



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, December 15, 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
Michelle Sigler
- Associates:** Kerri Roiniotis
- Absent:** John Barajas
Beth Mikula
Paul Mikula
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 7:04 p.m. in the Kallsen Center. Motion to Open the Meeting was made by Michelle Sigler, seconded by Adam James. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Michelle Sigler, seconded by Adam James. Motion to review and approve the November 17, 2015 minutes made by Jeff Mech, seconded by Frank Markowicz with revisions. Approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek updated everyone on the budget. Numbers remain the same.

New Business:

Trustee Brian Younker provided information to Antonio Halek regarding rain barrels in Tinley Park and the MWRD. Antonio will review the materials and report to the EEC in January. This is not finalized yet but once finalized we will need to figure out how to have residents sign up. Orland Township is already participating but this new agreement includes all of Tinley Park. This program would provide 4 rain barrels per residence.

Frank Markowicz stated the rain barrels are a great idea as it would provide free water. You need to have the barrels very high to gravity feed them or use a 12V battery to water a garden via hose. Only good to fill a watering can.

Jeff Mech would like to see more homes have rain barrels.

Michelle Sigler would like to have this program ready for Discover Tinley to push the idea to visitors and get people to sign up for the program.

Garbage Contract:

Trustee Brian Younker asked Antonio Halek to poll the EEC as to an upcoming new village garbage contract to determine if weekly or biweekly recycling would be needed. After much discussion, it was determined that continuing biweekly would be more beneficial as residents can request a second recycling bin if needed. This would reduce emissions and wear and tear on streets if the biweekly recycling pick up remains. Antonio Halek will recommend to the village to remain with the biweekly recycling program with the option of obtaining a second bin and/or larger bin.

Jeff Mech stated that continuing with biweekly will cut down on emissions and wear and tear. Would hate to see extra trucks out there adding extra cost.

Adam James stated you can contact Nuway Disposal and get a second bin and/or a larger bin to hold more recycling.

Kerri Roiniotis will call Nuway to confirm sizes available for recycling.

Idle Free

Jeff Mech, Antonio Halek and Keri Roiniotis met with all principals of District 140 and the assistant superintendent. All were very welcoming and receptive. Superintendent asked what cost was and what they need to do on their end to make this happen. The cost would be \$140.00 for 4 signs and 4 posts, per school. Feedback from the mayor was that the village will pitch in and contribute to the signs. Also wants public works to get involved in layout and design. The schools would have to contribute something but it would be minimal. EEC would contribute from the budget towards the signs for each school. This would 1) help cover the costs and 2) put the EEC stamp on it and the EEC would get recognition. Michelle Sigler made a motion to have the EEC contribute up to \$50.00 per school for a total of \$350.00 for the Idle Free Sign project, second by Frank Markowicz. Now it is up to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to get involved and in contact with the mayor and Brian Younker to make this happen.

Maintenance supervisor was also at the meeting to show they are ready to move forward and he gave input as to where the locations of signs would be.

Antonio Halek thought it was a great presentation and District 140 was very cooperative and very interested especially after telling them about cost sharing. Now EEC needs to follow-up with the village and see how much the contribution from them would be.

Jeff Mech stated that the cost does not include installation.

Jeff Mech and Frank Markowicz met with the mayor who gave very thoughtful insight into the signs. The mayor thinks signs need to be more creative.

Jeff Mech emailed the appropriate people to get District 140, the mayor and Brian Younker to communicate with each other now since the EEC's reach can only go so far. He said the mayor encouraged the EEC to attend board meetings, especially those meetings dealing with issues on the environment.

Antonio Halek thinks someone from the EEC needs to be present when the first sign is installed. Also need to think about putting information into the school's virtual backpack to distribute information to parents, students and families. This is a good time to put the EEC name out there and get recognition.

Adam James said the principal was very supportive and complimentary of the EEC presentation. Thinks the virtual backpack should have reference to these signs once installed to build awareness of the commission.

Old Business:

Antonio Halek would like to schedule an onsite visit to Nuway to see the recycling plant. Antonio Halek requested a meeting with someone at Nuway to meet and look at the facility. Nuway will get back to him on dates available. Antonio thinks our garbage collection company should be able to do a hazardous waste collection for us once a year as part of our contract. He will talk to someone about that collection for once a year.

Kerri Roiniotis would like to confirm who would take responsibility for the waste.

Luke Engel suggested obtaining the garbage contract to see who is responsible.

Adam James think it would be in the request for proposal as to who is responsible. Thinks EEC should find out status and the RFP for the contract/proposal.

Michelle Sigler thinks hazardous waste collection would be phenomenal because the village would not have to pay for someone else to collect. Nuway can collect cardboard and milk cartons with wax coating, but not every company can.

Spring Clean-up

The EEC committee voted to schedule the spring clean-up for Saturday, April 23rd.

Antonio Halek will ask Barbara Moore to look into promoting the spring clean-up in the Junction, Tribune and Southtown newspapers.

Sign at PW for Computer/Electronic Recycling

Trustee Younker and Antonio Halek will be meeting the second week in January to discuss a sign at the Public Works facility regarding computer drop off/recycling.

Adam James thinks it would be worth finding out how Public Works collects recycling at train stations and events and what the policy is. Also, how much of the recycling is regenerated?

Antonio Halek will follow-up with Steve Tilton and Brian Younker as to Public Works policies and who to contact at Public Works.

Jeff Mech made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.