



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2013

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

Present : Chairman Mike Babicz, Peter Grant, Amy Bell, Amanda LeBrun, Scott Frillman, Meredith Schnelle, Melonnie Hartl, Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:38, Casey Furlong arrived at 6:56

Absent:

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from November 26, 2012 by Meredith, 2nd by Amy. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. ***Alternative Energy***

No report.

- b. ***Conservation***

Amy – reported that there is a bulletin board at Walmart and vinyl clings for the doors reminding people to remember their recyclable bags.

Amanda – Cheryl Vassau works in operations and maintenance at Abbott and on LEED projects there. She will be coming to our February meeting to present information about how to get started making homes or businesses more efficient.

Motion to invite Cheryl to the Feb meeting by Peter. 2nd by Amanda. All aye.

- c. ***Education***

- Mel gave an update on the community garden. Agreements were sent out electronically and by mail last week. Discussed the issue with the Torres/Hernandez family.
- Motion made by Amanda, 2nd by Scott to have the Commission send an apology letter and also offer them a free plot. Some type of signage will be considered at the site so messages could be left and have better communication.
- “Spring into Gardening” Saturday, March 9th at Westosha Central High School in Paddock Lake. Both Meredith & Mel will be presenting – Meredith on Garden Photography, Mel on Starting a Community Garden. Mel will put something together to get to Scott to present to the Board.
- Wild Things Conference – Saturday, February 2nd at UIC.

- Meredith - brought the Compost tea brochure. Scott Pierce thought maybe the Public Works area might be the place to set this up.
- d. ***Green Building***
Casey - Requirement for putting in any type of structure
- e. ***Communication***
No Report
- f. ***Earth Day Ecofair***
- Meredith - Earth Day_EcoFair – Date change – April 27th. HS will be Friday, EC on Saturday at AES. We will try to share vendors.
 - Meredith will try to get the electronics recycling truck.
 - Schools will be contacted to invite all kids to come to the fair and to participate in a recycled materials contest with the best examples to be brought to the fair.
 - Pete at SWALCO will be contacted to let them know of the date change.
 - Walmart will give Amy 100 bags to pass out for free.
 - Mike will call Jim at PNC Bank for perhaps savings bonds for the contest winners.
 - Cynthia – WXLC will make announcements about the event. Need a blurb.
 - Organic restaurant Ali-bi from Lindenhurst will come out and do a demonstration.
 - Contact the car dealerships to have them bring hybrid cars.
 - In lieu of a fee for the booths, vendors will be asked to donate something for the raffle.
 - Ask SWALCO for another rain barrel – preferably one made in the US
 - Vendors should be secured by our Feb meeting.
 - Ask school about PTO doing food. If not, perhaps a scout troop or the Lion’s Club.
 - Hillcrest may think of some activities that could be done at the fair.
 - Contact DNR to get more cards.
 - Also contact Lake County Forest Preserves, Fox Waterway Agency, Waste Management
 - Other ideas: Document destruction, tire recycling, Hackmatack , Thrift store - clothing dropoff

4. Old Business:

5. New Business: Discussion about Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge – Antioch is part of it.

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

Next Meeting – Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl