



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Tinley Park Village Hall – Vogt Conference Room Center**

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
John Houdek
Jeffery Loftus
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano

Absent: Frank Markowicz

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by **Aireen Arellano** at 7:00 p.m. At this time, this meeting is being conducted pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s disaster proclamation and Public Act 101-0460, which amends requirements of the Open Meetings Act due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the same, the EEC finds that it would be impractical to conduct an in-person meeting with all members present. Commissions confirmed they were able to hear one another. The **Script for Remotely Conducted Open Meetings** was read into the minutes by Aireen Arellano.

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **John Houdek**, to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Old/Ongoing Business

Committee Reports

Electrical Aggregation - no updates.

Tree City USA

Jeffery Loftus stated there has been no movement. Kelly Mulqueeny is the best contact person for this. Kelly has the information on how many trees are in the village, has contact with the arborist the village uses, the financial information about how much the village spends on trees,

maintenance and upkeep. Reach out to her every other month or so for updates. It has been a few months since we have heard anything from her.

Aireen Arellano will contact Kelly for an update as she is the most informed and knows the number of trees planted in the village. See if she has had any movement. Aireen will copy Hannah on the email to Kelly.

Garbage Contract

Jeffrey Loftus suggested contacting Nuway to get information out or get more information on the website.

John Houdek suggested getting more information out to residents via a mailer. He will provide a sample for Mokena. Need to include the do/don't on recycling tips for website and allow for feedback.

Flares vs. LEDs

John Houdek dropped off a case of electronic lighting flares in April to Fire Chief Reeder. He has not received a response. He will follow up and see where we are at on that.

Spring Clean-up May 16, 2020

Spring Clean-up was cancelled due to Covid-19. No plans for a make-up date has been scheduled for 2020.

Jeffrey Loftus stated that the event was shelved for 2020. Need to look forward to 2021. Now with Nuway offering a recycling program for recycling he does not think a fall clean-up date for electronics would be worth having with the new garbage contract allowing for the pickup of electronics.

John Houdek suggested a flyer for do's and don'ts and to give tips on recycling for website. This could be included within the utility bills or adapt something like that into our website.

Aireen Arellano thought it was a great idea to see what other nearby towns are doing.

Hannah Lipman suggested do's and don'ts on the website. Try to have everything more central. This can be under happenings of the commission. Also can provide information for residents and businesses in town, possibly provide FAQ's with a drop down menu. There is a lot of information and content that should go on there.

Aireen Arellano agreed. EEC can work with marketing to promote good information and ideas, have a wish list of ideas and sustainability for the village. Have a central hub and establish Tinley Park as sustainability friendly. She will start a document and collect all ideas for the EEC wish list. Asked commissioners to send her their ideas.

Waste Zero Presentation Recap

John Houdek stated that Covid knocked us all out. Wanted to take it up the ladder and see if anyone was interested. A list of active businesses was distributed to everyone but the list did not have any contact information. Need a contact person and contact information to follow up. On the list is Elk Grove Village, Elgin, Mt. Prospect, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Villa Park, Skokie, Northbrook, Niles, South Barrington, Barrington from 2017 to 2020 but we did not get any contacts for those villages.

Jeffery Loftus explained we need to commit to a one year contract. There is a possibility of a \$3,000.00 rebate depending on the number of textiles collected that can be recycled.

Hannah Lipman stated that she will reach out to some of her contacts on the list and get their input and ideas. She will check will Niles and Elk Grove Village and see if they can point her to the liaison for the program.

Aireen Arellano would like to contact other towns and see how they are doing with the program.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Eco-friendly efforts by Tinley Park Restaurants/rating system for restaurants
Tabled until businesses are fully open.

John Houdek suggested tabling until restaurants are fully open.

Jeffery Loftus suggested trying to start up again in the fall if places open up.

EEC 2020 goals

NEW BUSINESS

Aireen Arellano shared some ideas on how to be eco-friendly during Covid-19 and ideas to decrease energy and water waste during this time. Suggested spring/summer cleaning/recycling, more cooking at home and gardening/green thumbs. She will send a link to everyone for further review.

Jeffery Loftus suggested still doing plastic recycling and electronic recycling. Most stores still have the ability to recycle those items.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano stated our hearts and prayers go out to the Halek family whose son died this week from DIPG, a childhood brain cancer. She thanked EEC past chairman, Antonio Halek, on his outstanding contributions, dedication and hard work for the EEC. She asked everyone to pray for him and his family during this time and to get him in your thoughts.

Hannah Lipman is excited to hop on as liaison. Use her as a resource. Don't have to have all the answers, just know where to find them. Anything the EEC wants to work on don't hesitate to contact her.

Aireen Arellano was happy to hear Hannah was going to be the new EEC liaison as she has been helping the EEC already so it only made sense.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Jeffrey Loftus**, seconded by **John Houdek** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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