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VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen. Vance Antoniou was absent.

Also present was George Balis from Clarke Mosquito, Trustee Mark Vandenberg, Village Forester Susan Allman, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2025 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve November 4, 2025, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Clarke Presentation by George Balis

Mr. George Balis reviewed a power point presentation on the Village of North Barrington mosquito control program. The Village has 138 acres of wetlands and 5 square miles of area, which presents certain conditions conducive to mosquitos. Clarke has a process for monitoring the life cycle of mosquitoes, larval site inspections, laboratory identification of species (Lake County has 50 species) and larval control, both on the ground and aerial with certain organic USDA approved granular larvicide.

There was a discussion about Village resident access of the Clarke Portal on the website. Residents can request driveway specific treatments. Chairperson Steve Kahn brought up the current trend of longer seasons requiring more mosquito treatment services.

Mr. Balis reviewed the current program services breakdown of the Village Program, the 2025 Cuba Township Program and the Lake County Health Department. The Village is in discussion with Cuba Township about their budgetary plans to discontinue aerial treatment of the Honey Lake area.

2025 Tree of the Year Winner

Lauren Preisen announced the winner of the 2025 Tree of the Year. The committee selected the White Pine located at 517 Shady Lane. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy composed a

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congratulatory letter to the residents and will follow up with a letter to the residents whose trees were nominated for approval leave their nomination on file for the 2026 Tree of the Year. She will also order the customary plaque and yard sign presented to the winner at the April 15th, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting.

Village Forester Susan Allman stated she submitted the application on behalf of the Village for Tree City USA.

The Commission discussed the 50/50 Tree Cost Share Program and ways to incentivize residents to participate more. Village Forester Susan Allman reviewed the process for the participating residents to follow. Trustee Vandenberg suggested using money in the Environmental and Health Commission budget to purchase trees for residents to plant.

Brainstorming/Strategic Planning/Resident Survey

Chairperson Kahn stated that he was working with Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson David Lauffer to design and send out joint events mailer to the residents.

Trustee Vandenberg stated that he would have SWALCO updates following their January Meeting.

Old/New Business

The Commission is continuing to recruit new Commission members.

Village Forester Susan Allman suggested an inventory of Village trees that are 250 years old to recognize during the Village celebration of the 250th birthday of the USA.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaito
Village Clerk

