



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, August 21, 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
Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Jeffery Loftus
Kelly Mulqueeny, Staff Liaison
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
- Absent:** Village Trustee Brian Younker

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by **Antonio Halek** at 7:02 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by **Aireen Arellano**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Motion to approve the July 17, 2018 minutes made by **Aireen Arellano**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

No reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Electrical Aggregation

Antonio Halek, Aireen Arellano and Jeffery Loftus attended the village board meeting at the conclusion of the EEC meeting last month. Antonio Halek stated because part of the EEC was there they were able to move forward with electrical aggregation.

Aireen Arellano stated that the EEC took the initiative to review the usage every month.

Antonio Halek presented to the village board and answered questions. **Sharon Durling** from NIMEC distributed information on the electrical aggregation program. She educated the clerk's office staff on what to say and how to answer questions. Residents had a lot of questions on Monday and Tuesday which were handled by the clerk's office and Sharon.

Jeffery Loftus stated there was quite a bit of notice from the village and lots of canvassing and campaigning of the electrical aggregation information.

Aireen Arellano stated that it makes it easy when it won't cost anyone any more money.

Antonio Halek stated that Sharon Durling and Hannah (from the clerk's office) will oversee the communications directly to the village.

Sharon Durling will send an email with a list of those who opted out of the program. **Antonio Halek** stated that the EEC will continue to get updates but we will not have to monitor it.

Jeff Mech plans to attend tonight's board meeting to thank them and also wants to remind them the EEC voted for a solar farm at 183rd Street and strike while the fire is hot. Wants to go into some of our priorities.

Antonio Halek is in support of a solar farm but thought Jeff should educate the board about brown fields and not 183rd Street specifically.

Aireen Arellano did not think 183rd Street solar farm should be brought up right now.

Jeffery Loftus agreed that we should not be pushing it as we were told as a commission to no longer pursue it.

Jeff Mech stated we were told not to pass out the petitions but we could still pursue it.

Jeffery Loftus has concerns about Jeff Mech presenting as the EEC going forward with it.

Jeff Mech wants to remind them it is a brown field. Basically, with a brown field the panels will lay on top of the ground, we don't have to dig any of it up. Feels like that is the big reason why nothing is being done with that corner because no one wants to clean it up. Wants to let the board know that since it is a brown field the panels can lie right on top.

Antonio Halek suggested softening it and stating that we are in support of any solar farm, educating them on what a brown field is and not specifically mentioning that corner.

Aireen Arellano agreed that is such a hot button issue right now and you don't want to ruffle any feathers. All for it but it fires up so much. We don't have any real actionable procedure to go with so why bring it up right now.

Jeff Mech stated that we need to remind them that we voted for this and want to proceed. He is not afraid to bring it up. We need to educate and remind them. Will also remind them about the Ewaste event and the 40th annual clean-up in April.

Antonio Halek would like to stress brown fields but not necessarily only that location. Rather, it would be for any location where there might be toxic chemicals. He stated that it is residents v. village employees and we are volunteers and mediaries that want to make the village a better place to live.

Jeffery Loftus suggested reminding the village board what a brown field is. There is no clean-up involved. Since we do not have an Ewaste event set right now, unless it is definitive we should say we are working towards an Ewaste event this fall.

Antonio Halek suggested **Jeff Mech** should mention EEC's involvement with Bio-Blitz.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Business Cards

Antonio Halek stated that we now have an official email and **Aireen Arellano** shown a sample with the updated email and when we meet. She will get a quote from Liberty for printing.

Tree City USA

Kelly Mulqueeny pulled invoices and bills but is not sure what they will be able to use. She stated that we have way more than we need. Have to find/write an ordinance to use that meets it. Current budget will cover. We have an arborist to work with. Need to present to the village board first then if approved fill out paperwork to apply to be a Tree City.

Jeffery Loftus stated we need a proclamation from the mayor first. Then when approved the signs for the village will have Tree City on them.

Purchase of Earth Flags

Jeff Mech will purchase Earth Flags for the 40th anniversary clean-up.

Rain Garden

Kelly Mulqueeny stated that we are in the design phase and has the village engineer working on it. This would fall under his salary. An outside engineer was \$300,000-\$800,000.00. This pond will be dredged and with that they don't know what they are getting into.

Jeffery Loftus asked if Apple Pond and the Rain Garden is the same.

Kelly Mulqueeny said yes.

Antonio Halek stated that we will leave Apple Pond on the agenda as a check mark item for updates.

Hickory Creek Bio-Blitz Hosting and Dates

Bio-Blitz is schedule for September 8, 2018. **Kelley Mulqueeny** stated that a PW employee will be there and bring water and donuts for the volunteers.

Jeffrey Loftus explained that Bio-Blitz is our next event and is done to investigate the health of the Hickory Creek Water Shed which is a direct way to tell the health by the type of organisms and qualities of them within the stream to know if there is something that needs to be cleaned up up the river or down the river to help the whole stream.

Aireen Arellano explained we collect samples from the water and there are experts on site to help us. She will create the A-frame signs and will also post the flyers around the village.

Kelly Mulqueeny will email the flyer around and see if it can be posted. Also suggested taking pictures and getting them posted.

Jeffrey Loftus will direct traffic from the park to the location.

Antonio Halek suggested pins/“points” to direct people. He will ask Jason to see what is involved.

District 140 and Solar

Jeff Mech would like to see solar panels on the roof of school buildings. These would be free to the district which is state subsidized. Wants to meet with representatives and try to get meeting with Julia at District 140 and Ken Taketa to implement this. This would be an informational meeting and Ken is an expert as to what the state will pay and all of these subsidizes. The meeting might also involve his brother-in-law who has done this with his school district in Darien.

Kelly Mulqueeny stated that it is being pushed in California and she is trying to get information on companies, etc.

Antonio Halek understands that we are trying to put together an information packet for residents interested in installing solar panels.

Kelly Mulqueeny thinks solar panels are very successful in other states and people are saving money.

Frank Markowicz is looking into putting on a new roof and solar panels.

Good of the Order

Nick Yasillo (visitor from last month's meeting) sent an email stating that the 183rd and Ridgeland location was cleaned up of the flare residue after the last concert.

Kelly Mulqueeny received a thank you email from him regarding the clean-up. Thinks we need to present this change to the new police chief once selected.

Jeffery Loftus stated there are more things that are less damaging to people that can be used in place of flares.

Kelly Mulqueeny thinks the flares are used for emergencies out on roadways and expressways and should be brought up to the police officers using them.

Jeffery Loftus stated that products have to work all the time no matter what and the batteries have to be working. He suggested putting together a package for the new chief to consider. Numerous concerts this weekend so we need to have that cleaned up so that the flare residue is not sitting there until Monday. Will send concert list to **Kelly Mulqueeny** to plan for clean-up.

Antonio Halek suggested finding a place where we could buy some and show the police chief.

Jeffery Loftus suggested **Kelly Mulqueeny** give us a heads up as to the new garbage contract and when it is due. Kelly suggested placing it on the agenda as future business.

Kelly Mulqueeny is trying to present the tree consortium to the village board in September. It will be before the committee meeting then it will go to the board. **Jeffery Loftus** asked what date and what committee. Kelly stated that first it will go before Public Works Committee meeting then the village board for approval.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Frank Markowicz**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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