



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2014

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, Peter Grant, Scott Frillman, Amy Bell, Trustee Scott Pierce arrived at 7:07.

Absent: Sandra Emmerling, Meghan Petrowski, Amanda LeBrun, Casey Furlong,

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting by Scott, 2nd by Mel. Voice vote – all aye.

The committee list was updated.

3. Committee Reports

- a. ***Alternative Energy***

- Scott reported on the two companies that would pay for the waste treatment FOG, but apparently both of these companies have gone out of business. Jason Treat will continue researching options.
- The area at the water treatment plant that Scott thought would be a good place to put solar panels is being kept for possible future expansion.

- b. ***Conservation***

- Community nursery – the village is interested in this project, but needs questions answered. Mike was not able to get in contact with the forester in Adams yet. Cost/benefit analysis for the project is still being created.
- Adopt Antioch - Sept. 27th will be the next Adopt Antioch clean-up. Meet at Public Works at 8:30 if interested.

- c. ***Education***

- Mel gave an update on the community garden.
- Article for the Village newsletter will be written about dates for village residents to apply for plots which will be Feb 1st.
- CLC Community Partnership for Sustainability workshop will be this Thursday. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

- d. ***Green Building***

- No report

- e. ***Communication***

- Members still need to send updated bios as well as a picture.
- Photos may be submitted or pictures will be taken at the next meeting.

f. ***Earth Day EcoFair***

- Date next year will be Saturday, April 18th. The committee will contact AES to see if the date is available.
- Scott reported that next Tuesday is Climate Summit at the United Nations. Bill Moyer will have videos on his website that will be shown at the UN.

4. Old Business

- Commission Compensation – under consideration, but no decision has been made by the village.
- Meeting schedule – will remain the same for now.
- SWALCO meeting at Hainesville Village Hall at 7 pm on August 28th. Peter attended, but the meeting should have been attended by a village administrator. Peter had no authority to make any decisions. Many other communities were represented and several recycling programs were highlighted that could have positive impact for the village.
- 12th annual Environmental Leadership Dinner, October 2nd at Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. If anyone is interested in going, contact Mike.

5. New Business

Amy brought in a copy of a Green Guide from McHenry County as an example of something that would be beneficial for Antioch.

6. Motion to Adjourn: by Peter. 2nd by Scott. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl