



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2016

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Melonnie Hartl at 6:38 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

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

Absent: Peter Grant, Trustee Ed Macek

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the February 22, 2016 meeting by Mike , 2nd by Scott. Voice vote – all AYE.

3. Project Reports

- a. **Community Garden** - Mel sent out agreements via email and regular mail. She has received many payments already. \$25 single plot and \$50 for a double plot. Some gardeners want to build raised beds and Mel approved. Several high schoolers expressed getting a plot as well. Mel will follow up with Joy about getting equipment for garden. She had sent emails to Joy several months ago but has not heard back about the items being ordered.
- b. **Earth Day EcoFair** - Saturday, April 16, 2016. Discussed vendors that are coming and following up on those that we haven't heard from yet. Mel got some calls and will follow up on potential new vendors/exhibitors. Amanda gave update on the Green Living Fair in Libertyville and ideas for our Eco Fair. Amanda will also email teachers at AES about the recycled art projects and classes making signs. Amanda will update list of exhibitors as more are confirmed and will continue to get prizes for the Recycled Art Contest. Melissa will follow up with Lake County Health Dept. Scott will follow up with U of I Extension. Mel will follow up with Master Gardners, CLC, Floral Acres, and the Botanic Garden. Mike will follow up with Groot. Amanda shared ideas about being a drop off location for recycling items such as shoes, styrofoam, christmas lights, CD's/DVD's, ink cartridges. Amanda shared flyer about Household Chemical Waste Collection Event on April 30th in Antioch. Event will take place at the Public Works Dept. Mike suggested that Public Works should come to the Eco Fair to advertise the collection event. Amanda LeBrun will contact AES to see if we can start setting up Friday, April 15th.

- c. **Village Nursery** –

No update at this time.

4. Old Business –

- a. **Proposed tree ordinance**

Scott shared info on 10% rule (Santamour Rule): planting no more than 10% of any species of tree, no more than 20% of any genus, and no more than 30% of any family in order to preserve diversity. Scott

said that this rule can be applied to municipalities. Clumping is ok for design and uniformity, but need to make sure diversity is maintained overall. Davies Tree Service has already done tree survey for Antioch area. Maybe they can come to Eco Fair and discuss issues with trees, including problems with the ash borer. Scott talked to them about the tree ordinance and they were very supportive. Scott read over his proposed ordinance and shared what other villages have in place (some very complex and include input from experts in their field).

Mike made a motion to present to the Village Board the proposed tree ordinance recommendation presented by Scott. Melissa 2nd. Voice vote – all AYE.

Proposed Tree Ordinance: In lieu of developing a full scale forestry program, the Village of Antioch should formally adopt a tree planting rule no less strict than the “Santamour Rule”:

- 1) **Planting no more than 10% of any species,**
- 2) **Planting no more than 20% of any genus, and**
- 3) **Planting no more than 30% of any family, with a more effective goal of lowering the percent genus to 10%.**

The Village should also provide a list of replacement trees well suited for parkways that ensures diversity, for residents interested in replacing trees removed from parkways due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) or other causes.

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

Amanda heard him speak at Libertyville Green Living Fair and sent several emails but still hasn't heard back yet.

c. Update on Webpage for the EC –

Tip of the Month – March – Scott will submit to Lori. Melissa will submit for next month.

5. New Business –

Amanda shared information about 2 programs being offered by SWALCO:

- a) Reuse-A-Shoe
- b) Textiles/Clothing Recycling

Merleanne Rampale from SWALCO would like to come to one of our meetings to discuss these programs and how the Village of Antioch can get involved. Merleanne sent application for Reuse-A-Shoe program to start up at Eco Fair (pilot program).

Motion to Adjourn: by Mike 2nd by Amanda. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by secretary Amanda LeBrun