



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 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, Amanda LeBrun, Scott Frillman, Amy Bell, Casey Furlong arrived at 6:34, Cynthia Stepanek arrived at 6:47.

Absent: Trustee Scott Pierce, Peter Grant,

2. Since there wasn't a meeting in September due to lack of quorum, a motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the August 26, 2013 meeting by Amy, 2nd Amanda Voice vote – all aye.
A motion was made by Scott to accept the brief meeting minutes from September 23, 2013. Second by Amanda Voice vote - all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy** – Mike shared that the trustees and mayor were very impressed by the solar energy presentation that Scott presented to the village board on October 16th and are moving forward with preliminary plans to look at solar energy for the wastewater treatment facility as well as many other village buildings.
- b. **Conservation** – “Update Antioch” was postponed until Spring. A date will be determined in the future.

Village nursery – Mike suggested that the Bitner property may be a good location for a village nursery to raise trees and shrubs that could later be used in the village. Oak trees and fruit trees were discussed. Mike will contact Adams/Friendship, Wisconsin to find out more information about the progress with their village nursery.

- c. **Education** – Mel gave an update on the community garden. Kim Isaacson from the U of IL Extension was going to be scheduled to give a presentation on Fall Garden Wrap-Up to help the gardeners learn how to overwinter crops but there was little interest. There have been a couple of instances of vegetable theft. Existing gardeners will be sent a renewal contract soon to reserve their plots.

Dylan McBride would like to do an Eagle Scout project for the community garden using the bricks that Dustin has kept from the foundations of the homes that were on the site before.

- d. **Green Building** – No Report
- e. **Communication** – Webpage. Mel contacted Meredith. She had not started anything for the webpage and cannot find the biographies she had. She forwarded some picture she had taken of several members.

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

Amanda put in a facilities request for the AES gym. She also asked if we could use the sign out front and the podium and microphone.

Mel will let Amanda know how many tables and chairs we used last year and will need for next year.

Mel to contact Steve Rose to talk about dates.

Members should start thinking of new ideas to have at the EcoFair.

Energy bus with hands on exhibits (Solar Energy International) – may be a possibility for EcoFair.

4. Old Business –

5. New Business – Amy brought in information that she had picked up from the Lake County Health Department.

Cynthia attended the Solar Power International Conference at McCormick Place and shared information from it. 913 solar panels have been installed at the Shedd Aquarium and they are now off the grid. Some solar panels are now decorative instead of just being black.

Motion to Adjourn: Amanda. 2nd by Casey. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl