



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2010

1. Called to Order: 6:30 pm. Present: Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Brent Bluhardt, Glenn Semple, Casey Furlong, Scott Pierce, Candi Rowe  
Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:42pm.  
Absent: Christina Landgren
2. Brent Bluhardt and Cynthia Stepanek took the oath of office and were officially sworn in by Village Clerk Candi Rowe.
3. Melonnie Hartl volunteered and was appointed recording secretary to the Commission  
Motion by P. Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Furlong. Vote - all aye.
4. After discussion about a regular date and time to meet it was decided that the Environmental Commission (EC) will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the village hall.
5. New Business:
  - a. Open meetings act - One member can meet with another, but two or more meeting at one time violates the act. This includes emails - they should not be sent to "all".
  - b. Because the commission has eight members, one member at each meeting will not be able to vote. Mike will find out if this issue will be fixed soon - either another member be appointed or talk to attorney Long about how to make this decision.
  - c. There was discussion about if a staff member from the village will be present to lock up or if a key can be picked up and returned from dispatch. Mike will check into this.
  - d. Peter inquired - as an advisory commission - will we be receiving assignments or will we be looking for issues to address? The consensus was that it will probably be a combination of both. New ideas can be brought up under new business.
  - e. Members should review the ordinance which is similar to the one used by Lindenhurst. Any discussion will be done at the next meeting. Casey volunteered to call a member of Lindenhurst to talk about what they have done already.
  - f. There is a webpage already in place for the EC on the village website.
  - g. Several ideas were brought up about possible issues to address. The village does not have any major projects to address at this time. There was a question as to who starts environmental initiatives. Candi stated that it can come from any

constituent talking with the mayor. Recommendations can be done to the EC and then brought to the village board for a vote.

h. For the next meeting:

the ordinance should be reviewed by each member and any questions should be brought forward

ideas for projects should be introduced for discussion. Each member should decide on what they would like to focus on.

committees will be formed depending on interests of members

develop a mission statement

i. Lindenhurst is quite successful with their Arbor Day project. Antioch's is handled through the park district.

j. The discrepancy about the commissions name was brought up. The ordinance states Environmental Commission, but the certificates state Green Advisory Commission. Candi will check to see how the official name should read.

k. The next meeting will be October, 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the village hall.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Brent. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Casey All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Melonnie Hartl