

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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 Village Forester Susan Allman, Village Administrator John Lobaito and Administrative Assistant Sue Murdy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2025 Environmental & Health Commission "Special" Meeting

Motion by Lauren Preisen and seconded by Steve Kahn to approve October 15, 2025, Environmental & Health Commission Special Meeting Minutes. On roll call, Chairperson Steve Kahn and Lauren Preisen voted AYE. No NAYS. Motion Carried.

Discussion of 2025 Tree of the Year

Lauren Preisen stated that Linda Aylward and Stacey Laschen have agreed to remain on the Tree of the Year Committee to nominate the 2025 Tree of the Year. The Village Forester will be consulted as well. The Committee will visit the nominated tree sites and select a winner in December 2025. The winner will be recognized and given the 2025 Tree of the Year award at the April 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Commission agreed there are some good nominations.

Brainstorming/Strategic Planning/Resident Survey

There was a discussion about the role of the Environmental and Health Commission. Chairperson Steve Kahn stated he would like to refocus on the scope and responsibilities of the Commission. Village Administrator John Lobaito explained that he has spoken with Village President Sweet McDonnell about the Commission's goals.

Lauren Preisen voiced her dissatisfaction that the Environmental and Health Commission members were not consulted when the contract with Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) was renewed. She stated that the Commission had previously been involved with the contract decision and was extremely surprised the Commission was not informed of the contract renewal. Ms. Preisen explained that as a representative of the Village of North Barrington, she is frequently asked by residents about current Village topics and thinks the Commission should have been consulted about the process of renewing the contract.

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Village Administrator John Lobaito explained that the five-year contract with LRS was a renewal of an existing contract. After he reviewed the surrounding communities waste company pickup rates, and evaluating the benefits of not changing service companies, he consulted the Village President; the decision was made to remain with LRS. The Village Board voted to renew the contract. Mr. Lobaito stated it was an oversight on the part of the Village not to consult the Environmental and Health Commission.

Chairperson Kahn stated that he would like to arrange for Clarke Mosquito to make a presentation to the Commission in the Spring of 2026. He inquired about the helicopter program with Clarke that flies over the area dropping pellets over the wetlands to treat mosquitoes. Village Administrator Lobaito clarified that the helicopter is contracted by Cuba Township and is not North Barrington's program. The Village has been notified in the past by Clarke Mosquito. There was discussion about the Clarke Mosquito program and the choice of the residents to have the truck drive down private driveways.

Chairperson Kahn stated he would like to conduct a survey of the Village residents about Environmental and Health related topics they would be interested in learning about, as there are many new residents. The Commission discussed developing their own Village website page. Village Administrator Lobaito will arrange for Chairperson Kahn to communicate with the Village web page administrator Myriad.

Lauren Preisen inquired if the Village Trustee Liaison is attending the SWALCO Meetings. She would like to ask Trustee Liaison Mark Vandenbergh about the SWALCO programs.

Chairperson Kahn would like to research and test the local aquifers for bacteria, chloroform, and microplastics. Administrator Lobaito will provide Mr. Kahn with contact information at Lake County Health Department. The Commission would like to research well water chemical content statistics in Lake County Illinois. Education of the residents of well and septic maintenance was also discussed. Mr. Kahn asked if the Environmental and Health Commission had funds in the budget to utilize for various programs. Educating the residents on health and environmental issues was discussed. Ms. Preisen stated many new Village residents are unaware of the importance of clean drinking water.

Old/New Business

The Commission is continuing to recruit new Commission members.

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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 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



John Lobaito
Village Clerk

