



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2014

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Babicz at 6:32 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, Peter Grant arrived at 6:40.

Absent: Casey Furlong, Trustee Scott Pierce, Sandra Emmerling

Guests: Kendall Victorine, Karen Noland

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting by Melonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda, Voice vote – all aye.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Alternative Energy** – No report.

- b. **Conservation** – Adams-Friendship Village Nursery Trip – Tentative date: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> morning Adopt Antioch – First one will be Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Groups are to let Shawn Roby know what area they will be working in so that he can drop off debris bags.

- c. **Education** – Mel gave an update on the community garden. Public works will be contacted for some assistance with the garden. A rototiller is needed to prepare plots for this season. Peter offered his and Kendall has an old one that she would donate but it needs some repairs. She also offered great aged manure that the village would have to help load, but would be free for the gardeners to use. Mel will contact Public Works to work on arrangements. Kendall would need advance notice.

Mike brought in an article about a roof garden at CLC lakeshore campus.

- d. **Green Building** – Jason Treat is looking into solar panels for the water treatment plant. He is also interested in a wind turbine because it produces much less noise. Stevenson High School hosted a symposium to discuss ways for schools to become more green.

- e. **Communication** – the website is still in progress. Commissions may submit a photo of themselves and an updated bio. Pictures will be taken at the June meeting if one has not been received by then.

- f. **Earth Day EcoFair**- EcoFair was held last Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There were more vendors this year than ever before. There are many events that run in parallel on that day so attendance was not what we had hoped for again.

- Increased publicity will be the goal for next year. More signage needs to be put up at every entrance to town and perhaps a banner across Main Street a week in advance to announce the event. An idea was brought up to talk to any business that has a sign to see if they would put up the information even if only for the day. Another idea was to talk to library to put a loop on their screen behind the reference desk and also put up flyers there.

- Ahead of time, businesses will be contacted to see if they would donate reusable bags such as Piggly Wiggly and PNC Bank.
- Student winners of the recycled art contest and the winner of the rain barrel will be sent to the press. The art contest winners will be recognized at the next village board meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Three of the vendors volunteered to be the judges of the art contest.
- For next year, planning must start much earlier and subcommittees would be in charge of vendors, organizing things at the school, publicity, getting prizes, etc.
- Date next year will tentatively be April 25<sup>th</sup>. Village officials and mayor were very happy with the event.
- Need WiFi code for some of the vendors for next year. This should be put in the vendor information sheet.
- Perhaps each commissioner could present a talk on a topic such as backyard chickens, shoreline restoration, solar panels, etc.
- Motion to pay Amanda LeBrun and Amy Bell for expenses for EcoFair. Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. All aye. Amy - Walmart - \$35.04, Amanda – Brainstorm - \$15.00, Walmart - \$33.65
- Other expenses: Impressions Count for signage – may have been sent to village. SWALCO – rain barrel - \$60.00

4. Old Business – Member update. Cynthia was suspended from the commission on April 14th. She was asked to resign but instead she has requested a hearing before the mayor, Scott Pierce, and Chairman Babicz.
5. New Business – Fox Waterway Agency Lake Clean-Up – this Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 am – 12 noon. Antioch Clean-up will also be this Saturday. Waste Management will be doing it through the village.
6. Motion to Adjourn: by Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meghan. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm. - NO MEETING IN MAY.**

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl