



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2016

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Melonnie Hartl at 6:35 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Chairman Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Mike Babicz , Amanda LeBrun, Peter Grant

Absent: Alternate Melissa Marra, Trustee Ed Macek

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the March 28, 2016 meeting by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Voice vote – all AYE.

3. Project Reports

- a. *Community Garden* -

One gardener is interested in making the pavilion a reality. He has funding sources and would like to help out. Need to look into zoning and what can be installed that can later be moved. Still accepting applications. Maybe 8 plots left. Environmental Commission will have a double plot. Commission members are encouraged to add whatever plants they want and help with weeding. Gardeners can build their own raised beds if they so choose. Should follow good construction. Mel will talk to Jim Keim to make sure we can do the pavilion and raised beds. Mike brought up the idea that maybe the Boy Scout troop that was at the Eco Fair could help with the garden as a community service project. Mel will call Joy about the ordering of supplies for the garden. She already had submitted all the information but we have not received anything yet.

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

Attendance was very low possibly due to the warm weather. Bike resale event seemed to get better turnout. Would like to recommend that it be at the same location as the Eco Fair. Everything should be coordinated on the same day and area. SWALCO household waste event should also be on same day. Discussed items that were donated such as the shoes. Shoes must be taken to Vernon Hills this week. Mel said she would go. Merleanne from SWALCO said she would come to the June meeting to discuss Antioch as a drop off site for the Reuse-A-Shoe program and Textile/Clothing program. Amanda ordered posters from IDNR and will order more trading cards. Vendors liked the idea of the cards as well. Exhibitors and vendors were happy with the event and even though it was a low turnout the people that came found it very informative and enjoyed their time there. Discussed maybe moving our Eco Fair to the high school in their auxiliary gym or commons area. Recycled art projects were a very low turnout as well due to the Parcc Testing. Can look into extending it to adults or high schoolers. Discussed changing dates earlier or later. Still don't want to conflict with Lindenhurst event. Should have something outside to attract more people. Had Groot truck this year but Scott would really like to have an electric car. Maybe do a "touch a truck event." Would like to follow Lindenhurst event guidelines and see what other ideas they have. Amanda will contact school about what dates might work better to get more projects next year.

*c. Village Nursery –*

Peter had conversation with the Mayor about the village nursery. He said village couldn't do it because it wasn't feasible. Maybe because of cost, personnel, or space needed for trees? Jim Keim had been all for the idea before. Mike said he will talk to Mayor and get clarification. So many trees are being taken down. Need a replacement program. EC still believes having a village nursery would be a good idea and would not be costly.

4. Old Business –

Merleanne from SWALCO will come to June meeting to discussing the Reuse-A-Shoe and Textile/Clothing program for the Village of Antioch. Shoes collected at Eco Fair will be delivered to Vernon Hills this week by Mel.

5. New Business –

Would like to request new board liaison. Ed has not been attending meetings and we need more support. Mel will write letter to the Mayor. Motion was made by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, to send a letter of concern to the Mayor regarding our lack of support and communication with the board through our EC liaison.

Motion to Adjourn: by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by secretary Amanda LeBrun