



## Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The Environmental Commission was called to order by Melonnie Hartl at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at Antioch Village Hall: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

Present: Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Peter Grant, Anna Andersen arrived at 6:36, Trustee Jozwiak, Peter Grant left at 6:36 – and returned at 7:20, Guest – Mikaela Jordon ACHS Government class student.

Absent: Chairman Mike Babicz, called in at 6:55- 7:08, Alternate Melissa Marra

2. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter. Voice vote – all AYE.
3. Project Reports
  - a. **Community Garden** – Mel gave an update on the garden. Several gardeners have already replied by email that they would like their plots again for next year. Public Works put bags in the shed to help with getting rid of the garden debris. A work day has not been scheduled yet. The blue garbage dumpster that was left by a gardener was removed. Scott will try to get the hardware to assemble a compost bin from pallets if the weather holds. Jay suggested we buy the wheel barrel this year.
  - b. **Earth Day EcoFair** – April 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday. Anna will ask the Junior Women’s Club if they would be interested in doing some kind of food booth. Members were asked to start looking for new vendors or groups that would be interested in a booth at the EcoFair. Mel will provide a list from the previous years.
4. Old Business
  - **Village Nursery update** – Mike met with Robbie Spencer (the new director of parks and rec) at the Bittner property. There is an ideal space for the nursery near the big house. There is a fence  $\frac{3}{4}$  around the parcel. Robbie asked that the commission provide a formal proposal for the project and submit it to Parks. The same concerns about who will maintain it were brought up. They may help with the beginning set up, but not with maintenance. There are two wells on the property that may be helpful with constructing an irrigation system. Mike will contact scout groups and the high school to see if there is interest in participating the nursery project. Planting will begin in Spring. Discussion will continue at the January meeting.
  - **Shred Spot tour** – Mike contacted Paul about having the January meeting and tour at Shred Spot in Northbrook. It will be the same meeting time – Monday, Jan. 22nd at 6:30. We can meet at Village Hall at 5:30 and carpool together. A motion was made by Mike to meet at Shred Spot in January. Second by Scott. Voice vote - All aye.
  - **Grant proposal** – Anna is still in the process of writing the grant.

- She is trying to find a contractor to install at least two rain barrels around town and possibly one at the high school.

She is looking at commercial as well as residential barrels that are aesthetically pleasing.

She has been talking to Michael Tobin at Lakes High School.

Also, two one-hour sessions on water conservation, history of the chain, how to use rain barrels, etc. will be presented as a way to get the community involved which is part of the grant proposal.

Other discussion followed with new ideas such as having a painted rain barrel contest. Barbara Porch will be contacted about sponsoring this event.

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#### 5. New Business

Scott mentioned that Tiffany Farms subdivision has lots of burnt out street lights. Jay stated that Com Ed can be called to come out and fix them. On Village website, there is an area where you can get a ticket number for work that needs to be done around the village. It was suggested that possibly a grant could be written to put in long life bulbs.

Motion to Adjourn by Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting – **Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by secretary Melonnie Hartl