



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, August 10, 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
Wesley Janicki
Teagan Wigboldy
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison

Absent: Meaghan Kern
Nicole Ryan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Wesley Janicki** to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Teagan Wigboldy** to approve the July 13, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

TEXTILE RECYCLING UPDATE

Hannah Lipman provided details on Waste Zero and Simple Recycling with a go live date of October 18th or 25th.

Aireen Arellano stated we have worked on the textile program since March of last year. This program will allow curbside recycling for all residents.

Donna Gillespie explained to the new members that this will allow residents to recycle nonwearable items which will be recycled into scraps and shop rags.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE

Hannah Lipman provided an update. The village decided to go with a one year contract with Eligo. ComEd pricing. \$70,000.00 contribution with Eligo that will go towards some sustainable project. No green energy is associated with this program. Charging stations, water bottle refill stations, etc. [Further discussion about electrical aggregation and other ways to “go green”.]

Jeffery Loftus stated the Naperville location is set up by the Illinois EPA and anyone can drive there to drop off recycling items.

Brandon Wigboldy would like to see money put towards a recycling area. Residents asking how they can recycle at condominiums/townhomes/apartments and where to bring the items.

Aireen Arellano stated that if we can't make it happen for the residents maybe we can make definitive steps for those interested.

Tinley Park Community Email

Aireen Arellano is looking for updates for the website and “ask the EEC.” Marketing thought it was a great idea.

Latest links/resources by Members

Donna Gillespie thinks this will combine with “ask the EEC” and direct people on where to find information such as mattress recycling. They are now making biodegradable Clorox wipes.

Teagan Wigboldy stated there are also biodegradable diaper bags. Smells like wet cornstarch.

Donna Gillespie stated that Reynolds Wrap has color-coded foil. Green Reynolds Wrap is made from 100% recycled aluminum. It also has a smaller carbon footprint and uses 90% less energy to make. Sharing the MSN link to the colors: If You See Green Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil, This Is What It Means <http://a.msn.com/06/en-us/AAKTAWY?ocid=se>

SEPTEMBER RECYCLING EVENT WITH TINLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

Jeffery Loftus prepared and distributed his map and layout for the event. [Discussion followed.]

Aireen Arellano provided an update and draft flyer. She is meeting with Vicki Sanchez and Jerry Watts from EMA to discuss traffic flow and other things that might pop up. Can only be as prepared as we can but we will be able to adopt to any problems that pop up with a pretty solid plan. Strategically placed banners in high traffic areas such as near the post office and another near 80th Avenue at 171st Street. Will work directly with Vicki and the Marketing Department to help with the artwork and getting that going. Public Works will set up barricades for traffic

control. Thinking we need volunteers there at 7:00 for setup. Commissioners should be there at 6:00 a.m. Two porta-potties will be dropped off on Friday and picked up on Monday morning. Hours are 8-12.

Evan Vogt will contact the local Tinley schools for student volunteers.

Donna Gillespie suggested asking the park district to put the information on their sign outside of the park district. Lots of traffic on 171st.

Hannah Lipman suggested the Tinley Park Convention Center on Harlem having information on the sign.

Denise Maly-Politano suggested placing the information on the Oak Park Avenue sign across from the train station.

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

NEW/FUTURE BUSINESS:

Aireen Arellano welcomed new commissioners.

Hannah Lipman sent around an email from MWRD to order rain barrels at a subsidized cost. [Tips and tricks shared on rain barrel usage.]

Good of the Order

Hannah Lipman stated the Shredding Event was so popular and ended early because the trucks were full.

Donna Gillespie shared information on the Shredding Event. There was one single line and getting into the parking lot was a problem. Had to wait 45 minutes in line. Not enough signage. Need more traffic flow and entrances/exits. Single lane, did not open up into multiple lanes. Good learning experience for our event. Need to get our logistics down to have a smooth line.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Donna Gillespie**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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