



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Melonnie Hartl at 6:32 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Chairman Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Amanda LeBrun, Melissa Marra

Absent: Peter Grant, Mike Babicz, Trustee Ed Macek

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice vote – all aye

3. Project Reports

- a. **Community Garden** -

Mel presented how to start a community garden at Lindenhurst Environmental Commission in November. They have land available to use and were interested in learning how we put ours together. They are also willing to work with us on different events/projects and networking. Mel learned that they have a much larger volunteer basis, which we desperately need. Garden agreements will go out in February. Discussed how to go about ordering the lawn mower, weed whacker, and wheel barrow which was approved at last meeting. Mel will contact Lori about how to request the equipment.

- b. **Earth Day EcoFair** - Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Amanda processed the paperwork to reserve the gym at AES for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Amanda will contact school to verify that the space is available and send an email blast by February 1<sup>st</sup> to vendor contact list from last year. Amanda also passed out the vendor list from last year to share with the group and a list of additional environmental organizations to contact. Melissa said she may be able to get some members of the environmental club or geosciences club at Parkside to attend. Midwest Water Analyst Association is having an event coming up Friday (8-4:30) at the Brat Stop with many vendors that may give us some ideas for our EcoFair. Melissa mentioned the North Shore Water Reclamation District might be a good resource for our event as well. Had discussion about biomonitoring tests. Also discussed getting sponsors to donate reusable bags, water bottles, and shirts (or purchase through our budget). Mel suggested to include that in the email blast to vendors.

- c. **Village Nursery** –

Nothing to report.

4. Old Business –

- a. **Review changes in the commission ordinance** –

There was an error in the ordinance which indicated the wrong alternates. Board must approve any changes to the ordinance. Mel will request that this be addressed at the next board meeting. We will recommend that Melissa Marra will be an alternate for the Environmental Commission.

**b. *Date for visit from Dave Wilms (C&E Company) –***

Scott contacted Dave and he requested utility bills from the wastewater treatment plant. Jason Treat contacted Jim Keim to get all the paperwork and within a few days it was forwarded to Dave Wilms. Scott tried contacting Dave several times afterwards but has not heard back yet. Amanda will contact one more time to let him know that we are still interested in his proposal and copy Jim Keim. Amanda worked with Dave at Stevenson High School as a science teacher.

**c. *Update on Webpage for the EC –***

Lori set up webpage for the EC and is requesting some EcoFair and Community Garden pics. Mel discussed adding a group shot and possibly bios. Lori said it can be updated anytime with new photos, information, events, or links. Mel said to check out the Lindenhurst Environmental Commission web page for ideas. There was discussion about how Lindenhurst is known for their daffodils. Maybe Antioch can be known for their sunflowers. One of the members of the Community Garden grew sunflowers to raise awareness for childhood depression (IFRED). Mel suggested that whatever interest members have should be included on the website.

**5. New Business –**

**a. *New project ideas –***

Discussed approaching businesses to have sunflowers in their windows to represent the EC.  
Discussed approaching businesses/vendors for donations of shirts, water bottles, and reusable bags.  
Discussed expanding the EC website to have more links and information to educate members of the community about environmental issues or tips on how to be more environmentally friendly.

Motion to Adjourn: by Amanda LeBrun. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melonnie Hartl . Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by Secretary Amanda LeBrun