



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Center**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by **Aireen Arellano** at 7:07 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. **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)
Jeffery Loftus (remote)
Brenna Molinare (remote)
Evan Vogt (remote)
Brandon Wigboldy (remote)
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
- Guest:** Mary Jo Pivoney (Lyons Club, remote)
- Absent:** John Houdek
Nicole Ryan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Brenna Molinare**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Brenna Molinare**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy** to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Tinley Park Community Email

Aireen Arellano reported the Marketing Department, along with Donna Framke and Jason Freeman has been a great help to the EEC with getting the information out in the Tinley Park Community Email. Please continue sending in your environmentally focused facts, ideas and information so we can keep the information going.

September Recycling Event with Tinley Park Lions Club

Aireen Arellano welcomed Mary Jo Pivoney from the Lyons Club who provided an update on the September Recycling Even.

Mary Jo Pivoney stated the Tinley Park police wants to be involved but not sure what capacity. Also looking into stain, paint and varnish recycling. Contacted Ace Hardware and they do not recycle these products as it is way too expensive for a store to recycle. Ace Hardware provided a referral to EPaint Recycling from Arlington Heights. They recycle over 98% of leftover paint, the can and lid. Possibly Habitat for Humanity would collect paint to use in their homes. Trying to get sponsorships to lower the price for Pro Shred to attend as they charge \$350.00 an hour. Also trying to get the police department involved in prescription drug collection. The vice-president of the Lyons Club works at Good Samaritan Hospital. Each year the nurses do a service project. Hoping to get Good Sam employees to help at this event. They we will have the Lyons Club, the EEC and also would open up to teens for service hours. Shoes for Soles will have a dumpster there for usable, clean shoes collection. Collect shoes, boots, spikes, any shoes in decent condition. The shoes need to be tied together in pairs.

Aireen Arellano stated an event held in Kane County included a paint station. She will contact Jen and see if she can get information on paint recycling. Paper shredding would bring in a lot of people and would back up traffic. Anyone wanting to shred would be in for a bit of a wait.

Hannah Lipman will contact ProShred as they contract with the village hall. She will also contact Sargent Darren Persha about working with the police department.

Evan Vogt suggested imposing a limitation on paper shredding to two bankers boxes per car.

Aireen Arellano stated we need to decide if we are going to collect TVs. Cost would be \$25-35 per TV. Would it be worth it when you can have Homewood Disposal/Nuway pick up for free on your designated garbage collection day? We can try to cover the cost so it would be free to residents and then we need to limit the number of TVs to 2-3 per person and have them pay in advance via an on-line payment program.

Jeffery Loftus said in past EWorks events they had someone onsite to process the payments on an iPad. Illinois EPA has restricted electronic waste so it has to be recycled in some way.

Mary Jo Pivoney thinks the on-line payment is an excellent idea so no one has to deal with anything the day of. Plans on an advertisement in the Tinley Park water bill and an advertisement in the Patch.

Jeffrey Loftus said we would need the mailer to be in the July billing as the water bills go out quarterly.

Aireen Arellano stated we need a special events application to be completed and submitted 90 days in advance. The application would be due before June 4th. We would indicate we need police resources. It would be a masked event.

Evan Vogt suggested providing portable toilets for volunteers as this will be a four hour event.

Donna Gillespie asked about weather precautions and possibly tents.

Mary Jo Pivoney stated the Lyons club has tents and the tents can be placed depending on the layout. Can provide a tent for volunteers and a tent for the clothes/shoes to prevent those getting wet. Definitely will have tents out there, strategic on placement. The Tinley Park police will be instrumental in helping with traffic flow.

Aireen Arellano will provide a list of stations and a map where stations can go. Need to plan traffic pattern. She will bring ponchos. The event will be from 8am to Noon on September 4th at the Metra 80th Avenue train station parking lot.

