



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, September 18, 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  
Jeff Mech  
Jeffery Loftus  
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
- Absent:** Aireen Arellano  
Frank Markowicz  
Kelly Mulqueeny, Staff Liaison  
Village Trustee Brian Younker

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by **Antonio Halek** at 7:07 p.m. in the Fulton Conference Room. Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconds by **Jeff Mech**. Motion to approve the August 18, 2018 minutes made by **Jeff Mech**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. Minutes approved by voice vote.

**Correspondence**

Electrical Aggregation – nothing received. **Antonio Halek** stated that Sharon Durling will oversee the communications directly to the village and let us know on Tuesday before our meeting. Going forward we will start with electrical aggregation numbers, MC2 and ComEd numbers.

**Reports**

No reports.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Chief/Flares vs. LEDs**

In **Kelly Mulqueeny**'s absence the discussion will be tabled until October.

### **Electronic Recycling Event**

**Antonio Halek** stated the Electronic Recycling Event has been confirmed for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Antonio will firm up with Kelly Mulqueeny to see if she has the staff and if there is something else we will need to get as far as insurance, etc... We will follow the same plan as last year.

**Jeffery Loftus** stated that someone from PW at Bio Blitz asked about the event and stated he was working. Will also let the clerk's office know of the event.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Clean-up**

Tabled until next month.

## **OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

### **Business Cards/EEC Email**

**Antonio Halek** stated that we now have an official email and **Aireen Arellano** will get cards from Liberty. He will check the EEC email.

**Jeffery Loftus** suggested checking with IIT group and see if there is a way to notify or alert **Antonio** about any new emails that come in.

**Jeff Mech** suggested forwarding the email to someone on the EEC for them to respond. **Jeffery Loftus** stated that a response can be drafted/suggested and then sent from the EEC email.

**Jeffery Loftus** provided an email with pricing from Liberty for printing of business cards.

**Jeff Mech** made a motion to purchase 500 business cards from Liberty for \$164.00, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**. **Antonio Halek** stated motion passed, business cards will be ordered.

**Jeffery Loftus** inquired about when payment would be processed.

### **Tree City USA**

In **Kelly Mulqueeny**'s absence Tree City will be tabled until October.

### **Rain Garden**

In **Kelly Mulqueeny**'s absence, Rain Garden will be tabled until October.

### **Hickory Creek Bio-Blitz Update**

**Jeffery Loftus** explained that Bio-Blitz 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. This year the creek was really high and was moving much quicker. Good samples were taken and various organisms were found that have not been found

in previous years. There was also a party booked for the pavilion at the same location. Next year we need to coordinate and insure that other events will not be at that location to avoid a conflict. Very good turnout. Teachers from Tinley Park H.S. and Andrew H.S. were there again.

### **District 140 and Solar Panels**

**Jeff Mech** stated nothing has changed since last month.

### **Garbage Contract**

**Jeffery Loftus** attended the PW committee meeting last week. Sat in and listened to the public's need/want to bid out contract. Some residents were agitated at the board for the change in the insurance program and all that. Concerned about costs, suggested adding the garbage bill to the water bills so that there is only 1 bill quarterly paid to Tinley Park. Some asked for weekly recycling collection, some had no need for weekly. That was curtailed by someone present that worked for Waste Management. He stated that weekly recycling and bigger bins is a better alternative. As a result of that, proper recycling needs to be enforced. One person brought up better service for Oak Park Avenue events and having more collections available there. One member from a townhome was for having recycling and wanting it to be included in the garbage pick-up. Pat Carr mentioned that Joliet went out bid recently as well so we can look at their RFQ for ideas. Also spoke with Brian Younker quickly after the meeting and told him the EEC is here to help in any way we can.

**Jeff Mech** left to attend tonight's board meeting to thank them and remind them the EEC voted for a solar farm at 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and strike while the fire is hot. Wants to go into some of our priorities. Will also remind them about the E-waste event and the 40<sup>th</sup> annual clean-up in April.

### **Good of the Order**

**Antonio Halek** referenced the Craine's article regarding what Tinley Park is doing with electrical aggregation. **Jeffery Mech** stated that it was a general article. **Antonio Halek** stated they were trying to increase public awareness and it was stated that you need to know that it is not 100% renewable. Craine's offered suggestions on how to cut back on consumption, how to be more efficient in the household, etc. **Jeffery Loftus** stated it is in their best interest to participate and there should not be any different in pricing.

**Antonio Halek** stated as a result of that article there were 489 opt outs which came out to 17%. **Jeffery Loftus** agreed it was high, there was 8,209 that would be covered and of those 17% were actually opt outs. **Antonio Halek** stated he was curious to see where the 8,209 people opted out went with. Possibly the EEC can send an email out as a survey. It will only make us better if we know what they are looking for and what we can respond to. **Antonio Halek** wondered if there is a village meeting we can attend and be there to get questions from people or address their concerns. Would really be interested in hearing what those people would have to say about opt outs.

**Jeffery Loftus** stated there is something on the website that has questions and good info. There is a FAQ button too.

**Jeffery Loftus** stated that the flares are being cleaned up regularly now.

**Antonio Halek** received an email from Donna Framke asking for approval of wording to be used on the village website regarding MC2.

**Comments from the Public**

No public, no comments.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Antonio Halek** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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