



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2012

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:31 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Mike Babicz, Members Amy Bell, Amanda LeBrun, Meredith Schnelle, Melonnie Hartl, Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:42.

Absent: Peter Grant, Casey Furlong, Scott Frillman

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting with corrections from August 27, 2012 by Meredith, 2nd by Amanda. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy**

No report.

- b. **Conservation**

Discussion about the “At Your Door” Program. Mike will check with the mayor and Scott Pierce to encourage them to add this to the village board agenda.

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling – we are not in a position to recommend a specific company/business for this. Commercial businesses cannot take bulbs to stores for recycling. Amanda presented information from a company in Ingleside that will take them for a fee. Discussion will be tabled until more information is found.

- c. **Education**

- Mel gave an update on the community garden. Gleaning continues every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 pm.
- Mel gave a presentation about the community garden at the Master Gardener’s conference in Crystal Lake on Sept. 8th.
- Article about the garden in the Lake County Journal recently.
- Meredith reported that there is an industrial compost tumbler for sale. Mel will find out more information about it.

- d. **Green Building**

Amanda spoke with Jim Keim about joining the U. S. Green Building Council. As far as he knew, the village does not have anyone certified in LEED building. He recommended

that we set goals and work toward those goals for the standards for LEED certification. The committee will review the document and decide on a direction to begin.

e. Website

- i. Meredith discussed how to gather information for our webpage. The village needs to approve the information. Information should be emailed to Lori and she will work with the web designer. All members should submit a new biography to Mel. Meredith will bring her camera to take photos of each member. A page about the members will be developed.

4. Old Business:

Amy talked to Amanda Adams about more information about continuing with the ban of plastic bags. She will email us the info about single use plastic and paper bags. She gave Amy some info on where to go next with this issue.

Amy will contact Jim Keim and the mayor for some direction to take this further. She will share her information with them. Perhaps a survey could be created.

Motion to authorize Amy to submit a summary of the information that she has obtained to the Mayor and Jim K asking for direction regarding this matter. Motion by Meredith, 2nd Cynthia. All aye.

Amy received approval from Tim the store manager at Walmart to have a rewards day. She will hand out one reusable bag for each family that brings in a reusable bag. She will have information about environmental issues at a table. It will be from 9-12 on a Saturday. When she decides on a date, she will let us know and it can be put on the webpage.

5. New Business:

- Reappointment to the Commission. Mike, Peter and Amanda will be up for reappointment to a four year term. On October 1st or 15th they will be appointed at the village board meeting. Mike will check on the length of Amy's term.
- Mike and Mel or another commissioner will prepare a brief presentation about what the commission has accomplished in the first two years.
- April 20th will be the tentative date for the Earth Day Expo in 2013.
- Our schedule of meeting dates for the next year needs to be submitted to Lori. We will continue to meet the 4th Monday of the month, except in December and May.
Motion to adopt the calendar by Amanda. 2nd Cynthia. All aye.
Mel will submit the calendar to Lori.
- Cynthia brought in information regarding an application for Green Meeting Industry on April 7-10, 2013.

Motion to Adjourn: Meredith, 2nd Cynthia by . Voice vote - all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl