



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2011,

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:41 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Babicz, Members Peter Grant, Melonnie Hartl, Meredith Schnelle, Cynthia Stepanek. Guests present: Village Trustee Scott Pierce

Absent: Glenn Semple, Casey Furlong, Brent Bluthardt

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from July, 25, 2011 by Peter, 2nd by Meredith. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy**

No report.

- b. **Conservation**

No report.

- c. **Education**

The idea of having a seed exchange perhaps in the 1st week of Oct was brought up. Gleaning will be done next Tuesday morning 8/30. Kim Zurek's Girl Scout troop to take a plot for this year and interested in one next year too. The native plants are doing well but fighting weeds. No further information from CLC about the community garden forum, but Mel will watch for it.

- d. **Green Building**

No report.

4. Old Business:

Mike reminded members that we are still in need of one more member. Anyone interested should contact Mike, the mayor or any member.

Cynthia brought information from EcoFair360 to be filed in our folders for future reference.

5. New Business:

Cynthia brought info for the Green Energy Summit and Exposition in Milwaukee next March 7-10th 2012. Perhaps members would like to go and we can let the village know as well.

Meredith mentioned that the community garden is on the map for the Antioch Garden Club Garden Walk in September.

Mike suggested an idea for alternative energy committee - natural gas as a fuel source. He noticed that there are commercials on TV promoting natural gas as a source of fuel for vehicles. He wondered if there was a natural gas “station” somewhere in Lake County? Peter will look into this. Perhaps the village would be interested in this cheaper, cleaner source of energy.

Meredith inquired about reusing cooking oil as a source of energy. Cynthia stated that cooking oil can be used to run a truck but it must be filtered. There is a man in Arlington Heights that collects used oil from restaurants and filters it and sells it to people to use for fuel. The alternative energy committee can also look into this further.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Peter 2nd by Meredith. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl