



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 - 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
Luke Engel
Adam James
Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Beth Mikula
Paul Mikula
Barb Moore
Michelle Sigler

Associates: Kerri Roiniotis

Absent: John Barajas
Matt Sheedy
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 was made by Adam James, seconded by Beth Mikula. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Beth Mikula, seconded by Jeff Mech. Motion to review and approve the September 15, minutes made by Beth Mikula, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Approved by voice vote.

Antonio Halek welcomed all newly appointed commissioners. Kerri Roiniotis inquired into why she was listed as an Associate Commissioner. Antonio Halek discovered it was because EEC has reached its membership limit. We need to have those who are no longer involved with the EEC submit a letter of resignation to the mayor so that their resignation can be approved by the village board and Kerri can then be sworn in as a commissioner.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek updated everyone on the budget.

New Business:

Larger Recycle Bins at Train Stations

Antonio Halek asked EEC Commissioners to observe if the train stations have any recycling bins at all. If so, we would like to obtain larger bins for recycling at the train stations. Antonio will contact Public Works to see why there are no bins and how to get some over there.

Barb Moore asked how we could force people to recycle at fairs and community events. It would be difficult to monitor.

Jeff Mech said we have to at least provide the option. It would be up to the community to actually recycle at these events.

Paul Mikula asked where the two restaurants located inside the train stations recycle. Or do they recycle? What company do they use? We might think about combining our efforts with those restaurants and companies they use to have more success with recycling at the train stations.

Hazardous Waste Locations in South Suburbs

With a lack of hazardous waste locations in the south suburbs, Antonio Halek collected information on waste haulers via an on-line search. The company he used as an example was located in Colorado. They would charge a certain price per pound depending on what the item is, including the container. If the EEC pursued this, we would have to have a specific collection date with a small controlled group to see how much we would collect and how much it would cost. This could be quite expensive.

Kerri Roiniotis stated there is a Will County hazardous waste collection. Information can be found on-line at willcountygreen.com.

Sign at PW for Computer/Electronic Recycling

A motion was made by Beth Mikula, second by Michelle Sigler to table this issue for the November meeting. More information is needed on this area.

Spring Clean-up

A motion was made by Michelle Sigler, second by Paul Mikula to table this issue for the November meeting.

Michelle Sigler will create a generic advertisement for the spring and fall clean-up so that we can have dates/times published in newspapers and the Junction. This way the community will know the recycling dates even if we do not have companies lined up for collections.

Barb Moore thinks the generic ad would help get the word out. She also suggested getting the information to the papers with a photograph as that would interest more volunteers if they can see a visual.

Antonio Halek asked anyone going to the Halloween Boo Bash be on the lookout for recycling bins.

Motion was made by Beth Mikula, second by Barb Moore to table voting on a hiatus for the December EEC meeting. EEC will revisit this in November.

Old Business:

Fall into Recycling

Antonio Halek was disappointed in the turn out for the fall clean-up but stated that every little bit that the EEC does helps the environment.

Jeff Mech agreed and said all who did show up were very supportive and thankful for the recycling collection. Adam James agreed.

Luke Engel want to focus on recycling electronics throughout the village. He has contacts within the forest preserve district and will inquire as to what companies they use. He stated that Little Red Schoolhouse in Willow Springs collects and recycles television sets and possibly another location at 135th and Harlem which is part of Hickory Creek.

Frank Markowicz has brought electronic recycling to a location at 191st and Wolf Road in Mokena.

Recycling Restrictions

Antonio Halek stated that, via Brian Younker, there are new recycling restrictions that state companies cannot charge municipalities for recycling. Eight percent of the items have to be recycled and can include CRTs in the total weight.

Idle Free

Jeff Mech and Antonio Halek will be creating a Power Point presentation regarding idle free and the effects on the environment. Jeff hopes to meet with the principal at McAuliffe next week to present.

Beth Mikula made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michelle Sigler. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.