Road Spring Clean-up with James Calomino Recap

Aireen Arellano thanked everyone who attended and helped with the cleanup and for Jim Calomino organizing such an event. She read an email received from Jim Calomino that stated we collected 1200 lbs. of garbage and debris along over 5 miles of roadway. CSO's and Public Works kept everyone safe. 16 Student volunteers from Andrew H.S. worked over 80 hours. It was great to work together for this common goal. Personally thought it was great and a lot of fun.

Brenna Molinare thought some areas were cleaner than others and other areas you could spend days cleaning. One interesting find was a snake skeleton.

Jeffery Loftus was surprised to see how much drinking and driving goes on in that area. It was very eye opening and surprising as to the amount of beer bottles and liquor bottles on the side of the road.

Denise Maly-Politano stated she was also surprised at the incredible amount of liquor bottles, shoes, underwear, plastic water bottles, plastic bags and Styrofoam. Collected what we could.

Aireen Arellano would like to make it a weekend cleanup and consider bringing in families to have a park cleanup event similar to prior years. Also received a request from a girl scout troop to have their troop do their own cleanup and still be able to receive patches. Would consider opening up to other girls scouts and boy scouts to do their own cleanup over the summer and then they would collect patches at the village hall.

Denise Maly-Politano thought we still had a supply of patches in storage.

Textile Recycling Update

Aireen Arellano will present to the new board on June 1st per Hannah Lipman's suggestion. She will confirm the contract details with Dave for the recycling prior to the meeting.

Hannah Lipman thought we could formally get the contract approved with the village board on June 1st or possibly the next meeting. She would try to get the contract reviewed by legal as well prior to the June 1st meeting. Would be a good idea to have Dave present as well for questions. Also up for renewal is the electrical aggregation contract. Had an initial meeting and there is a chance there will be some changes to the way the program works. More to come later.

Jeffery Loftus suggested getting the updated final contract prior to June 1st.

EEC Strategic Plan: What are the EEC's Values?

Aireen Arellano reminded Jeffery Loftus, Brandon Wigboldy and John Houdek to present their ideas for the EEC Strategic Plan and the EEC's values so she can develop the EEC mission statement.

Latest links/resources by Members:

Donna Gillespie spoke with someone else at public works as to what ice melt was used. The goal as the EEC is to find out what alternative there are that would be safer for the environment. She also sent another email to the mattress recycling place but has not received a response yet. Also discovered that Clorox now has a compostable wipe. Asked if we can promote certain brands/products on our site as being environmentally friendly.

Aireen Arellano was not sure we could give out brand or product names specifically.

Donna Gillespie suggest more of a "did you know" format without giving away the brand name.

NEW/FUTURE BUSINESS:

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Aireen Arellano said a resident reached out to the EEC asking how to safely dispose of household hazardous waste such as weed killer and fertilizer. She has contacted Nuway and was told to call the village. She called the village and was told the village does not offer such a collection or disposal. We need to research the proper method on disposal of unused chemicals so it does not end up in the land and water supply. Contacted Hazardous Waste Haulers, Inc. but only take industrial products. Need to do some research for a solution for this resident and others.

The Illinois EPA does a collection but they are located in Naperville, Rockford, Goose Island (Chicago) and Lake County. Not very convenient to Tinley Park.

Donna Gillespie suggested contacting the bigger lawn service companies around here such as Lawn-Tech or Touch or Green to see if they would help.

Jeffery Loftus stated Will County Green site lists the Naperville site as being open to all Illinois residents. Also has an event page listing Channahon in Will County as the next drop-off event this Saturday.

Event Opportunities with Andrew HS Athletic Director

Aireen Arellano said the athletic director at Andrew HS would like to coordinate a volunteer team cleanup event with the EEC.

Denise Maly-Politano reminded the EEC that we need to open up the event to all Tinley Park high schools, not just Andrew.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano reminded everyone to stop by Evon's for size and to order EEC shirts and let her know so that she can place the order.

Aireen Arellano thanked everyone for their work on the commission and reminded everyone to get their acceptance or resignation for the EEC turned in by tomorrow, May 12th.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Donna Gillespie**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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