



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Tinley Park Village Hall – Counsel Chambers**

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. Commissioners confirmed they were able to hear one another. The **Script for Remotely Conducted Open Meetings** was read into the minutes by Aireen Arellano.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

- Members:** Aireen Arellano (remote)
Donna Gillespie (remote)
John Houdek (remote with audio issues)
Jeffery Loftus (remote)
Brenna Molinare (remote)
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
Nicole Ryan (remote)
Brandon Wigboldy (remote)
Evan Vogt
- Absent:** Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Frank Markowicz

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND OF NEW MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**, to approve the August 11, 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

Aireen Arellano explained to the new members the Tree City USA program. Kelly Mulqueeny is handling the qualifications and paperwork for that.

Jeffery Loftus reached out to Kelly Mulqueeny over the summer and he was told to contact her in the early fall to see if she had a chance to complete the application and how the EEC can help. Need to have an arborist on staff to ensure tree health within the village. Kelly is our point person for all of that information.

Garbage Contract

Jeffery Loftus sent out a handful of information to the members at the time regarding garbage and recycling page for residents. The residents would have one place to go looking for that information. Details included would be services with Homewood Disposal, electronic waste and recycling basics.

Hannah Lipman thinks it would be a good idea for EEC to have their own website designated to that information.

Jeffery Loftus will put together some information to distribute to the commission for review and approval.

Aireen Arellano has a list she will share with everyone else. She will design easy to read flyers so the citizens will know about our services and can locate the information quickly. Will have general FAQ's and having a scheduling your E-waste button... Think if there is a button on the website then more people would be willing to use it and arrange for recycling their E-waste.

Flares vs. LEDs

Jeffery Loftus tabled this in **John Houdek's** vocal absence. [John was present and could hear the meeting but commissioners could not hear him speaking.] John has to follow up with Fire Chief Reeder on the flares he dropped off. Also need to get in touch with Emergency Management and if they will be able to use LEDs, especially near the music venue so as to be more environmentally conscious.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

EEC 2020 Goals

Aireen Arellano shared some ideas on how to be eco-friendly during Covid-19 and make little changes but will make a big impact. Found a new link/reference from UNICEF.org giving some tips with 9 ways to save energy at home, 7 ways to improve air quality at home, etc. If all of us concentrate our efforts at home, we can still make a big impact.

Donna Gillespie asked if the village has ever given any guidelines or tips on composting. Do they allow composting?

Aireen Arellano believes composting is allowed and has not seen anything that says it is not allowed.

Hannah Lipman will confirm about composting.

Aireen Arellano invited everyone to bring their ideas and suggestions to the next meeting. She provided initiatives and examples that have been brought to the EEC in the past by residents.

Donna Gillespie asked about EEC attending the Farmer's Market and if anything was done this year at the Farmer's Market. Aireen Arellano stated the EEC did not make it to the market this year but plans on doing so next year. The booth was to give out eco-friendly tips, connect directly with Tinley Park citizens and give out information.

Brenna Molinare would like to provide information on CSA or the farmers in this area.

Evan Vogt stated there is Community support agriculture CSA out of Palos Park Children's Farm. Might be another out of the tiny town of Ashton but need to double check for that town.

NEW BUSINESS

WasteZero Recycling

Jeffery Loftus stated a representation from WasteZero came to an EEC meeting in March and was proposing donations of textiles. They would repurpose items and limit what actually made it to the landfills. Proceeds would be given back to the village and it was another means to recycle clothing and other textiles goods rather than ending up in a landfill.

Aireen Arellano stated it was a great idea and at no cost to the village. Wanted to make the service available and reached out to the WasteZero Company. Our contact, David, stated there was an update to their program. Now they can't offer the same benefits because of Covid. Originally there was a \$20-40 per ton rebate but they can't offer that anymore. This is now a cost reduction program. The convenience to Tinley Park is curbside collection along with keeping items out of the landfill. Dave sent contact information on Villa Park, Northbrook and Schaumburg for some guidance and contacts to speak with. She will forward the information to see if that is something the EEC wants to pursue.

Good of the Order

Jeffery Loftus stated Orland Township is hosting a shredding and recycling event on September 19th at the Township located at 16125 S. Wolf Road. There is a fee for televisions and computers but other electronics are free of charge. Need an ID to validate residency.

Hannah Lipman received an update from Dave on NIMEC. We just finished year 1 of the contract and will be starting year 2 shortly. MC2 is the supplier and in our contract with MC2 they agreed to match the ComEd rate and then in turn would be supplying our power grid with

the wind energy credits and we became an EPA green powered community. New residents will get a mailing soon so that they will have the option of joining the program. Received two signs and stickers to promote and get recognition for our efforts. We remain number 5 in the U.S. as a green power community.

Jeffery Loftus suggested having one sign near the village hall and we can think about where to place the other sign.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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