



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2012

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:34 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Mike Babicz, Members Meredith Schnelle, Peter Grant, Scott Frillman, Melonnie Hartl, Cynthia Stepanek

Absent: Casey Furlong, Glenn Semple, Brent Bluthardt

2. The minutes from the February 27th meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from February 27, 2012 by Peter, 2nd by Meredith. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. ***Alternative Energy***

No report

- b. ***Conservation***

No report

- c. ***Education***

Mel gave an update on the community garden. There will be 42 plots available this year. 34 of the plots are already filled. A letter requesting assistance for materials needed for the garden was sent to the Rotary Club.

Four plots will be raised this year to accommodate gardeners with physical limitations.

Several more truckloads of reclaimed soil are to be delivered soon from the Fox Waterway Agency.

- d. ***Green Building***

~ Cynthia, Scott - Summary of 9th Annual Green Energy Summit and Exposition in Milwaukee on March 7-10, 2012. - Cynthia – gathered information and pamphlets to have at the Earth Day Event. She will call several of the exhibitors to see if they would be interested in our event.

Scott – went with the intention of finding a use for our wastewater after it is treated. Right now it goes into the Chain and replenishes aquifers, but there may be a better use for this water.

He also talked with another group that used their wastewater as an energy production source.

Scott will contact the company - Pieper Power - to see if they will do a free audit of our wastewater system and report back at the next meeting.

Mike will call Waste Management to see if they will come to one of our meetings to talk to us about recycling, what things go into the waste stream that can't be recycled, etc.

4. Old Business:

Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 – 2:00 pm at Antioch Elementary School gymnasium. The application has been completed and will be turned into the school this week along with the certificate of insurance. Cynthia contacted Andrew Petellaro who is interested in a booth for renewable energy. Meredith has spoken with Jewel and Piggly Wiggly about booth space. She will also contact Open Arms and Polsons. Mike will contact SWALCO, Waste Management and Cartridge World. Mel will contact scout groups, the Garden Club and CLC. All members are asked to contact any organizations or businesses that may be interested in the event. We will need members to work the event, flyers to promote the event and a floor plan to organize booth spaces.

Motion by Peter to buy a rain barrel from SWALCO to be given away at the event. 2nd by Mel. All aye.

5. New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn: Peter, 2nd by Meredith Voice vote - all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl