



Village of Antioch - Environmental Commission

April 23, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Chairman Mike Babicz, Melonnie Hartl, Scott Frillman, Anna Andersen, Trustee Jozwiak,

Absent: Peter Grant, Alternate Melissa Marra

Guest: Becky Jacobson

1. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting by Scott, 2nd by Anna. Voice vote – all AYE.
2. Project Reports
 - a. *Community Garden* –
 - b. *Earth Day EcoFair* – April 28th – Saturday.
 - We have 30 vendors. Mel and Scott will start set-up on Friday evening to put up tables and set-up the EC booth. Peter will be contacted for the key.
 - Anna has the special requirements for vendors. Jay was able to obtain several “prizes” for the winners of the recycled poster contest and Mel donated a couple of prizes.
 - Vendors will be asked to make an environmental “poster” representing their business or an environmental message. They will be judged and have a chance to win a prize as well.
 - Many more signs were ordered to put up around town and 500 more water bottles were ordered as give-aways. Each member will be responsible for picking up signs and putting them up.
 - A table will need to be up by the speakers. Mike will be the MC and organize the speakers.
 - Scott will be in charge of the poster making table.
 - Anna will be organizing the vendors.
 - Mel will be helping wherever needed.
 - Peter will be manning the AAHAA table and help where needed.
 - Jay will be available to help where needed.
 - A podcast will be going on during the EcoFair.
 - The Groot truck will be outside.
 - The Chevy Volt and a Wilmot pace car will be outside too.
 - Every person that comes to the EcoFair can fill out a raffle ticket. There will be a drawing every half hour during the event.
 - For next year and throughout the year, the EC can be looking to create partnerships with organizations in town ie Parks and the library, to create activities etc.
3. Old Business
 - **Village Nursery update** – Summer program through the high school is interested in taking on the village nursery. They would be bussed over and supervised by Jamie and others.

Mike met with Robbie and looked at a parcel at the Bitner property that would work for the start of the village nursery. A proposal will be submitted to request about an acre of land to be used for the nursery. If planted now, it will be two years or more before the plants will be able to be used.
~ A motion was made Anna, seconded by Scott. All aye.

4. New Business

- Peace Garden Project – Rotary clubs usually have funds for starting something like this.
We will see if Randi Scheurez will come present more information at our June meeting.

- Summer program for students with special needs. Jamie Atkinson is looking for projects to do with her students for the summer. They would be interested in helping with the community garden as well.
- Anna requested that members review her grant proposal for the rain barrel project. If it can be review for presentation to the board and possible submission to Walmart by July.
- Stephen Rose told us that the Environmental Club at the high school comes into town and collects the recycling from several businesses and take it back to the high school. Jay requested that a list be put together of businesses that would like to recycle and would take it to a dumpster – somewhere in town – and he will take it to the village. We will need people that will commit to that.

A motion was made to create a partnership with the special education department at Antioch High School to assist with needs at the community garden and possibly the village nursery. Mike motioned, Anna seconded. All aye.

Motion to Adjourn by Mel, 2nd by Anna. Voice vote – all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Reminder: No Meeting in May

Next Meeting – **Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 pm.** Submitted by secretary Melonnie Hartl