



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, June 8, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Donna Gillespie
Jeffery Loftus
Evan Vogt
Brandon Wigboldy
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison

Absent: John Hudek (resigned/reassigned to another commission)
Brenna Molinare (resigned)
Nicole Ryan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy** to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

September Recycling Event with Tinley Park Lions Club

Aireen Arellano submitted a special events application and indicated we need police resources and porta-potties. We are going to forgo paper shredding at this event because of shredding events being hosted before and after our September one. There will be an advertisement on Facebook by the Lions Club VP.

Jeffery Loftus would like to get the information out so that everyone knows about the shredding event.

Donna Gillespie suggested going to the event to see how it is done for the future and give us some ideas. She also inquired about the envelopes inside the water bills and how we can discontinue receiving the return envelopes.

Mary Jo from the Lions Club asked about the neighbors magazine and possible advertisement. **Aireen Arellano** will look into it. Need something by the 10th to get the word out. We will also have FB posts, marketing and a flyer prepared with information.

Denise Maly-Politano will speak with her neighbor about an advertisement in the Tinley Park Progress.

Aireen Arellano confirmed the following recycling stations: 1) Electronics (Eworks); 2) Textiles (Eworks); 3) Paper and cardboard (not shredding); 4) Shoes for Soles for usable, clean shoes collection; 5) prescription drugs and 6) metal. Need to plan/confirm traffic pattern. Event will be from 8am to Noon on September 4th at the Metra 80th Avenue north train station parking lot.

[Discussion continued about layout, traffic control and design of event in parking lot. Other discussion items: What about eye glasses? What type of metal? Don't want residents showing up with large appliances. What type of paper? Include books? Magazines? What about paint/varnish?]

Aireen Arellano stated we will be collecting electronics and TVs. Cost would be \$25-35 per TV.

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

Hannah Lipman suggested asking vendors for an exact list of what they do accept.

Donna Gillespie will contact Ace Hardware and see if they would take the paint if dried out.

Textile Recycling Update

Aireen Arellano had a Zoom meeting with Dave Bryla who is the CEO of Waste Zero and our contact person. She will present the initial reading to the committee of the whole at 7:00 p.m. next Tuesday, June 15th. If anyone wants to attend in support, please wear your EEC shirt. Our contact person Dave is not able to attend but Matt will be attending in his place to answer any questions.

Tinley Park Community Email

Aireen Arellano has not sent Marketing any other information. She invited everyone to please continue sending in your environmentally focused facts, ideas and information so we can keep

the information going. Asked if someone wanted to take over the handling of the information and getting the information to Marketing for the website and email distribution.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Jeffery Loftus reminded everyone about the Illinois EPA having a collection but they are located in Naperville. Naperville is open to all Illinois residents weekly and on Saturdays.

Aireen Arellano will email the resident who reached out to the EEC asking how to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and pass on the information. Will get the EPA link on the website. It's not a convenient location but the information will be available.

Latest links/resources by Members:

Donna Gillespie asked Hannah Lipman to follow up with PW as to what ice melt was used.

Donna Gillespie spoke with "Beck" at Green Spring Recycling in Blue Island. He would be willing to work with us on a single event and only needs 1-2 days lead time as he has a trucking partner in Mokena. Also can have a truck placed at a permanent location. The cost of the truck/trailer is usually \$400-500 but he would be willing to waive the cost for a one-time event. Mattresses are broken apart and 80% of the parts are recycled. It would be nice to partner with Green Spring and Homewood Disposal and have the mattresses picked up and recycled and not dumped in a land fill. Illinois is not one of the states that has a recycling fee built into the cost of the mattress. Mattresses in Illinois go into the landfill.

Aireen Arellano stated this would be a great opportunity for a unique recycling opportunity and thought it was a great idea. Maybe try with a single event and see how interested people are.

Donna Gillespie also pointed out various in-store recycling observations including different products being used for packaging so that the item is able to be recycled. Walmart has a box for recycling various products.

Hannah Lipman suggested adding helpful hints for recycling to the newsletter.

Brandon Wigboldy said Amazon bubble packaging is now able to be recycled.

Evon Vogt reminded everyone to be aware of the product numbers and be careful with recycling. If it is not clean it will contaminate other items and will not be recyclable.

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

Aireen Arellano tabled for this month. Will revisit in the future.

NEW/FUTURE BUSINESS:

Team up with the environmental club leader at Moraine Valley Community College, Stephanie P.

Added to the agenda by Brenna who is absent, so this is tabled.

Electrical Aggregation

Hannah Lipman explained the contract up for renewal with MC2. Tinley is #6 on the EPA's green power community listing. Looking forward are contract is up for renewal and our consultant came back to us. Our consultant is NIMEC and 70+ communities. They go out to bid for the best aggregate pricing. They manage our residential and small business account. Had two different companies: Allego and MC2 were the bidders that agreed to match ComEd pricing. We are not seeing the same savings. Options were \$350,000 over 3 years or \$60,000 over 3 years = \$180,000.

Idea was more green energy = less money in return
Less green energy = more money

You are automatically in the program unless you chose to opt-out.

Aireen Arellano attended and spoke at the village board meeting. She thought some green energy was better than none. The board decided on the \$60,000 for 3 years option.

Donna Gillespie thanked Hannah. Agreed that some green energy is better than zero.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano reminded everyone we need more commissioners. **Brenna Molinare** will be leaving the EEC. **Brandon Wigboldy's** wife might be interested.

Aireen Arellano also reminded everyone about their shirts at Evon's.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Donna Gillespie**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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