



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2013

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

Present: Chairman Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Amy Bell, Amanda LeBrun, Trustee Scott Pierce, Casey Furlong arrived at 6:35, Peter Grant arrived at 6:47, Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:52

Absent: Meredith Schnelle

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with correction from the July 22, 2013 meeting by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy** –Scott F. shared a power point that he created that will be presented to the village to support the Environmental Commission’s recommendation to use solar panels at the wastewater treatment plant. Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm is the next Village Board Meeting. Mel will request to be on the agenda.
- b. **Conservation** – Amy talked with Kurt Smith from Grayslake about recycling for the businesses. They have not implemented anything yet. Peter – will try to find out more about it.
- c. **Education** –Mel gave an update on the community garden.
  - Amy reported on the speech that she presented to the Lake County Women’s Connection called “Little Steps to a Better Future”. She spoke about ways her family has changed to live more “green”. She will be giving another speech on September 10<sup>th</sup> to a church group.
  - Scott P. mentioned the input that Lori would like for the webpage. He recommended to use links that are less controversial.
  - Amanda mentioned that she has put a metal roof on her house instead of shingles and the environmental advantages.
- d. **Green Building** – There are currently no green building requirements or ordinances in the village. Amanda suggested creating a survey for businesses to find out if they are taking any type of green initiatives. Amanda will begin working on a draft of a survey and contact Jim Keim about how to go about it.

**Communication** – Webpage. Suggestions from Lori were discussed. No other committees have a webpage, but she will be happy to put one together for us. Any links must be nonpolitical and noncontroversial. Ideas for the page include: pictures of the Community Garden and the EcoFair, dates for our events, and links for agencies such as Recycle First, Trash Last, member pictures and biographies, contact information for any questions the public may have. Mel will contact Meredith to see if she has started anything.

- e. 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 will contact AES to request facility usage. Prize ideas – something educationally or environmentally appropriate. Shawn would be willing to get us 100 individual daily passes and several 5-pack passes.
4. Old Business – Any members that do not have their OMA certificates in to the village need to turn them in by the next meeting.  
Adopt Antioch village clean-up on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Park district is organizing it and will let us know the details. Amy suggested that we have t-shirts made for us to wear at events such as the clean-up.  
Amy – Water tower tour. She will check into more dates.  
Amy read a response from the village attorney about unwanted newspapers being thrown in driveways. The village and EC will not take a stance because it could be seen as infringement on 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights.
  5. New Business –
    - Mel read a resignation letter from Meredith. Casey motioned to accept Meredith’s resignation with regret. Mel seconded the motion. Voice Vote – all aye.
    - Dustin should be included in our email list for agenda and minutes.
    - Amy would like to find somewhere in the community that will show *TRASHED* for the community to attend.

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

Next Meeting – Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl