



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, November 16, 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
Aireen Arellano
Jeffery Loftus

Absent: Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Village Trustee Brian Younker
Kevin Workowski, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Chairman Antonio Halek at 7:02 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by Jeffery Loftus, seconded by Aireen Arellano. Motion to approve the October 19, 2017 minutes made by Aireen Arellano, seconded by Jeffery Loftus. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

No budget report.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Solar Proposal/Solar Farm

Antonio Halek stated we need to make it easier for residents to get permits and additional information. He received an email from Pat Hoban and forwarded it on. Municipalities are against it but other communities have solar farms.

Jeffery Loftus stated that we need a lot of open space. Need to talk to other communities regarding their solar farms. The more exposure, the larger the audience.

Aireen Arellano would like to sit in on some meetings and take notes to see where things are going.

EWorks Event Recap

Jeffery Loftus stated the event turned out well even during the downpour. Weather was a deterrent for some. Some people rented vehicles to drop off big televisions; other vehicles came back multiple times. Every car that came through was counted. Those that participated were asking when the next event would be.

Antonio Halek said the event was awesome. Definitely over a semi was filled for sure. Maybe 3 or 4 cars were upset they had to pay for their televisions but most comments were positive. No exact numbers yet. Great event. Electrical information flyers were handed out to those that attended. Collected emails so we can send out emails to those interested.

Aireen Arellano will let the editor of the Junction know the event went well and thank him for getting the word out there for us. Thinks it would be appropriate to have another event around the date of the spring clean-up.

Recommendations to the Tinley Park Waste and Recycling Bid/Contract

Jeffery Loftus is trying to find information on the Oak Forest contract. They do allow for electronics to be picked up if you call ahead. The limit is two per year, per household. He will keep digging to see if he can find other contracts for comparisons. The State of Illinois will require all electronics to be paid recycles by 2019. Tinley's contract has been in place since 1993. It was last renewed in 2011 and runs until 2019. Tinley has the option to cancel at any time. Some things to note would be definitions of who would be covered, multiple family residences, condos, townhomes, and things of that nature. This is what we should recommend for curbside pick-up in our contract/proposal. Interesting how different municipalities have different services under different providers. Orland's contract covers every residence in the village, including townhomes and condominiums. How can we get townhomes and condos into this contract? Can the village force them? Would like to see all included so we don't have to field those questions from any of them.

Antonio Halek asked the Oak Forest environment chairman about recycling pick up but he didn't know much about the refuse contract. Jeff from Eworks stated that Oak Forest is paying for it one way or another.

New Business:

Holiday Themed Eco-Friendly Tips

Aireen Arellano suggested flyers at the Holiday Market and maybe someone would take note of it. Need to include some holiday themed eco-friendly tips for recycling. Maybe hand flyers up in the booth. Not sure anyone would be receptive to speaking with EEC at the booth as it is a very packed event.

Antonio Halek stated that the EEC will not be participating at the Holiday Market unless we can leave information in the village booth for distribution. It's a full house and there are no booths left for EEC to have its own booth. He will speak to Vicki to see if we can have handouts at the village booth.

Implementing Recycling Bins at Fire Department, Police Department, Village Hall

Antonio Halek spoke with the custodians at the village hall who stated that recycling is separated and dumped into large dumpsters outside of the building, however, the recycling is not picked up and then the recycling is mixed into the garbage dumpsters when full. Need to speak with Dave Galotti regarding PW picking up recycling. Also need to talk with Dave Niemeyer about having bins at the front entrance of the village hall. He will talk to Brian and Dave about recycling bottles and cans in the lobby out in front for the public to be able to recycle. Need to call NuWay/Homewood Disposal and see how we can get them out to pick up the recycling. He will email Brian to ask about how sensitive documents would be handled.

Jeffery Loftus inquired about how we can incorporate into Tinley Park so we don't have to field it. Is there an ordinance to hide bins? Is the village code the same as stores? Bylaws? Also need to worry about the security of sensitive documents and recycling of those documents.

Aireen Arellano inquired about the price for different sizes of recycling bins. What are the options and sizes?

Antonio Halek spoke with someone that has a working display that can be set up at our spring clean-up. This will show how a rain barrel can be set up. Jeffery Loftus stated that we had an 18 volt pump that runs off of a rechargeable battery. The DC pump would be another means to accomplish that. He would like Jeffery Loftus to find out the ordinances and Aireen Arellano the different prices for different size bins.

Good of the Order

Antonio Halek stated the EEC will discuss and finalize the spring clean-up details at the January EEC meeting. He spoke with the park district regarding joining them on Earth Day for the next spring clean-up. The park district is very interested in having a combined event with the EEC. Thinks we should invest our time in solar panel permits at Feb/March meetings. Solar panels will be a long meeting. Need to speak with building department, PW, etc. December will consist of Eworks, recommendations to the contract and recycling bins. Recommendations for townhomes/condominiums in March.

Jeffery Loftus thinks Jan/Feb makes sense for solar panels because that is when people start to think about home renovations.

Aireen Arellano suggested EEC business cards that can be handed out with the village information, email and website.

Receive Comments from the Public

No comments, no public.

Adjournment

Aireen Arellano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeffery Loftus. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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