



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
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)
Brenna Molinare (remote)
Nicole Ryan (remote)
Evan Vogt (remote)
Brandon Wigboldy (remote)
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano

Absent: Jeffery Loftus
Frank Markowicz

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Brenna Molinare**, to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Garbage Contract/Website

Aireen Arellano reported in Jeffery Loftus' absence. Looking at the Homewood website which is pretty robust. Stated the EEC is not looking to replace information. All information we currently have is great. Want to get a little more organized and rearranged with information on the site. **Jeffery Loftus** sent an outline of the new proposed approach to having the garbage and recycling information on the Tinley Park website. She would be happy to do a quick mock-up.

Hannah Lipman agreed to a more enhanced EEC webpage. She will work with Jason Freeman for adding drop down menus. Ultimately want to map out a more enhanced EEC page in general.

Latest Links/Resources by Members

Aireen Arellano thanked everyone for the great links that are being shared by everyone via email. There have been a lot of good resources to work with.

Donna Gillespie sent everyone an audio Guided Forest Therapy walk anyone can participate in. Lots of opportunities and classes. If we are looking to partner with anyone on these ideas the forest preserve would be a great group to work with. Also sent information on Stewardship Training Opportunities. She also shared information on a January 29th Zoom webinar on composting if anyone is interested.

Aireen Arellano shared information on recycling Nespresso coffee pods. Drop off at any UPS location. Makes it super easy to recycle and its free.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

2021 Strategic Plan/Action Goals Checklist

Aireen Arellano thinks the easiest way to get people to participate would be to have webinars for residents to participate virtually and provide ways to be eco-friendly at home during COVID. The webinar would also make people aware of the EEC and what the EEC goals are for 2021.

Donna Gillespie suggested utilizing the community TV station.

Hannah Lipman suggested a good next step would be solidifying a document, organize it a bit and have more of a visual document that we can work off of. Webinar circles back to idea. We can find a way to get the news out there. Should not be a problem.

Aireen Arellano stated we need to make sure we have really clear line items and avoid overlap.

Hannah Lipman suggested a memo we can get before the board for discussion.

Village Share File

Aireen Arellano inquired about the status of EEC using the village share file.

Hannah Lipman reported that the EEC can use the village share file starting tomorrow. She will send an email link. Remember FOIA is applicable so always be conscious of what is going there. EEC can put everything in one place.

NEW BUSINESS

WasteZero Program

Aireen Arellano drafted a memo to present to the village board for approval. Needs to finalize it. Thinking of an April presentation.

Hannah Lipmann suggested submitting a memo to the board implementing this program.

Stewardship Training Opportunities

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Tinley Park Lions Club Recycling Event

Denise Maly-Politano shared an email received from Tinley Park Lions Club regarding a recycling event they want to host and have the EEC participate with them. **Aireen Arellano** will email the contact person for more information.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano thanked everyone for connecting virtually.

Nicole Ryan reported on the Bartel Grasslands Cook County Forest Preserve cleanup on Saturday, January 16th if anyone is interested in attending.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Donna Gillespie**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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