



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 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
Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Guest: Aireen Arellano
- Absent:** Barbara Moore
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 at 7:20 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by Frank Markowicz, seconded by Jeff Mech. Motion to approve the January 17, 2017 minutes made by Jeff Mech, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek presented the budget update.

New Business:

Antonio Halek has written an article for *The Exchange* regarding idle-free which shows EEC involvement. Sign costs will be covered by the EEC for the participating schools. He asked the marketing department to use the ad from last year and include information on compost, the need for volunteers and the spring clean-up.

Jeff Mech made a motion to extend Idle-free to other school districts in Tinley Park – District 228, 146 and 230 – seconded by Frank Markowicz. All present in favor.

Frank Markowicz stated that there is a LED rebate available from ComEd and Home Depot and Lowes recycles the old bulbs and the LEDs. Lowes will also take florescent bulbs.

Jeff Mech stated that Battery Giant in Orland Park is out of business but Best Buy in Tinley Park recycles wires, cords, cables, batteries and other electronics, but NOT TVs. They will also take old computers, boom box, anything but TVs.

Antonio Halek reported on a new program through AVA Recycling. We can have a truck for up to four hours collecting electronics and it would cost \$250.00 per truck to rent. This would include clean-up and set-up time. We would need to have a few people there to help unload the cars. They will take computers, anything electronic but there would be a fee of \$25.00 for up on a 20 inch television and \$30-\$60 for a larger television. You would need a voucher to attend the event but the voucher also includes a voucher to buy something from their on-line store which also links to Vet Tech. He believe this would be a refurbished item, not a new item. A portion of the proceeds would be sent back to the village to help with the cost. This program also helps Vets via Vet Tech as AVA also works with them. You do not need to be a Tinley resident to participate.

Jeff Mech presented a motion to use AVA Recycling for a May recycling collection, date to be determined, seconded by Frank Markowicz. All in favor. May 20th is the tentative date.

Jeff Mech will order earth flags, small and large, to pass out to participants at EEC events.

Old/Ongoing Business:
Spring Clean-up, April 29th

Antonio Halek spoke with John Curran, the Executive Director at the Tinley Park – Park District. He suggested we also clean up branches and debris which is affecting the water quality of the water and streams and blocking sewerage and drainage. He is also meeting with the library to talk about wattage meters. Emails have been sent to the organizations. We will have a display of what we can and cannot recycle.

Antonio Halek will also speak with Dr. Lindsay Birt to see if the spring clean-up can be tied in with the BioBlitz event in September.

Antonio Halek reported it will be the same plan as previous years. Food will be from Rubino's. Volunteer groups will report to the village hall to pick up the garbage bags and check in, pictures will be taken, set up and lunch is at Tinley Park High School. Aireen Arellano and her husband volunteered to help and will take pictures of the volunteers in action; Frank Markowicz will set up and explain the rain barrel; Denise Maly-Politano will meet volunteers at the village hall and distribute garbage bags. At the lunch we will have Bozo buckets and craft games for the kids, Kilowatt/volt meter and power strip display. We will also be handing out the patches and

serving food at the lunch. Antonio Halek suggested finding some high school student volunteers who might be looking for some service hours to help with some of the activities.

Frank Markowicz will make a display showing the LED's, 60w bulbs and others for examples.

Jeff Mech stated that this display should encourage people to buy LED's.

Discover Tinley

Antonio Halek stated everything from prior years stays the same such as the bags, seeds, etc. but also add the wattage machine.

Frank Markowicz will set up the rain barrel display, purchase the seeds and possibly set up a light bulb display.

Jeff Mech suggested a sign-up sheet for those who might be interested in joining the EEC along with a sign-up sheet for clean-up participants. Jeff will also purchase the Earth Day flags for the raffle.

Jeff Mech stated that Ace Hardware will now take latex and water-based paints for a \$3.50 disposal fee. They will also dispose of oil-based for a \$5.00 fee. Spray paint can be disposed of for \$3.75. This is a great way to get rid of old paint and varnish sitting around the garage.

Receive Comments from the Public

Aireen Arellano and her husband Jeffery are very interested in being involved in the Environmental Commission. They will submit a letter and resume to the mayor for consideration. They are both willing to volunteer and help out at the Spring Clean-up. Aireen presented a flyer she created for everyone to view. She would like to help with marketing/publication.

Good of the Order

Jeff Mech thanked everyone for their support at the village board meeting. He thinks the presentation went well. It was a great presentation asking for the recycling center to be reopened and supervised from 9-5 on weekends with employees from Public Works monitoring the center so residents cannot drop off paint cans, tires, furniture and TVs. Our past visitor, Jim Komraski was great and spoke before the board. Jeff stated that we need to get the public, trustees, mayor and the clerk more involved and aware of what the residents want in terms of recycling.

Antonio Halek suggested sending an email to Clerk Rea to see if he received the information that he expressed interest in receiving regarding the recycling center and Cool Cities.

Adjournment

Jeff Mech made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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