



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 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.

Present: Chairman Babicz, Members Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Brent Bluthardt, Cynthia Stepanek.

Guests present: Stuart Malsch, Trustee Pierce

Absent: Glenn Semple, Christina Landgren, Casey Furlong

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from March 28, 2011 by Peter, 2nd by Cynthia. Voice vote – 4 aye. Abstain - Brent
3. Old Business:
 - a. The Board ordinance concerning the number of members was already changed to have 9 members as of Nov. 1st, 2010. The EC had not been notified of this change. Christina is reluctantly resigning from the EC due to a job change and relocation out of the area. With Christina moving, another position is open. Meredith Schnelle was told not to come to the meeting tonight because of communication errors due to the ordinance issue. She will be asked to join us at the May meeting. Tom Neuman also expressed an interest in joining the EC. His resume will be sent to Trustee Pierce for consideration.
 - b. Committee assignments will be changed at the next meeting due to the changes in membership. The Community Garden will be under the Education Committee.
 - c. EcoFair 360 – Mike was contacted by Wen D Kersten and she suggested that the Environmental Commission have a booth at the fair. After discussion, it was decided that we would not be prepared to have a booth this year, but it would be beneficial if a member would attend the event. A motion was made by Brent to authorize Cynthia to represent the EC at EcoFair360. 2nd by Melonnie. Voice vote – all aye.
 - d. Community Garden update. Peter and Cynthia visited both sites with village personnel. They were told that the Pitman property would be a better choice, although Trustee Pierce reported that the discussion at the Village Board meeting was that the Bittner property would be better. After discussion, a motion was made by Peter to make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, May 2, 2011 to use the Bittner property for the Community Garden project that will consist of approximately 30 plots at a fee of \$25.00 each. Motion seconded by Cynthia. Voice vote - all aye. This will be our major project for this year. We will try to offset expenses by the fees being charged per plot as well as with donations and fundraisers.

Mr. Malsch stated that he was concerned about the future of the trees located on the Bittner property. He informed us that he had a map of the Bittner property indicating the tree locations and would provide us with a copy.

4. New Business:

- a. Proposed budget – Discussion about the needs of the EC followed. See attached EC Proposed Budget 2011-2012.
There was a motion by Brent to accept the proposed budget. 2nd by Cynthia. Voice vote – all aye.
- b. There was discussion again about the possibility of applying for grants ourselves – we don't want to replicate work, but we can find grant information and bring it to the village. We cannot proceed with anything without village approval.
Chain of Command communication – Chairman Babicz and Trustee Pierce must be in the loop to obtain approval on everything.
- c. Cynthia brought in information about vertical farming for the files
- d. There was discussion about a solar power coop. Peter will look into solar panels as an alternate power source to discuss at a future meeting.
Grayslake was looking into this concept. Prairie Crossing Charter School is instrumental in using alternative energy sources and passes the information onto the village.
- e. Itasca EC website has many links to information. We should be looking for relevant links to bring to the EC meetings where we can consider them for recommendation to Candi for addition to the village website. ie SWALCO, etc.

Next Meeting – May 23, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

5. Motion to Adjourn: The motion was made by Brent, 2nd by Peter. All aye.
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by Melonnie Hartl