



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2017

1. Call to Order: The Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Babicz at 6:45 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Chairman Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman

Absent: Anna Andersen, Alternate Melissa Marra, Peter Grant

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting by Scott, 2nd by Mel.
Voice vote – all AYE.
3. Project Reports
 - a. **Community Garden** – Mel gave an update on the garden. Antioch Junior Women’s Club has been keeping the garden looking nice. The shed has been bought and is at Public Works. It will be put in place soon. Katie Vaughn bought a splitter to fix the broken one. Mel will bring in the receipt to reimburse her. A plan will be discussed to attract more gardeners. A blurb will be written to put into the village newsletter for people to “reserve” a plot for next year. Connections may be another publication to consider.
Scott talked to Ash Pallet about donating 4 pallets to be used to build another compost bin at the garden.
 - b. **Earth Day EcoFair** – April 28th – Saturday. Peter will reserve the Township building for this date. A blurb will be put into the newsletter that we are looking to form a committee to work on the EcoFair. We will talk to Lori about how to put more info on the website about it too.
Check into putting a blurb in the newspapers Highlighter, News Sun, etc.
Amanda stopped by with things from the EcoFair that were put into the garage.
4. Old Business
 - Mike would like to readdress the idea of the village nursery at the Bitner Property. The property was designated for park use. The property is not being used right now. There are still many questions regarding who would plant the stock and who would maintain it once the trees and shrubs were planted. More work will need to be done on this.
 - Still looking for another alternate for the commission.
5. New Business
 - Mike brought in information about the Free Energy Assessment Program from Com Ed and North Shore Gas. He had it done at his house where they replaced lightbulbs with higher energy efficient bulbs. Pipes were wrapped and a new shower head was put in that will save 2 gallons of water with every shower. This was all done free of charge. Estimated savings were around \$400 for a year. Well worth the time. People in the village may be eligible for this program.
Meeting day has traditionally been the 4th Monday of each month, but if there is a better day, it is possible to change the day for convenience of the members.

Motion to Adjourn by Mel, 2nd by Scott. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by secretary Melonnie Hartl