



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - 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  
Michelle Ayala  
Adam James  
Frank Markowicz  
Jeff Mech  
Kerri Roiniotis

**Absent:** 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 at 7:03 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by Michelle Ayala, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Motion to approve the November 15, 2016 minutes made by Michelle Ayala, seconded by Kerri Roiniotis. Approved by voice vote.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Reports**

Antonio Halek presented the budget report update.

**New Business:**

Antonio Halek reported that the NuWay contract does not allow for the recycling of Christmas trees. Also, NuWay would, at no charge, allow one television and one monitor per household if the village extended their NuWay contract. This new contract would have no up-front costs. Brian Younker is to let the EEC know when bids come in. Curbside stickers would be provided per household and each item would need a sticker.

Jeff Mech read from an email he received regarding the recycling of trees. All trees need to be free of all decorations, lights, tinsel, etc. and will be disposed of in a land fill where they will eventually compost.

Adam James inquired about an RFP being put together?

Antonio Halek stated that NuWay is preparing one, along with other companies.

Jeff Mech asked what the EEC should be looking for in the contracts that are presented. He would like to see recycling pick up every other week, more of a commitment to recycling throughout the village and have trucks for collections at the EEC *Fall Into Recycling* event.

Antonio Halek suggested going to townhome and condominium association meetings to explain the importance of recycling and the costs. Another idea would be to bring a NuWay representative to explain and answer questions.

Jeff Mech stated he would like to see every townhome and condominium association have recycling. Jeff also stated that every homeowner has it and pays for it so townhomes and condominium owners should too. The idea would be to offer solutions and recommendations for recycling at these associations. Others items that need to be addressed with the board would be: bringing back the recycling location, possibly have someone from Public Works monitoring the facility from 9-5 on weekends as many residents want the recycling facility. There has to be a middle ground proposed to accomplish this. We want to offer our solutions and recommendations to fix this. Short-term solution is to bring back recycling location. It is valid that people were abusing it but we need to propose middle ground to monitor it. Long-term fix would be to see every townhome and condo required to recycle. He would like to attend a village board meeting in early February.

Antonio Halek stated that the condo and townhome association have to agree to this extra cost. Maybe EEC should attend an association meeting to reach a quicker resolution as to how beneficial recycling would be.

Kerri Roiniotis thought we should talk to other townships and see what they do about monitoring their recycling facilities for illegal drops.

Michelle Ayala stated Orland is so much further ahead than Tinley is with recycling.

Frank Markowicz commented that he did not understand how/why we can't have an ordinance for condominium and townhouse owners to require recycling. Chicago does it and they are a lot bigger than Tinley Park.

Michelle Ayala asked if a condo or townhome owner can call and have the service added to their bill.

Jeff Mech explained that the association has to approve the recycling option and have everyone participate.

### **Spring Clean-up**

Antonio Halek spoke with Randy Couwenhoven (V-P of Tinley Park H.S.) for the permit for the high school. More will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Michelle Ayala suggested having Megan from NuWay present to answer questions and talk about recycling. Also, have the wattage meters on display for everyone to see and the various light bulbs.

Antonio Halek will try to have some interactive activities. Hopefully this will lead to more community outreach and more recycling at village events.

### **New Commissioners/Resigning Commissioners**

At last month's meeting, Antonio Halek stated he received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Lucas Engel. He will email it around to the EEC. Michelle Ayala also submitted her letter of resignation due to an out-of-state move.

A motion was made by Frank Markowicz, seconded by Michelle Ayala to update the EEC bylaws and have the number of commissioners and meetings attended/missed listed as a requirement.

### **Old/Ongoing Business:**

#### **Carbon Fee and Dividend**

Antonio Halek stated the village does not view this as a local concern.

Jeff Mech stated the federal carbon fee is not a local concern but Patrick Rea is on board with the idea. Jeff is looking for local endorsement.

#### **Receive Comments from the Public**

No comments, no guests.

#### **Discover Tinley**

Michelle Ayala stated everything from prior years stays the same but add the wattage machine.

Michelle Ayala made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adam James. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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