getting some input from the Humane Society. There was discussion about the DNR and their management of natural resources as they relate to hunting. Trustee Peterson instructed the Commission to complete a balanced report of options, both pros and cons, and then present to the Board. He mentioned the possibility of putting the subject on a voting ballot.

Pat Ryan gave a report of three issues discussed at the Board meeting September 22, 2003 pertaining to the Health and Environmental Commission.

1. Pat Ryan reported that Ted Gray would be helping on the Flint Creek Project.
2. Pat Ryan reported that the Board had asked if there was a decision by the Commission regarding the use of salt vs. sand on the roads during snowplowing. Brian Thomson handed out

a report dated August 26, 2003 illustrating the result of analyses showing how the use of salt has been detrimental to the water in Honey Lake. Susan Allman also mentioned that she now receives a lot of calls in regards to trees possibly being damaged by the use of salt. Trustee Peterson asked that the Commission compile a recommendation to bring to the Board regarding the mix ratio of salt and sand used on the roads. The Barn Nursery will be responsible for the snow plowing this coming winter. Brian Thomson volunteered to head up a committee to study and formulate a solution to the salt vs. sand issue. Pat Ryan questioned whether or not a Special Meeting would be necessary in order to recommend an action. Trustee Peterson said that was most likely necessary.

3. Pat Ryan brought up the approval of the septic variance at 212 Biltmore Drive. He said that the Village Attorney would determine the owner of record for the land that holds the cement culvert currently in place. There was discussion on whether the owner of the land or the septic owner was responsible for fixing the culvert. The septic variance was approved under this condition that it be repaired.

5. Adjournment:

Motion: Chairman Peterson made of motion to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion:

The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Peterson declared the motion approved.

At 9:30 p.m. Chairman Peterson declared the Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were approved at the Environmental and Health Commission Meeting on October 23, 2003.

Attest:

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Sue Manko, Deputy Village Clerk

