



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, March 20, 2019
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Conference Center**

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

- Members:** Chairman Antonio Halek
Aireen Arellano
Jeffery Loftus
Jeff Mech
Frank Markowicz
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
- Absent:** 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 7:02 p.m... Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda made by **Frank Markowicz**, seconded by **Jeff Mech**.

Motion made by **Aireen Arellano**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus** to approve the February 29, 2019 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Committee Reports

Electrical Aggregation

Antonio Halek is trying to track down information on MC2 to see how the rates compare. Hopefully we will have someone that we can rely on on a consistent basis for updates.

EEC Email

Antonio Halek is still having problems with the EEC email. Thinks there is a problem with his computer and the security.

Aireen Arellano stated that she has an auto message on the old g-mail account giving the date of the clean-up and our new email so she hopes the issue is cleared up soon.

Jeff Mech asked if there were a lot of troops interested.

Antonio Halek stated that he has not received a lot of inquiries yet but it is usually a mad dash as it gets closer to the date.

General EEC Inserts/Signage

Aireen Arellano sent to print to Sharp Mill Graphics to print the signs.

Jeff Mech suggested getting the banners done as soon as possible so that we can get those out.

Aireen Arellano will get a quote for two banners.

Antonio Halek stated that we can install banners at the post office on Harlem and at 183rd and 80th Avenue to advertise the EEC spring clean-up.

Tree City USA

In **Kelly Mulqueeny's** absence Tree City tabled.

Rain Garden/Apple Pond

In **Kelly Mulqueeny's** absence, Rain Garden tabled.

40th Annual Spring Clean-up – April 27, 2019

Antonio Halek stated we have 1,000 patches to distribute to the troops so we have plenty for the next few years. We have a couple of new scout troops interested in volunteering this year that are joining us for the first time this year. We have the 2019 rockers.

Aireen Arellano emailed the new editor at the Junction to get some advertisement out there.

Antonio Halek stated Jason Freeman will be e-blasting on the Thursdays weekly until the spring clean-up to advertise the event. He also suggested having flyers made and placing around town to advertise along with some postcards from Sharon regarding MC2.

Frank Markowicz suggested we should include solar rather than light bulbs at the clean-up and Discover Tinley.

Jeff Mech agreed stating that there is a lot more solar popping up in Tinley Park and Oak Forest. If he has something without the company logo he will bring it. Asked if any home improvement businesses attend Discover Tinley.

Denise Maly-Politano stated that all businesses can attend Discover Tinley and there are a few businesses that are home improvements businesses. There is still time to register for the event.

Antonio Halek is concerned with volunteers we will have. We will have an email blast, information in the Junction, etc. We will have to load up as many volunteers as we can just to be sure we are covered.

Frank Markowicz reported he bought seeds for planting at the Dollar Store and suggested a planter station should be set up outside to avoid a mess. He was not sure what type of planters we needed.

Antonio Halek stated it would be a smaller planter to bring home or try to plant at the luncheon but might have to be outside because of the mess. They would relocate outside and plant on their way out. He will also order earth flags.

Jeff Mech will bring bamboo straws he has left to distribute. He will look into ordering more. How would someone earn it? He suggested Environmental Trivia to earn the straws or flags. Something simple. Provide some facts and figures and have them answer. More for the kids than adults. Thinks a microphone is needed for announcements.

Discussion on signage, Earth Flags, banners, school backpacks, schools, advertising, giveaways, food and beverages for Spring Clean-up. Rain barrels, Bozo buckets, planters, posters, photo booth, conversation board.

Aireen Arellano and **Jeffrey Loftus** picked up some supplies and purchased six science project boards for various displays. Other ideas were found on Pinterest to use green and blue paint on a paper plate in a bag as a craft, ways to get parents involved, construction paper needed for artwork, poster hanging up for “ways to help the earth” and have kids write down their ideas, photo booth with the tree background. Also a way to get the parents involved. Can also have a large banner that the kids can decorate and we can hang up to display at the village hall.

Discover Tinley

Jeffery Loftus and **Aireen Arellano** will be working the event with **Frank Markowicz**.

Antonio Halek will help set up the booth, have flyers printed, and bring the rain barrel and science project board. Light bulbs, sign with some of the things that the EEC has done.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Garbage Contract

Frank Markowicz wondered if the village will be going with the no bid contract again. There is a new contract in Orland Park that picks up hazardous materials including tube TVs. They have garbage pick-up every two weeks and recycling every week. This is in order to keep the cost down with the addition of the hazardous waste collection. Also found out that you are able to recycle LEDs at Battery Plus.

Jeff Mech likes the idea of recycling every week and picking up garbage every two weeks. This would force people to recycle more.

Antonio Halek thinks it would work great for us but a lot of people would not like the idea.

Jeffery Loftus stated there was an article in the Patch regarding hazardous waste pick-up and the garbage contract research. It might be an option included in the RFP but it gets complicated. Bottom line is that the residents get charged in some fashion so they are not charged for additional pick-ups. They are listening to people.

Jeff Mech stated that it feels like they just stay with the same contract and don't make a change.

Jeffery Loftus stated he feels like they are going to make a change. He did not hear back from Pat Carr but he is aware of it and continues to work on it. He will have more discussions with Pat Carr and he should be included in the RFP. The current contract ends in September 2019. IT was encouraging to hear from Pat Carr that they are looking into the hazardous waste.

Flares vs. LEDs

Jeffery Loftus sent an email to Frankfort and New Lenox looking for input on flares and LEDs used at the police and fire department. There is also another potential use for LEDs at Public Works and that would be Public Works. Public Works uses flares and maybe we can get input from Kelly. Waiting for a response from Frankfort and New Lenox.

Jeff Mech asked who puts out the flares for the concerts. Maybe we should get the police department to use them first and then Public Works would follow.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Good of the Order

Ethics statements are due and can be done on line.

Frank Markowicz stated there is a facility in Naperville that is open on weekends only where Illinois residents can bring their paints, aerosols, engine oil, Round Up weed killer, pesticides, medications, lights, etc. for disposal. There are four locations in Illinois but it's only open on weekends.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Frank Markowicz** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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