



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, March 21, 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
Jeff Mech
Kerri Roiniotis

Guest: Aireen Arellano
Jeffery Loftus

Absent: Frank Markowicz
Barbara Moore
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 7:07 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by Jeff Mech, seconded by Kerri Roiniotis. Motion to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes made by Kerri Roiniotis, seconded by Jeff Mech. Approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek presented the budget update. EEC is doing great even factoring in the AVA Recycling.

New Business:

Antonio Halek suggested everyone participate in Earth Hour on March 25th between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. We are to turn off all lights and electricity during this hour to help the environment.

Earth Day is April 22nd. Jeff Mech will purchase Earth Day flags to have a raffles at the EEC events.

Electric Aggregation

Jeff Mech stated that three years ago the Village of Tinley Park purchased electric through a contract which is now up for renewal. This contract applied to all households and small businesses. If you did not want to participate you were free to opt out. At that time, Jeff tried to get the Village to agree to renewable energy via working with Assistant Village Manager Steve Tilton. There are numerous customized packages the Village can chose from. Jeff stated the Village needs to invest in renewable energy which would amount to \$20.00 per year for a family of four on average. The current contract was from July 2014 to July 2017 and will be up for renewal. Jeff Mech also stated that **it is important to note that anybody can opt out of the new Village contract and/or renewable energy** but he would like to see everyone participate.

Aileen Arellano questioned why not push for renewable energy? The opt in/opt out option is huge.

Jeff Loftus thinks renewable would be a selling point to new businesses in Tinley Park and those interested in opening a business in Tinley Park.

Jeff Mech presented a motion to add 100% renewable energy to the Village contract, seconded by Kerri Roiniotis.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Discover Tinley, April 8th

Antonio Halek stated everything from prior years stays the same such as the bags, seeds, etc. but also add the wattage machine. He discussed with the wattage machine with the library staff and they are not interested in renting out the same.

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

Jeff Mech will purchase 10 small Earth flags and one 3x5 for a display at EEC events.

Spring Clean-up, April 29th

Antonio Halek spoke with Dr. Lindsay Birt who stated we should not clean up branches and debris because that actually enhances water quality in some situations. Only smaller twigs and branches will be picked up. Antonio also stated that Dr. Birt would assist the EEC in setting up a rain garden proposal in the future. Rain gardens cost about \$1200 to set up and there is funding for the gardens.

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. Aileen Arellano and her husband 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 games for the kids, Kilowatt/volt meter and power strip display. We will also be handing out patches and serving food at the lunch.

Jeff Mech suggested purchasing juice boxes and water for the lunch.

Receive Comments from the Public

Aireen Arellano and her husband Jeffery are very interested in being involved in the Environmental Commission. They have submitted their letter and resume to the mayor for consideration.

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Kerri Roiniotis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Mech. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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