



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, July 13, 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  
Nicole Ryan  
Evan Vogt  
Brandon Wigboldy  
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano  
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
- Guests:** Meaghan Kern  
Cheryl Nash  
Mary Jo Pivoney (Lions Club)  
Teagan Wigboldy  
Baby Myles

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**, to approve the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Donna Gillespie** to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**September Recycling Event with Tinley Park Lions Club**

**Aireen Arellano** provided an update, draft flyer and map of potential vendor set up and traffic control. She will submit an application to the Tinley Park police for their assistance.

Mary Jo Pivoney from the Lions Club gave an update on the event. All vendors are confirmed. Earth Paint will be attending. They will recycle all paint including cans and lids. Also of note Earth Paint hires all special needs and they will be helping at the event. Showed Neighbors magazine for possible advertisement. Also would like to contact the local schools for volunteers needing service hours.

**Evan Vogt** will contact the local Tinley schools.

**Aireen Arellano** will check into having the flyer inserted into the water bills. She found out that there are three different batches that are mailed out quarterly so every resident would not receive one in their water bill. Not sure if we should go that route.

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

Mary Jo Pivoney discussed “SCARCE”. This organization has a massive draw. If someone has heard of it you will have a large following. <https://www.scarce.org/reuse-center/>

**Donna Gillespie** agreed. The organization is a big collector of books and teachers can shop with an ID at greatly reduced prices.

Mary Jo Pivoney suggested having people pay online to keep the line moving for electronics.

Guest Meaghan Kern would like to see links to the companies on the EEC website.

**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 shoe collection; 5) prescription drugs and 6) metal. Need to plan/confirm traffic pattern. Event will be 8am to Noon on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Metra 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue north train station parking lot.

[Further discussion about layout, traffic control and design of event in parking lot.]

### **Textile Recycling Update**

**Aireen Arellano** presented to the committee of the whole on June 15<sup>th</sup>. On June 15<sup>th</sup> the village board decided to table the request until the following board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Our request for textile recycling should be approved at that meeting. If anyone wants to attend in support, please wear your EEC shirt.

### **Electrical Aggregation Update**

**Hannah Lipman** explained the contract is up for renewal with MC2. Tinley is #6 on the EPA’s green power community listing. Our consultant is NIMEC. Offered a 3 year term with renewal option, looking for a 5 year term. Will have a 4 year contract with a 3 year renewal terms. Going before the board on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Always capacity to feed the grid. Possible 1 year contract with Eligo or MC2 agreed to match ComEd pricing. We are not seeing the same savings. Options

were \$70,000.00 with Eligo or \$30,000.00 with MC2. [Further discussion about contract options.]

### **Tinley Park Community Email**

**Aireen Arellano** is looking for updates for the website.

### **Mattress Recycling**

**Donna Gillespie** tabled for now. Great opportunity for us to partner with company to recycle mattresses in the future.

**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.

### **Latest links/resources by Members:**

**Composting seminar via the Tinley Park library.** Discovered composting is not allowed in Tinley Park unless it is in an enclosed special bin.

**Plexiglass** – numerous business that installed Plexiglass partitions to protect their employees from COVID-19 are now faced with the question of what to do with the Plexiglass when/if removed as it is not a recyclable material. Will this end up in the landfills?

### **EEC Strategic Plan**

**Aireen Arellano** tabled until the September recycling event is over. Will revisit in October.

### **NEW/FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Aireen Arellano** reminded everyone we need more commissioners.

Mary Jo Pivoney explained the vaccine driver volunteer opportunity is part of Mobile Care Chicago. Bill McKinley is the contact person. Looking for full or part-time drivers within a 50 mile radius. Rate of \$17.00/hour and .56 per mile. Meet vaxer and schedule home visits. Contract is with IDPH until December.

### **Good of the Order**

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

### **Comments from the Public**

No public, no comments.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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