



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2011

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. 2nd by Christina.

Present – Those present were: Chairman Babicz, Members: Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Glenn Semple, Casey Furlong, Christina Landgren, Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:41. Guests present: Dennis Crosby, George Sakas

Absent: Brent Bluthardt,

2. A motion by Casey was made to accept the minutes of the meeting on Feb. 28, 2011 as amended. 2nd by Glenn. Voice vote – all aye.
3. Shawn Lahr was not able to attend tonight's meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Meredith Schnelle has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the EC. Trustee Pierce has her resume.
Peter made a motion to make a recommendation to the village board for the ordinance for the EC to be changed from seven members to nine members. 2nd by Christina. Voice vote - all aye.
A motion was made by Peter to recommend Meredith Schnelle for a position on the EC. 2nd by Christina. Voice vote - all aye.
 - b. After a brief discussion it was decided to have two people on a committee. Each member will be on a committee and act as an alternate on another. Committees are as follows:
Education – (initiatives in the community, workshops, school programs, Earth Day)
Christina, Cynthia, (A) Melonnie
Conservation – (Recycling, water, protecting natural environment)
Peter, Christina, (A) Glenn
Green Building – (construction related projects, LEED certification)
Brent, Casey, (A) Cynthia
Alternative Energy – (water, wind, energy audit)
Glenn, ? (A) Peter
 - c. Some of the members have sent their biographies to Candi. Melonnie will make sure they all get to her and will also keep copies in the EC files.
 - d. Melonnie gave a report on the Wild Things Conference that she attended on March 5th at UIC. See attached report 4d.
 - e. Melonnie gave an update on the Community Garden project. Village Trustees Crosby and Sakas talked briefly about land at the Bitner property on North Avenue near Nelson. The property is several acres in size and would allow for a lot of growth. There are buildings there that may be

able to be used and water would be available. Trustee Crosby thought it was a great project and that the village would embrace the idea. Other property suggestions were the Pitman property on Main Street and the NICC property just off of Rt. 83. The pressing issues are which parcel would be best and how soon the property could be ready.

Trustee Sakas will get a map of the village owned properties to see if there are any other parcels to be considered. Lots of discussion. Peter will contact Dennis H to see if there is a time that some of the EC members can view the properties.

5. New Business:

- a. A question about an Earth Day Event being put on by the parks department was brought up. No event is being planned for this year that we know of.
- b. Discussion about a budget for the EC was discussed. Members are to create a proposed budget for their committees for next meeting so that we can present it to the village board.
- c. Christina presented EcoFair 360 information. It will be held July 8th – 10th at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. There will be over 250 exhibitors, 100 presentations, numerous demonstrations and children's activities. They are partnering with over 40 organizations, businesses and schools and would like us to help promote the event. In return, they would promote us as well. More information can be obtained from their website: www.ecofair.com or by contacting Wen-D Kersten at 262-248-0970. Christina will look into who we need to contact to post their link on the village website.
- d. Peter mentioned that approximately 100 American White pelicans have been spotted on Lake Catherine and Lake Marie. It is very unusual to see them here.
- e. Cynthia brought in more information for the files. CNT – Center for Neighborhood Technology, composting and worm resources were added.
- f. Glenn stated that Sieben Energy would be willing to come to the May meeting to present energy audit information.

Next Meeting – April 25th at 6:30 pm.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Melonnie made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Glenn. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by Melonnie Hartl