

Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Tinley Park Village Hall
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Roll Call: Antonio Halek – Member (via phone conference); Jeff Mech – Member; Matt Sheedy – Member; Michelle Sigler – Member; Frank Markowicz – Member; Guest Amanda Rackow

Absent: John Barajas – Member; Beth Mikula - Member; Paul Mikula – Member; Tom Staunton – Trustee.

Opening

Meeting called to order 7:07 pm by Antonio Halek. Motion to Open the Meeting was made by Michelle Sigler, seconded by Jeff Mech. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Antonio Halek, seconded by Michelle Sigler. Motion to review and approve the March 17, 2015 minutes made by Matt Sheedy, seconded by Michelle Sigler. Approved by all present.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek updated everyone on the new budget. The EEC budget for the year is \$3,950.00.

New Business: *Fall into Recycling*

Michelle Sigler made a motion to select the date of September 26th from 10:00 to 1:00 for the *Fall into Recycling* community event, seconded by Matt Sheedy. Approved by all present.

Michelle Sigler will create the flyer for *Fall into Recycling*.

Antonio Halek will confirm if an insurance permit will be needed.

Location will be the same – McCarthy Park. Antonio Halek will confirm with the park district on the date/time/location.

Jeff Mech will create signage to advertise the day of. This should help attract drive-bys and those not sure where the drop off is. He inquired about the need to obtain three quotes. Brian Younker thought the signs could be made in-house.

Jeff Mech will confirm vendor for batteries/light bulbs, Antonio Halek will confirm clothes/electronics/Hazardous Waste collection, Beth Mikula will confirm books/paper collection, and Matt Sheedy will confirm collection of old tires. Michelle Sigler will contact Public Works to see if we can get a truck to store all of the electronics collected. Michelle will

also create a hand out for those attending the event. Antonio Halek will confirm with Bolingbrook and/or Naperville company about latex paint collection. This might not be doable as there is usually a fee and who would pay? We could also collect old drugs if permitted under law. This will need to be confirmed by village/police department/park district.

Michelle Sigler will create an information sheet regarding Kitty litter and instruction for people with latex paint. Maybe we can even have Kitty litter at the event to assist with collecting.

Michelle Sigler will have craft ideas and supplies for anyone staying with children.

Antonio Halek will check into refreshments same as last year. He will also check into having a Nissan Leaf on display.

Weekly Recycling

-Waiting to hear back from the NuWay contact for weekly pick up costs
-Seemed like they are very willing to send out multiple containers to residents requesting them. This might be a better option (limits the number of trucks on the road that increase emissions).

Old Business:

Spring Clean Up

Permits and Insurance needed with explanation of what we need given to Public Works. This needs to be done a few weeks before the event.

Michelle Sigler confirmed Patches have been ordered. As soon as the patches arrive she will distribute them.

-Select 2016 date – possibly 4/23

Michelle Sigler will create flyer for next year's spring clean-up.

Antonio Halek would like to revisit our Park excel sheet and add major cross streets and familiarize ourselves with what actually needs to be done at each park...maybe even work with the Park District on this. Hopes to get a map from the park district or village hall to help.

Michelle Sigler will create a survey email/money to ask the scout leaders to get ideas to make the clean-up even better for next year. Questions asked would be: What troops thought of clean up? What would/should we do differently? What suggestions for next year? Would troop be willing to clean more than one park? Jeff Mech thinks all participants need to participate the actual clean-up day in order to receive patches. Many volunteers said they would help but did not show up the day of.

Meeting Date Change

Antonio Halek checked with our new village trustee liaison, Brian Younker, as to his availability on the third Wednesday of every month for our meeting. This seems to be a good date for most. Need to confirm with those not present at the meeting this month. Will have a vote in June on

meeting change. Our visitors from last month were very interested in becoming members and have sent in resumes and letters of intent. Amanda will do the same.

Vote on Projects

Antonio Halek suggested selecting two projects that we want to move forward with and then implement some actionable items. The projects will be selected from the following list:

Openlands
Idle Free Schools
Cool Cities
Recycling at Village events
Recycling at the Farmer's Market
Recycling at the train stations
Enhance the Recycling center (partner with Public Works)
Rain barrel coloring contest/community garden (getting volunteers)
Pumpkin Drive
Green Fact of the Month
Adding information to EEC website page

After much discussion, Jeff Mech wants to continue his work on Idle Free Schools. He will present and be ready to propose to Brian Younker his idea. Amanda will help Jeff with marketing and recreating proposal.

Michelle Sigler will send an email to Donna Framke regarding recycling at village events, recycling at the Farmer's Market and recycling at the train stations.

All other items will remain on the list and be addressed at a later time.

No Old Business.

Michelle Sigler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Mech. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.