



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2012

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:36 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Babicz, Members, Casey Furlong, Melonnie Hartl, Glenn Semple, Meredith Schnelle. Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:40. Guests present: Village Trustee Scott Pierce, Scott Frillman  
Absent: Peter Grant, Brent Bluthardt

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from November 28, 2011 by Meredith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. Voice vote – all aye.

3. New Business:

Scott Frillman was sworn in as a new member by Deputy Clerk Lori Folbrick. He will serve a four year term.

4. Committee Reports

- a. *Alternative Energy*

~ Glenn suggested that perhaps the owners of the new Walgreens can be encouraged to consider a geothermal building or other sustainable energy plan similar to one built in Oak Park. It may be too late for this building project, but the committee will draft a list of suggestions for alternate energy methods to be considered for new building construction in the future.

~ There was also a suggestion that utility vehicle alternatives could perhaps be considered once an older village vehicle becomes retired.

- b. *Conservation*

~ Per the information presented by Walter Willis pertaining to the 60% Recycling Task Force Report, the EC discussed several points.

A motion to accept the SWALCO 60% Recycling Task Force Report and recommend that the village board accept the report was made by Glenn. Second by Meredith. All aye.

- c. *Education*

~Mel gave an update on the community garden. A blurb was sent to Shawn Roby to be put in the Feb. village newsletter informing village residents that application forms can be picked up at Village Hall and must be returned by the deadline. Any remaining plots will be offered to

township residents. There will be 42 total plots this year. Agreements have been sent out to village residents who had plots last year.

Free compost bins SWALCO, contact Candi to put on facebook page and the website too.

~ Kim Isaacson, program director at the U of IL Extension asked Mel to present information about the community garden as a panel discussion at the Master Gardener State Conference to be held in Crystal Lake on Sept. 6-8, 2012.

d. ***Green Building***

~ Cynthia will be attending 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Energy Summit and Exposition in Milwaukee on March 7-10, 2012.

~ North Mill Creek – Dutch Gap Canal Watershed Plan will be held at the Lake Villa Library on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 8:00 pm – Cynthia will be attending.

5. Old Business:

Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

~Event plans to be held inside the AES gym if available, so that the weather will not be an issue.

SWALCO information is to be given out about electronics recycling, household chemical wastes, shoe recycling, etc. Other idea suggestions were Friends of the Brook Wetland area clean-up, Antioch Garden Club natural planting presentation, NICC booth, NHS and Environmental Club from ACHS to present something about propagation, composting, or recycling, free saplings or some type of seeds, etc. The plan is to have a small event for Earth Day and perhaps target a larger event for sometime in the summer when the weather would be better. Mel will contact AES to see if the gym is available. Perhaps they can sell refreshments/concessions and keep the money.

Motion to Adjourn: Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl