



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2013

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Babicz at 6:38 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Chairman Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Amy Bell, Peter Grant, Amanda LeBrun, Casey Furlong arrived at 7:13

Absent: Meredith Schnelle, Cynthia Stepanek,

Guest –Shawn Roby, Village Park Board

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy** – Solar Panels - Scott Frillman will put together a list of companies that would provide an estimate for panels for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion made that the EC recommend that the Village Board explore solar panels for the waste water treatment plant by Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Discussion followed about how to make sure that the board responds to our motion. Shawn suggested that a memo be created to request Village Board action. Scott will write the memo. Voice Vote- All aye.

Scott shared a response he received from the township supervisor from Penn Township who stated that their solar panel project met their expectations and they have proceeded with another similar project and they are now selling credits.

- b. **Conservation** – Trash America -Scott Frillman talked with Rori Gillen from Waste Management. She mentioned several websites that would be helpful especially RecycleFirstTrashLast.org. All recycling in this area is single stream and follows the same rules. She gave suggestions that residents could do that would be more helpful to recycling center employees such as: dispose of hypodermic needles and batteries properly and not to put them into the recycling bins or trash. Scott suggested that this website be put into the newsletter.
- c. Education – Mel gave an update on the garden. Some problems this year with people taking other people's plots even though maps are sent to each gardener with their space highlighted.
- d. Green Building – No Report
- e. Communication – No Report

- f. Earth Day EcoFair- Date – Earth Day next year is Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tentative EcoFair Date – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Amanda turned in a receipt for supplies from Earth Day. Motion to reimburse Amanda for EcoFair expenses by Peter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. All aye.

Prizes for next year were discussed. Pool passes were an idea that could be offered. More discussion will follow.

Shawn – park board would like the Adopt Antioch event to move to October to coordinate with ShareFest. The EC is still interested. October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the event.

4. Old Business – Organic Farm. Mitch and Bernard are trying to get the Antioch Farm Bureau started which will help them with funding. The Park board still has questions that need to be addressed. They are waiting for some answers. They think the idea is good, but it should be more useable by more people since it is park land.
5. New Business – OMA training and certificates need to be done and certificates turned in to Lori.

Amy – Water tower/wells tour. Amy will check for available times and let us know.

Mike – suggested that email messages to members should be done by sending it to yourself and blind copying all other members to eliminate the chance for OMA violation.

Amy – brought up the problem with unwanted newspapers being tossed into driveways. Amy has tried several times to contact the Tribune to have them stop delivering them without success. She will be putting a petition together to send to the Tribune to possibly help stop the delivery and waste.

Motion to Adjourn: Peter . 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl