



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 17, 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
Visitors Abbi Blake and Ashley Morgan
Absent: Village Trustee Brian Younker
Kelly Mulqueeny, 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 **Frank Markowicz**, seconded by **Aireen Arellano**. Motion to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes made by **Aireen Arellano**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Introduction of commissioners and visitors.

Aireen Arellano and Jeffery Loftus met the visitors at Discover Tinley.

Antonio Halek is passionate about recycling and the environment.

Frank Markowicz is trying to make the town a better place and find things that will improve it.

Jeff Mech stated his involvement and how he became involved in the EEC. He is trying to make Tinley Park as green as possible and in way we can do that because he doesn't think there is enough coming out of the mayor and the trustees and not much attention is placed on environmental things. It is our job to push them. They need a little push he feels so that the EEC gets a lot of awareness. Tinley Park needs to do a lot more.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

New budget will be available. We are good financially per **Antonio Halek**.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Recommendations to the Tinley Park Waste and Recycling Bid/Contract

Jeffery Loftus sent over the contract to **Kelly Mulqueeny** for review. Kelly forwarded the same to Pat Carr. Jeffery spoke with Pat Carr at Discover Tinley who stated that the EEC should prepare a RFP rather than creating a contract for review. We don't go out to bid with a contract. Need an RFP so that we can contact service providers who then come back with their proposals.

Aireen Arellano stated that the contract is up for renewal in September 2019 so we have an opportunity to make recommendations and enhance that RFP.

Jeff Mech asked if Pat Carr was receptive to our ideas.

Aireen Arellano stated that they spoke with Pat Carr for about 30 seconds and he said we need to focus on an RFP and not a contract.

[Trustee Younker stopped by to ask about the spring clean-up.]

Business Cards

Aireen Arellano reported that business cards are on hold for now until we can confirm the email situation and finalize the email to be used on the cards. She will report back at the next meeting.

Jeffery Loftus said we will see what we can do to make that happen with Kelly when she returns.

Tree City USA

Kelly Mulqueeny was absent for the meeting and this will be tabled until next meeting when she is available.

Jeff Mech thinks a few things were already checked off but we need to find out more information on some issues.

Jeffery Loftus stated there needs to be a village ordinance as well.

[Denise Maly-Politano reads information from last month's meeting minutes to refresh everyone.]

Aireen Arellano thinks that we most likely do meet the requirements but we need to make it official.

Jeff Mech thinks it will go as far as Kelly Mulqueeny wants to take it and we will go from there.

Discover Tinley Recap

Frank Markowicz reported that Discover Tinley was very successful and he appreciated Aireen Arellano and Jeffery Loftus. They were a great help all day. It was a great opportunity to meeting people and the trustees.

Aireen Arellano stated that they had the opportunity to meet a lot of trustees. Met Pat Carr, Dave Niemeyer and Trustee Berg stopped by the booth and spoke with them about the commission. Appreciate all the time Trustee Berg spent with them.

Jeffery Loftus spoke with Shawn Roby of the Tinley Park District. They would like to get the EEC included with the Park Department for more events.

Aireen Arellano stated they met Al Siegers at Discover Tinley and they spoke about updating recycling. He let us know they are updating their recycling equipment. He is a great resource.

Antonio Halek thought Aireen and Jeffery did a great job with the displays and he loved the green board in the booth.

Aireen Arellano stated that the coloring books and seeds were a bit hit and went quick. Need more next year. Might need recycling symbols to hang on the back drop, possibly have buttons.

Frank Markowicz reported he bought 200 packs for Discover Tinley plus 50 more for spring clean-up.

Next year **Aireen Arellano** suggested a monitor showing a video of EEC events. Also, need to bring sharps, recycle bins and a “talk trash here” sign for the booth.

Jeffery Loftus took names and contact information of people who had questions and he is going to follow up with them to answer their questions. A resident asked how to dispose of a large mirrored door. Also need to find out how to dispose of sharps and a resident of the Pines asked if something more can be done about pet waste and more people being responsible for their pets and cleaning up after them. He was also asked the following questions he would like to find answers to: 1) Hazardous waste – aerosol cans disposal and 2) the 4(H) club asked if EEC would come out to tell them what the EEC does. Also was asked how to get rid of a microwave. He found out there is a microwave disposal in Chicago Heights on May 19th. Republic Services is their waste contractor. Republic Services might be another outlet to use.

Jeff Mech thought if someone gives themselves injections they should know how to dispose of sharps. Can't image that needles would be placed in the regular garbage.

Denise Maly-Politano asked if anyone checked out Shark Shredding at Discover Tinley. They left a flyer in the mailbox for us to look at. They were shredding hard drives and batteries at Discover Tinley. Might be another good contact to set up an event with.

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

Antonio Halek reminded everyone that April 21, 2018 is the EEC Spring Clean-up date. He hopes to see everyone there. Salinas will be served for lunch. Ordering for 200 people as it looks like we will have a good turnout. Drinks, desserts and snacks will be purchased from Cusco. Volunteers should arrive at 8:30 to get their assignments, clean-up until 11:00 and then have lunch around 11:30.

Antonio Halek and **Jeff Mech** will purchase other items from Costco.

Jeff Mech will bring the A-frame signs. He suggested **Aireen Arellano** might want to recreate the signs for next year. If Aireen would get the designs to him pretty quick they might be able to print up the new signs this year.

Aireen Arellano will organize the poster contest. Posters will again be displayed at the village hall.

Jeff Mech emailed Mayor Vandenberg and Trustee Younker inviting them/reminding them about the Spring Clean-up and asking them to attend. He also put information out on three Facebook sites, distributed the flyer and will bring the A-Frames with him for Saturday.

Antonio Halek spoke with the guy from Hailstorm and he would love for us to use his parking lot for a recycling event. He is all about going green and would like to get together with us for an event. **Jeff Mech** thought it was a great event for all. Jeff stated that that is the type of people we need to get with us for support and to be involved in the community.

Antonio Halek will also purchase items for the kids to take home with them. Planters, dirt, shovels, etc. We will have bags, gloves, rockers and patches available for everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

EEC tinleypark.org Email

Jeffery Loftus stated that we can still utilize Gmail to be organized and for the EEC pictures taken at events.

Aireen Arellano will look into the Gmail/email accounts. The email and business cards are put on hold until the email issue is finalized.

Discuss proposal to add information to TP resident's water bill. Information would include the average water use (in gallons) for a household of 4 people.

Jeff Mech would like residents to be more aware of their water usage. Thinks we should be aware and thankful we have the water supply we do and try to conserve as much water as possible. For example, 23,000 gallons were used in his home of 2 adults, 2 kids. Thought that

number sounded high. The average person uses 80-100 gallons per day, per person. $80 \times 30 \times 3$ months (billing cycle) $\times 4$ (people) = 28,800. If you use $100 \times 30 \times 3$ months $\times 4$ (people in a household) = 36,000, showing that his family is below the average. Thinks we need to put something on our water bills. We need to quantify where we got the numbers from but need to add to water bill sent to residents, “the average family of 4 uses...” If we put some info on here for every resident that pays a water bill, it might make them more environmentally conscious. If someone complains their water bill is too high, they can see what they are actually using based on the average. Now they only focus on the water meters and the cost.

Jeffery Loftus suggested the Com/Ed example/approach they provide in their mailings. We can relate to what is the average whatever is easiest for people to do the math.

Visitor Ashley Morgan suggested what if you put “the average person uses.....” on the water bill to draw their focus to the usage.

Jeff Mech stated that maybe we can put the information under “special messages” on bill but we also want it to be a permanent message and it is super important to reference the numbers and where the information is coming from.

Antonio Halek stated that we can absolutely do that for next meeting and present to Kelly next month when she returns.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano suggested using Ecosia as a search engine for anything online. This company plants trees if you use ecosia.org as your search engine. They have already planted over 25 million trees.

2018 Annual Business Breakfast

Antonio Halek will be attending the breakfast along with **Jeffery Loftus** and **Aireen Arnello**. **Kelly MulQueeny** sent an email stating that we were all invited and we all should have received an email/invite. Please RSVP if you are going.

Jeffery Loftus went to the business department at the village hall and asked about solar panels on homes in Tinley Park. The department stated that there are a few but not a lot of them. They will call him back and get some bids just for an example. There are not a lot in the village building code right now.

Receive Comments from the Public

Visitors Abbi Blake and Ashley Morgan are interested in the EEC because it is something they were involved with in college and are concerned with climate change and water shortages.

Adjournment

Jeffery Loftus made a motion, seconded by **Jeff Mech** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m.
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