



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2013

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Babicz at 6:35 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present : Chairman Mike Babicz, Amy Bell, Amanda LeBrun, Scott Frillman, Melonnie Hartl, Meredith Schnelle arrived at 6:44

Absent: Casey Furlong, Cynthia Stepanek, Peter Grant

Guest: Melissa Marra, Cheryl Vassau

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the meeting from January 28, 2013 by Amanda, 2nd by Amy. Voice vote – all aye.
3. Guest Speaker Cheryl Vassau from Abbott gave a presentation on the Green Building Council and LEED certification. The environment is greatly affected by buildings. LEED applies to commercial areas as well as residences, new construction or significant renovations, pre-existing buildings, healthcare facilities, retail businesses, schools, etc.
Some Ideas for Antioch: encourage businesses to work toward LEED. Consider property, walking paths, reduction of road salt usage, stormwater management, heat islands (parking lots), light pollution reduction – timers or motion sensors, water conservation – water reduction toilets and faucets.
Energy Star can be calculated and must be used to obtain LEED cert.
Materials and resources – does it have recycled material, is it local? Encourage people to buy local, less traveling and hauling of the materials and promotes local jobs.
Purchasing - Buy products that are made of recycled material.
Schools can work with teracycle – collect pens, cosmetics, candy wrappers, etc. Schools get points to use to buy recycled items or donate the money to other organizations.
Small business recycling – bins where businesses can take their recyclables.
Green cleaning products. Use of microfiber instead of paper towels.
Engage people in the community to be involved and know that there are choices.
Neighborhood development – wetlands, habitat protection.
Transportation, buses instead of personal vehicles.
Benefits – EC can be the catalyst to get things started for the rest of the town. Village already has the logo of Authentic by Nature. Encourage other businesses to jump on the bandwagon.

4. Committee Reports

- a. *Alternative Energy*

No report.

b. **Conservation**

Mike -Village leaf pick-up. Concerns have been brought to Mike's attention. There were so many people complaining, the village sent trucks to pick up the leaves and take them to the town's recycling area.

c. **Education**

Mel gave an update on the community garden.

d. **Green Building**

Scott F. - Solar panels on the village public works buildings – especially the waste water treatment plant.

White roofs instead of black flat roofs. Replace existing building needs when things wear out with more sustainable, green products and materials.

*Green business recognition. Look into a program to have a poster or sticker to put in the windows of businesses who make a change to be more green in some way. Bring recycling to businesses in town.

Communication

No report.

e. **Earth Day EcoFair**

Meredith - Earth Day_EcoFair – Date: Saturday, April 27th at AES. HS will be Friday, April 26th. We will try to share vendors.

- Meredith – application / contract for the 5R Processors Ltd for the electronic recycling truck will be given to the village to fill out the information. One truck will be at the high school and hopefully one at AES. We need volunteers. Melissa and some of her classmates to help with the EcoFair from 9-3.
- Document Shredding – call State Bank of the Lakes. Also ask SWALCO about the shredding too.
- PNC will participate in the event and also come up with prizes for the contest.
- Amanda – letter to schools.
- Lake County FP to give information. Lindenhurst also is having an Earth Day event that same day.
- Hillcrest may do activities for the kids to do at the event. Amanda will follow up.
- Mel to do a letter to the businesses asking for donations for prizes for the winners of the contest.
- Scout troops for volunteer hours.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business: Earth Hour – March 23rd. at 8:30 pm. Request blurb on Village website and Chamber facebook page. Motion made by Amy that EC is endorsing participation in the event. 2nd by Scott. All aye.

Budget – Motion by Meredith to approve budget for \$1285. 2nd by Amanda. All Aye.

Motion to Adjourn: Amanda. 2nd by Meredith. Voice vote – all aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 pm.

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

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl