



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.  
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Center  
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL 60477**

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

**Members:** Chairman Antonio Halek  
Adam James  
Frank Markowicz  
Jeff Mech  
Paul Mikula  
Michelle Sigler

**Absent:** John Barajas  
Luke Engel  
Beth Mikula  
Barbara Moore  
**Associate:** Kerri Roiniotis  
Village Liaison Steve Tilton  
Village Trustee Brian Younker

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Antonio Halek 7:04 p.m. in the Kallsen Center. Motion to open the meeting made by Michelle Sigler, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Michelle Sigler, seconded by Antonio Halek. Motion to review and approve the December 15, 2015 minutes made by Adam James, seconded by Jeff Mech. Approved by voice vote.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Reports**

Antonio Halek updated everyone on the budget.

**New Business:**

Antonio Halek will check with park district to confirm where we can have clean-up groups. Would like to create park groups for the clean-up. It was suggested EEC clean the library and the street (Veterans) leading to the library, parking lot by Kmart/Aldi, PAWS.

Paul Mikula stated we need to see where the nearest park sign is for public works to collect the garbage as all garbage bags are left near the sign for quick and easy pick up. Also need to confirm if kids can clean near streets and parking lots as it could be a safety issue.

Michelle Sigler stated that per her survey from last year, we need to supply a list of park location and gloves to participants.

Antonio Halek will provide zoned maps at next meeting. He would like to get pictures to send to Exchange and the Junction for publication/advertisement.

Adam James suggested the virtual backpack at schools and adding to the event calendar in the Junction and on the village website.

Antonio Halek will contact Barbara Moore to see what ideas she has for advertising. Would like to have high school students helping to fill out MWRD rain barrel applications at the clean-up and Discover Tinley event. He will check with Tinley Park H.S. regarding paperwork and confirming the date for the clean-up.

Some activities at the clean-up lunch would include: Bozo buckets; recycle/sort game; color sheets to decorate/color for rain barrel designs; craft ideas (tic-tac-toe, memory game).

Jeff Mech wants to focus on quality rather than quantity. If we get the attention of 2-3 people at the event, that would help.

### **Rain Gardens**

Antonio Halek reported that Hickory Creek is offering a grant. If the village has a letter of commitment towards rain gardens, this would promote water retention.

Paul Mikula questioned was this a yearly process?

Antonio Halek said EEC found out about this after the deadline passed. We need more notice. Would like to include labor and materials.

Adam James thinks EEC should contribute from the budget if possible.

### **Discover Tinley**

Michelle Sigler, Frank Markowicz and Antonio Halek will be able to attend and work. MWRD forms will be available for visitors to complete. Seeds will be passed out to visitors. Also will advertise clean-up at Discover Tinley and have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested.

Antonio Halek suggested purchasing what we can to support Ace Hardware, which is a local business in Tinley and a business that has supported and helped the EEC many times.

Paul Mikula suggested obtaining rain barrel parts from Ace.

### **Old/Ongoing Business:**

#### **Idle Free**

Antonio Halek emailed the mayor and Brian Younker to see what the next steps are for the EEC. He will also send an email to District 140 to let them know we are still working on the signs for them.

#### **On-Site Visits**

Antonio Halek reserved February 15<sup>th</sup> with Nu-Way for a tour of the facilities. Need to let him know if anyone is interested in attending. Hopes after visiting we will have a good idea of where we can go and what options we have for HHW. Would like to see a HHW collection once a year as part of our pick-up.

**Adam James made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Mikula. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**