

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Also present was Trustee Mark Vandenberg, Village Health & Sanitation Officer Natalie Karney, and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Village Health & Sanitation Officer Natalie Karney addressed the Commission and stated she is in the process of writing a more extensive presentation addressing private well and septic systems. Ms. Karney will also go into detail about her role as Health & Sanitation Officer, interfacing with the Lake County Health Department. The Village of North Barrington has its own requirements along with the requirements from Lake County Health Department when a septic repair/replacement occurs. The Commission hopes to put together a welcome packet to new Village residents who are unfamiliar with well and septic systems.

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2026 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting

Motion by Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to approve March 3, 2026, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

FYE 2027 Budget Discussion

Chairperson Steve Kahn stated the Environmental and Health Commission will have funds in the FYE 2027 Budget. There is \$3000 left over from the 50/50 Tree Cost Share program. The Commission would like a Village sponsored monetary incentive program to be offered to the Village residents to remove buckthorn from their property.

The Commission discussed details and will follow the format of the Ancient Oaks Foundation Buckthorn Bounty Program. Chairperson Kahn will submit a proposed program description to Village staff.

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2025 Tree of the Year Discussion

Chairperson Steve Kahn will attend the April 22, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting to present the 2025 Tree of the Year winner with the 2025 Tree of the Year yard sign and plaque.

Arbor Day/Earth Day Planning

The Commission discussed the Sunday, May 3, 2026, Arbor Day Event. Lauren Preisen will place a new flyer in the Eton Park kiosk and invite the local Scouts to attend. She will also buy some cookies. An Arbor Day Proclamation is on the Agenda for April 22, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting.

Brainstorming/Strategic Planning/Resident Survey

- Native Plant Garden Container Challenge
- Buckthorn Removal Raffle

The Commission discussed ways to engage the community as well as encourage participation in gardening, conservation and cleanup of natural areas. Utilization of the Village Website and e-blast communications are preferred. Administrator Lobaito will give the Commission administrative rights to the Village Website so they may post updates to the community.

Old/New Business

Chairperson Kahn is working with President Sweet McDonnell to recruit new Commission members.

Adjournment

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Chairperson Kahn 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 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito
Village Clerk

