



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 - 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
Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Kelly Mulqueeny, Staff Liaison

Absent: Village Trustee Brian Younker

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Chairman Antonio Halek at 7:02 p.m. in the Kallsen Center. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by Jeffery Loftus, seconded by Aireen Arellano. Motion to approve the November 16, 2017 minutes made by Aireen Arellano, seconded by Jeffery Loftus. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Introductions of Commissioners and Kelly Mulqueeny.

Kelly Mulqueeny works for public works and a lot misses her desk. Garbage cans, recycling, hope we can catch some of these things. There is zero recycling at public works. Happened overnight and had no knowledge of it. Would like Tinley to be Tree City USA, can see a lot of things going hand in hand. Wants to bridge the communication gap.

Jeff Mech wants recycling at PW to return. Recycling should not punish Tinley residents. Maybe open on weekends from 8 to 5. Maybe have a PW employee monitoring it. Broader solution would be to pass an ordinance where the condo and townhome associations MUST recycle.

Kelly Mulqueeny explained that it all depends on what they want to pay for. Getting another full-time employee on the weekend would be difficult. The area would be impossible to enforce. If we put the center back up we need to have a plan. Check in/out, only certain ways in/out. A PW employee might not be the best idea. It is a bigger problem. For instance, the branch pickup, 4 ft., bundled up, difficult for older residents to do.

Recommendations to the Tinley Park Waste and Recycling Bid/Contract

Jeff Mech suggested thinking about how many townhomes and condos are in Tinley Park. They have no option to recycle.

Aireen Arellano stated that is our main goal.

Jeffery Loftus wants to see Tinley Park reestablish their own contract with whatever refuse company they want to use. Orland Park covers multi-families and wants Tinley to include them too. For whatever reason, Tinley is able to use whatever hauler they want to use. The contract is up in 2019 but Tinley can opt out of their contract at any time. Needs to include townhomes and condos. It would be about \$3.00 per household, per month.

Aileen Arellano stated we have been given a great opportunity for recommendations of what to include in the new bid.

Kelly Mulqueeny knows a number of townhomes/condos give out recycling bins but they don't use them. There is no separation and the contract does not pick up. Does not know the exact date of when the contract will be up.

Jeffery Loftus stated that Nuway provided the recycling pickup free of charge outside of PW but it was discontinued do to all of the other "junk" that was dumped there.

Jeff Mech feels that if someone thinks they are being watched, they would be less likely to dump tires or mattresses there.

Kelly Mulqueeny disagreed. Had signs before and tv/monitors but it did not deter people from dumping their garbage. Suggested contacting Pat Carr for the final decision on the garbage contract. She will see who is responsible for the new garbage contract and get the information to EEC.

Jeffery Loftus focused on the garbage contract from Orland and not the rebates for collections of items. Thought it was beyond the scope of what the EEC should be doing. Ignored the legalese. Spruced up the contract, put E-waste in contract suggestions, still charge for TVs, have a bulk clean-up week, etc. Sample was distributed for all to review. Jeffery found 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.

Jeff Mech thinks it is very strong regarding collection vehicles where the collection vehicles are powered by alternative fuel sources. Also trying to close the townhome/condo association

loophole. They have to offer the same services as the municipal contract does. Jeff asked if we can add on that they would provide the recycling location again and be responsible for monitoring the drop-off center. Likes the suggestions prepared by Jeffery Loftus. Not too burdensome or lengthy so all the trustees would be willing to read it.

Jeffery Loftus did not think that would work because it would still be open 24/7 for anyone to dump anything in the vicinity of the collection area. Nuway does pick up when the recycling bins are full outside of the village hall. They would pick up from other municipal buildings if the service was requested.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

No budget report.

Old/Ongoing Business:

E-Works - Spring

Antonio Halek stated we want to combine this with Spring Clean-up on the same day or weekend.

Jeff Mech thinks it would be too much in one day.

Jeffery Loftus stated that E-works provided a lot of their own staff to help out.

Antonio Halek thinks we did pretty well and the weather was terrible. Many people asking about the next one. Suggests having one in the fall and one in the spring. If Discover Tinley is April 7th and Spring Clean-up also in April, we might want to push E-works into May.

Jeffery Loftus suggested having it at the end of Earth Week.

Business Cards

Aireen Arellano suggested EEC business cards that can be handed out with the village information, email and website. Samples were distributed and a design was chosen. Cards will be ordered through VistaPrints, \$36.00/250 for the craft paper cards.

Jeffrey Loftus made a motion to order 500 cards if not more than \$50.00 in cost, seconded by Frank Markowicz. All in favor.

Jeff Mech suggested a blank line so that we can write in our name and contact info but have the one generic card everyone can use.

New Business:

Spring Clean-up Date

After discussion, it was decided that April 21, 2018 will be the EEC Spring Clean-up date if we do not team up with the park district. Frank Markowicz will purchase seeds and present the rain barrel display.

Aireen Arellano will coordinate the poster contest again.

Antonio Halek suggested contacting the Andrew H.S. Green Team teacher to coordinate her students and have them assist with composting. Antonio also stated that food will be ordered from Salinas and the same park assignments scheduled.

Jeff Mech wants to demonstrate how environmental improvements often come with savings. For example, the Orland Park Police Department prairie grass and the solar farms popping up in Will County. Also, we made a big jump with the food menu going from McDonalds to Rubino's. Now wondered if we should go meat free? Coincides with educating the public about eating less meat is better for the environment. Giving as many meatless options as possible would be better environmentally, better for health and animal cruelty.

Good of the Order

Antonio Halek spoke with Laura Kirby from Andrew H.S. Her A.P. Science class wants to visit Nuway on March 22nd if possible. 35 students, 5 teachers. If anyone wants to attend with them, let Antonio know. Also visiting a landfill.

Jeff Mech stated that the teachers in the community would be very influential for us. Wish they would attend EEC meetings.

Antonio Halek stated that Carrie Ward from Andrew H.S. wants the EEC to partner with them for a scrap metal fundraiser with the Green Team. He will discuss details with her.

Jeff Mech suggested inviting her to present ideas at our next EEC meeting.

Jeff Mech distributed the Tinley Park Junction December 14th paper. The Tinley Park Park District is doing great things. The board had a presentation by SMART WATT which does audits of energy usage. SMART WATT completed a preliminary audit on the park district including LEED lighting, solar and optimization of services. Estimated the projects would pay for themselves in energy savings in 10 years. It would be great if the village hall did something similar. Figures it would be a savings of \$60,000.00. Would be very interested in seeing if they go through with it. If the park district does it and it is successful, maybe the village hall will follow.

Also, Jeff Mech will be presenting to the Plan Commission on February 1st. The chairman is Ken Shaw. Have been corresponding via email with Ken Shaw and he is very excited about collaborating with us. They meet twice a month, the 1st and 3rd Thursday. This presentation is more about what EEC does and what the EEC has done and how we see ourselves collaborating with them. Defines what we are rather than just doing clean-ups. Ken Shaw sent Jeff a very lengthy email stating that the village should be more environmentally friendly and should

implement this. Ken Shaw is open to building incentives for new construction, can the village provide incentive to have more LEED certified buildings, and how can the village implement more solar panels? The idea is to go there, tell them what we have been doing and where we are going with it and how we can collaborate with them. He will be telling them about the electronic vehicle charging station at the Tinley Park Mental Health Center property. It is a great location, being so close to I-80. We all know what Tesla is doing, BMW, Chevy too. Auto manufacturers are making it very clear that they are going electric. He will have statistics ready. Tinley Park has to be ready to compete. Has to be greener and more environmentally sound. One out of every five vehicles will be EV. Great idea would be to have charging at train stations, especially 80th Avenue Train Station, which is one of the largest.

Frank Markowicz stated there is a new plug-in Hybrid made by Honda. They have charging stations at the Homewood train station.

Receive Comments from the Public

No comments, no public.

Adjournment

Frank Markowicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeffery Loftus. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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