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**VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

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

Also present was Trustee Mark Vandenberg, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2025 Environmental & Health Commission Meeting**

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve April 1, 2025, Environmental & Health Commission Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

**Earth Day and Arbor Day Recap**

The Commission agreed Earth Day/Arbor Day event at Eton Park on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, was a huge success. A Kentucky Coffee tree was donated by Biltmore Country Club. The residents enjoyed the pet parade and prizes. The Scouts participated and assisted with the cleanup of Eton Park. A suggestion was made to order plaques identifying the three trees planted at Eton Park which were donated by Biltmore Country Club. The Commission thanked Commonwealth Edison for their donation of the Black Hills Spruce saplings that were given to the residents.

**2025 Garden Walk Planning Discussion**

The Commission discussed the June 29, 2025, Village Garden Walk. The topic of signage was brought up. Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy will work with State Graphics to design new signage to be placed for the Garden Walk. The Commission would like 20 signs to place around the Village. Garden Walk participants from 2024 will be contacted by letter and invited to showcase their gardens this year.

The website and Village e-blasts will advertise the event. A 2025 Notable North Barrington Events post card was mailed to residents.

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**Proposed Amendment to the Cost Sharing Tree Planting Ordinance**

The Commission reviewed and discussed amendments to the Ordinance Establishing a Cost Share Tree Planting Policy on Private Property (Ordinance No. 2022-07). The Commission reviewed a redline copy of the Ordinance with changes. The Commission had previously recommended that residential property owners be permitted to plant the tree anywhere on their property, not just the front yard as currently required, subject to the location approval by the Village Forester or designee. The Commission is recommending additional amendments to encourage greater participation in the program.

Motion by Steve Kahn and seconded by Lauren Preisen to recommend to the Board of Trustees that certain amendments to the Ordinance be approved. In addition to minor word changes, the following changes are recommended.

1. Increase the approved resident reimbursement from \$300.00 to \$400.00.
2. Allow the participating residents to plant anywhere on their property, subject to approval by the Village Forester or the Forester's designee.
3. Allow residents to participate each year in the program.

On roll call, Chairperson Aylward, Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted YES. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

The Village Administrator will submit the approved amendments to the Village Attorney for review and draft of an amended Ordinance to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

**Composting Presentation for Garden Walk**

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Steve Kahn will continue his efforts to assemble a composting program for the residents. He plans to have composting information available at the 2025 Garden Walk check-in location on June 29, 2025. Steve also contacted SWALCO and was given kitchen composting pails from SWALCO representative Merleanne Rampale to distribute at the Garden Walk registration location at Eton Park.

The Commission would like to offer food scrap/compost options to the residents.

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**Old/New Business**

There was no old business.

Chairperson Linda Aylward announced to the Commission that she would be stepping down from her position. Commission member Steve Kahn has been invited to serve as Environmental and Health Commission Chairperson. The Commission thanked Ms. Aylward for her 13 years of service.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting of the Environmental and Health Commission was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

John Lobaio  
Village Clerk

