



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2011,

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:32 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Babicz, Members Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Glenn Semple, Casey Furlong, Cynthia Stepanek. Guests present: Meredith Schnelle

Absent: Brent Bluthardt

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting on May 23, 2011 by Casey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia. Voice vote – all aye.
3. Old Business:
  - a. New Member Introduction - Meredith Schnelle introduced herself and gave us some background on her experience with the environmental issues. She suggested having native plants in the community garden. She would be happy to join the Commission. Village Clerk Candi Rowe will be contacted to conduct the swearing in at the next meeting. Melonnie will add her to the email list. Motion to recommend that Meredith be on the EC made by Peter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Melonnie. All aye.
  - b. Committee Assignments - Mike suggested that we postpone the committee assignments until we have new members on board.
  - c. Energy Efficiency Audit – Peter reported that the audit that the village had done last year was a utility audit and had a lot to do with billing. Peter stated that the village had a two year contract. Glenn stated that the application was given to Jim Keim but he does not know the status of it. This audit would look at building structure and equipment to save energy. Glenn will contact Jim and Joy to determine the status and offer to help with the process. He will report on the outcome at the next meeting.
  - d. Antioch Community Garden Update -
    - i. The garden needs compost. Baxter is still willing to donate it once we find a source. Glenn will call Thelen to get straight compost – one truckload ~ 10 yards.
    - ii. Signage – Randy from Impressions Count is willing to donate a sign for the garden. Cynthia or Melonnie will talk to him to see if something can be ready by Friday.
    - iii. Cynthia made a motion to accept the donation for the sign from Impressions Count. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. All aye. Cynthia will talk to him tomorrow.
    - iv. A suggestion was made to put a packet together for next year from businesses that would like to donate or offer something to the gardeners.
    - v. A formal letter to the Village for the location and the improvements to the garden will be drafted by Melonnie.

- vi. Melonnie will contact Marytherese from Open Arms to see if they would like a plot for their clients and how to proceed with produce donations.
- vii. Meredith will talk to Polsons about donating some vermicompost in exchange for recognition and a plot at the garden.
- e. County Green Conference – a report was given by Cynthia and Melonnie  
Mike reminded members to submit receipts for the conference and expenses for the garden.

4. New Business:

- a. Earth Friendly Cleaning Supplies - No information received.
- b. Eco Fair 360– Cynthia has tickets for the event. Members are encouraged try to attend on July 8 – 10 in Elkhorn, WI.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

5. Motion to Adjourn: Glenn. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cynthia. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl