



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2011,

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:33 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Babicz, Members Peter Grant, Brent Bluthardt, Casey Furlong, Melonnie Hartl, Glenn Semple, Meredith Schnelle. Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:43. Guests present: Village Trustee Scott Pierce, Walter Willis.

Absent:

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from October, 24, 2011 by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. Voice vote – all aye.

3. New Business:

Walter Willis gave a presentation about SWALCO.

- 1) Who is SWALCO?
  - a) A Municipal Joint Action Agency recognized as a unit of local government per Illinois law
  - b) Includes 41 municipal members and the County of Lake
- 2) What is SWALCO's Mission?
  - a) Planning
    - i) Plan for and implement an efficient, reliable and environmentally sound waste/material management system throughout Lake County
  - b) Consulting
    - i) Advise and assist SWALCO members regarding solid waste management issues
  - c) Education
    - i) Educate the public regarding the implications of solid waste management options
  - d) Facilities and Programs
    - i) Provide programs and facilities to reduce the amount and toxicity of the solid waste stream
- 3) Potential Projects for the Antioch Environmental Commission
  - a) Help implement 60% Task Force Report in Antioch
    - i) Public education effort
      - (1) Why recycle and how in Antioch
      - (2) How best to communicate with Antioch residents and businesses
    - ii) Keep Village Board focused on the effort
  - b) Help publicize SWALCO, and its collection events and sites
    - i) E-scrap
      - (1) WMI opening year round permanent site on Jan. 1, 2012
      - (2) WMI offering at home program on quarterly basis, next pick-up in February 2012
      - (3) Programs accept all batteries and Christmas lights

- ii) Household Chemical Waste events (Antioch in spring 2013, part of three town rotation with Fox Lake and Round Lake Beach)
  - iii) Reuse-a-Shoe program, become collection site
  - iv) Pharmaceuticals collection (local effort in works to have a collection site at police department, and work in conjunction with local high school to publicize the program)
  - v) Earth Flag program at area schools
- Make people aware of SWALCO (Constant Contact list, Facebook, Twitter)

**\*\*Members are asked to review the task force document from Mr. Willis so we can make a recommendation to the village board to accept or approve the report.**

Motion to Adjourn: Meredith. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia . All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl