



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2014

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, Melonnie Hartl, Amanda LeBrun, Scott Frillman, Peter Grant, Amy Bell, Meghan Petrowski, Sandra Emmerling, Trustee Scott Pierce. Shawn Roby joined us at 6:53.

Absent: Casey Furlong, Cynthia Stepanek

2. Since there was no meeting in November due to lack of quorum, a motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the November 28, 2013 meeting by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy** – Information about the trip to the Shedd Aquarium will be readdressed at the next meeting.

The village is looking at having a bigger solar energy plan than just the panels at the wastewater treatment plant.

- b. **Conservation** – “*Adopt Antioch*” A clean-up day will be started in May and continue through October. Shawn is looking for the EC to spearhead and get other groups to participate. Clean-up days will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month in the morning for about 2 hours. Groups can choose an area to pick up trash along roadways. Several organizations have expressed an interest in participating.

Reality Illinois is a high school group from Mundelein that may help out.

If any member knows of any organizations that are interested, the information should be emailed to Shawn.

*Community nursery* – Mike stated that plans are being made for a visit to Adams-Friendship to learn about their nursery. Tentative date is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Bitner property would be ideal location for a nursery. A nursery may be a means for Antioch to regain Tree City USA Status.

The park board’s next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Mike will plan on attending to share the nursery information with them.

*Commercial Recycling* – Grayslake has a program that now requires recycling. Amanda will try to find out more information about it.

*Holiday lights recycling* – Antioch does not have a plan for this, but Fox Lake does – with 4 locations around the village to drop them off. Amy will call Grant township or the Village of Fox Lake to gather more information. Perhaps the organization could be at the EcoFair.

- c. **Education** – Mel gave an update on the community garden. All applications have been emailed or sent to the returning gardeners. A plan will be put together to look into a shed and other needs of the garden to present to the village.

- d. **Green Building** – No Report

- e. **Communication** – More information needs to be sent to Lori so she can develop the site. Scott Pierce will look into getting us official village nametags.

Parade Participation – the Easter Parade is the week before the EcoFair. Participating in the parade may be a perfect way to promote the it. Meghan stated that the E Club may be interested in the Independence Day parade.

A motion was made to accept the 2014 calendar by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meghan. All aye.

- f. **Earth Day EcoFair-** EcoFair Date – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Amanda and Amy will co-chair the event this year. All commissioners are required to participate in the event and contact vendors. Amanda will divide up vendors and let us know.

Additional signage will be needed. Mike will contact Impressions Count to see if they would be willing to donate some signage again this year.

Ty Kovach – new president of the Lake County Forest Preserve said he would like to come to the Eco-Fair and also to one of our meetings to let us know what's new with the FP.

4. Old Business –

- 5. New Business – Attendance – commissioners were reminded that they need to attend on a regular basis or they may be asked to give up their position. There are other people that are interested in being on the commission. Committee assignments were made.

Motion to Adjourn: Meghan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter . Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7: 59 pm.

Next Meeting – **Wednesday, March 19, 2013 at 5:30 pm.**

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl