



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2015

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Babicz at 6:33 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Chairman Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Peter Grant, Scott Frillman, Amanda LeBrun, Trustee Ed Macek, Mayor Hanson,( left at 6:55)

Absent: Meghan Petrowski, Sandra Emmerling

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice vote – all aye.

3. Project Reports

- a. *Community Garden* -

Maintenance of the garden was a problem this year due to the incredible weed growth and the abandonment of plots by gardeners. Peter motioned to request a self-propelled lawn mower, a 4-stroke weed wacker and a wheel barrel to aid in the upkeep of the garden. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. All aye.

- b. *Earth Day EcoFair* - Saturday, April 16, 2016. – No report

- c. *Village Nursery* – No report

4. Old Business –

- a) Discussion continued about the fairness of the structure of the commissions – some paid, some have a budget, etc. Mayor Hanson suggested that we create a budget to propose to the village board. He also suggested we compose a list of things we would like changed as well as a wish list. (budget, staff person, reduce size of commission, stipend, etc.) Joy had informed us that we currently have a budget of \$1000.
- b) Motion by Peter to restructure the membership of the commission to 5 people and 2 alternates. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice Vote - all aye.
- c) Motion by Peter to recommend Melonnie to be appointed as chairperson for 1 year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice Vote - all aye.
- d) Motion by Amanda to add Section D - Compensation to the proposed ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. Voice Vote - all aye.

5. New Business –

- a) Mike reported that there are 3 ECs in the county. Highland Park, Lindenhurst and us. Grayslake had one, but it now has been absorbed into the village. Mel gave a brief summary of the Lindenhurst EC. Mayor Hanson suggested contacting them to discuss the possibility of combining the ECs. Peter suggested that perhaps we can work on projects cooperatively.

- b) Trustee Macek suggested looking at the Lake County Farm Bureau and Country Financial Insurance for grant monies to fund our projects. He also suggested that we compose a list of EC accomplishments to present to the village board along with our proposals.

Motion to Adjourn: by Amanda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm.**

**REMINDER – There will not be a meeting in December. Happy Holidays!**

Submitted by Secretary Melonnie Hartl