Village of Antioch – Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2010

1. Called to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:31 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

   Present – Those present were: Chairman Mike Babicz, Members Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Brent Bluthardt – left at 7:45, Glenn Semple, Casey Furlong, Christina Landgren arrived at 6:36, left at 7:05. Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:38. Guests present: Staff Member Mike Kudla, Mitch Valentine and daughter Indica, Stuart Malsch.

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting on Sept. 27, 2010 by Brent Bluthardt, 2nd by Casey Furlong. Voice vote – all aye.

3. A motion to add another member to the Environmental Commission bringing the total to nine was made by Peter, 2nd by Christina Landgren. Discussion followed.
   Mitch Valentine introduced himself and spoke briefly about alternative and conservative energy. Voice vote – all aye.

4. Ordinance no. 10-07-24 discussion. Several ideas were brought up to help determine the direction to proceed.

5. Project ideas were introduced:
   - Light bulb recycling kits from Waste Management - these can be distributed to help people recycle fluorescent bulbs.
   - Brent proposed that the EC should define strategic goals that we want to reach. A framework should be decided on to direct our focus.
   - Casey mentioned wetlands, energy, green space, sustainability, and carbon footprints.
   - Cynthia suggested that it would be beneficial to have a place – perhaps at the library - for people to go to find out about green information.
   - Brent, Glenn – audit of other areas for the purpose of energy conservation
   - Peter stated that the North Mill Dutch Creek Gap watershed meeting would be held on Wednesday to discuss the tour recap from 2-4pm at the Lindenhurst Village Hall. He thought there may be opportunities to learn about the watershed. This type of information could be put on our page on the website. Peter will attend the meeting.
   - Mike mentioned that we need to find if some organization within the village is already going – we don't need to duplicate work.
   - Brent suggested that we put together a list of other environmental agencies that we can work with and possibly attend their meetings. Glenn will compose a list.

- Osmond Park – Coke bottle recycling containers. Information on this will be looked into. Recycling could be done at all the parks. This may be our first project.

6. Members shared their background information and environmental experience. Melonnie requested that each member write a brief biography about themselves to be put on the webpage. Committees were briefly discussed, but not decided upon yet.

7. Mission Statement. The purpose in the ordinance will act as our mission statement for now.
The mission of the Environmental Commission "shall be to research, investigate, consider, report on and assist the Village Board in taking actions or adopting ordinances and policies which foster environmentally sound activities, whether in the area of conservation or improvement of the greater Antioch environment."

8. Old Business:
    a. Adding another member to the EC will remedy the voting issue.
    b. The official name of the group will be the Environmental Commission.

9. New Business:
    a. Browns Field Grant was applied for by Dustin which will be used to redevelop areas, address contaminated soil and plant vegetation. Deadline was near. Mike approved that the grant proposal be submitted.
    b. Mike Kudla reported that two solar operated trash compactors were given to the parks department on a trial basis and asked for input about where they should be put? They must be placed in an area that has sunlight. Suggestions were discussed. A motion to put them by the High School and the train depot was made by Glenn, 2nd by Cynthia, Voice vote - All aye.

Next Meeting – Nov 22nd at 6:30 pm.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Cynthia Stepanek. 2nd – Glenn Semple.   All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Melonnie Hartl