



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2012

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Babicz at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Mike Babicz, Members Amy Bell, Casey Furlong, Scott Frillman, Meredith Schnelle, Melonnie Hartl, Trustee Scott Pierce

Absent: Amanda LeBrun, Cynthia Stepanek , Peter Grant

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting with corrections from September 24, 2012 by Meredith, 2nd by Amy. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. ***Alternative Energy***

No report.

- b. ***Conservation***

Amy – this Saturday between 9 and 12 noon, Walmart will be giving away a reusable bag. She will have a table with examples of the bags filled with groceries so people can see how much they can hold. Amy will also be spending time with the cashiers showing them how to pack the groceries using less plastic bags.

- c. ***Education***

- Mel gave an update on the community garden. Mel will send Trustee Pierce an update with number of gardens, number of free ones and amount of food donated.
- Compost bin discussion. Compost corral, industrial grade tumbler, etc. Garden to be an educational site for different ways to compost. Trustee Pierce will check to see if there is an ordinance about bins, compost etc.

There was a suggestion made to ask SWALCO for a donation of a bin.

- Motion to allow Mel to pursue a couple of compost bins by Meredith, 2nd by Amy. All aye.

- d. ***Green Building***

Casey recommended that we should start small with the U. S. Green Building Council. He suggested surface water runoff, and water catchment basins to catch debris before it gets into the lake system.

e. Communication

- i. Meredith took pictures of the members that were in attendance. All members should submit a new biography to Mel. The photos and bios will be matched together and then sent to Lori.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

- A special committee will be formed to work on the Earth Day event. Meredith, Amy and Mel would be interested in helping. Trustee Pierce suggested that we put a blurb in the village newsletter / website for a call for volunteers to help with this event. Saturday, April 20th will be the tentative date for the Earth Day Expo in 2013.
- MEL will talk to schools – AES or High School. ACHS could have theirs on Friday and we could use their building on Saturday. OR should we keep it at AES? Contact Dr. Hamilton for date, options for students to be involved, PTO to serve food as fundraiser. Scott will ask Village for authorization for another rain barrel to give-away. We will look for rain barrels made in the US.
- Amy – adopt a highway program in town? She inquired how to have families get involved in this. Trustee Pierce will check into this.
- Reappointment – Peter & Mike. Amanda will be sworn in at another meeting.
- Casey attended Green Town in Highland Park. Curbside collection of food waste being considered in Highland Park. He went to see the compost pile in Park City that has been controversial. It does smell quite bad because of the rotting food waste.
- Mark Fenton? Look up his website and info on him. Possible speaker?
- Trustee Pierce – high cost of water brought up at the village board meeting. Suggested that the EC provide educational info about ways to conserve water – especially for watering gardens etc. Drip lines, mulch, etc. Water costs will go up – conserving will reduce the costs. Scott F. will look into solar panels for the next meeting.

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

Next Meeting – Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl