



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, February 20, 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

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 **Aireen Arellano**, seconded by **Frank Markowicz**. Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes made by **Jeff Mech**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

No budget report.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Recommendations to the Tinley Park Waste and Recycling Bid/Contract

Jeffery Loftus stated that Will County does not charge residents for E-waste pick-up or drop off. Allowed 2 TVs per car, per trip. Drop-offs located in New Lenox and Lockport. Need to show ID and be a Will County resident with a Will County address. Orland Park covers multi-families and wants Tinley to include them too. 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. Need to include

townhomes and condos. Jeffrey Loftus distributed copies of his proposals for the next village contract.

Kelly Mulqueeny would like to see more information and put the same on the website. Inquired how it's set up with garbage map. Suggested having a meeting with Assistant Village Manager Pat Carr to see what he thinks.

Aileen Arellano suggested emailing Pat Carr directly with questions/ideas.

Kelly Mulqueeny suggested it is best to start with her and she will talk to Pat. Right now the garbage contract is on the back burner but contract is up soon. She will ask Pat what he needs EEC to do and what is the next step to get these suggestions passed and included in the new bid.

Jeff Mech suggested thinking about how many townhomes and condos are in Tinley Park. They need to have a recycle option. He once again asked about mandatory recycling for townhomes and condominiums.

Kelly Mulqueeny stated that money needs to be behind it. First we need to find a place for recycling and second, would Tinley or the residents pay?

Earth Day/Spring Clean-up/E-works Event

Antonio Halek reminded everyone that April 21, 2018 is the EEC Spring Clean-up date. We will not be teaming up with the park district. **Frank Markowicz** will purchase seeds and present the rain barrel display. He will send out an email blast and contact the scout organizations that have participated in past years.

Aireen Arellano will coordinate the poster contest again.

Antonio Halek 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. Also, wondered if we should give more meatless options at the luncheon? Coincides with educating the public about eating less meat = better for the environment. Giving meatless options would be better environmentally, better for health and animal cruelty.

Frank Markowicz agreed with **Jeff Mech** and his meatless idea or at least offer meatless options.

Antonio Halek will contact E-works for availability.

Business Cards

Aireen Arellano showed samples of EEC business cards with village information, EEC email and website.

Kelly Mulqueeny suggested ordering more cards and possibly going through the village vendor to possibly get a mass discount and be consistent with other village business cards.

New Business:

Solar Panels and Permits

Antonio Halek is still working on this, tabled to next meeting.

Discuss Ideas to Recruit/Add Volunteer Members to EEC

Antonio Halek suggested ideas to recruit or add volunteers to the EEC. Business card distribution at events will help, preparing a contact list at Discover Tinley and other events and having more consistent communication would help with recruiting.

Jeff Mech suggested having associate members rather than new commissioners as a starting point. Thinks we have enough commissioners now. The number is manageable. He shared a quote by Margaret Mead, “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world.”

Kelly Mulqueeny suggested a newsletter with rotating information to get people involved or interested.

Good of the Order

Jeff Mech and Antonio Halek presented to the Plan Commission on February 1st. They stated that the EEC would like to collaborate with the Plan Commission on certain ideas. Presented solar panel ideas/information and cliff notes for dummies to the commission. Suggested having an easy user guide so more people understand and can use solar panels. Patrick Hoban works directly with the Plan Commission and was very receptive to our message.

Antonio Halek presented solar panel costs, what batteries were needed, where to get permits and that information needs to be on the EEC website.

Jeff Mech inquired as to what the permit would look like?

Frank Markowicz stated that you need to determine on-grid or off-grid? Battery storage or not? Installers need to be certified.

Jeff Mech stated that seven churches are forming a “Creation Care Team”. This includes St. George, St. Julie, St. Stephen, St. Michael, Our Lady of the Woods and St. Elizabeth Seton. These churches are committed to resolving climate change together. Need to look into this.

Receive Comments from the Public

No comments, no public.

Adjournment

Frank Markowicz made a motion, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.
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