



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
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.

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

**Members:** Aireen Arellano  
Donna Gillespie  
Wesley Janicki  
Meaghan Kern  
Jeffery Loftus  
Brandon Wigboldy  
Nicole Ryan  
Evan Vogt  
Roger Zylstra  
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano  
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison  
Guests: Cathy Bryla (Sag Moraine)  
Peggy Connor (Sag Moraine)

Absent: Teagan Wigboldy

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Wesley Janicki** to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**SAG MORaine NATIVE PLANTS – Partnership & Projects**

**Aireen Arellano** welcomed Sag Moraine for attending and helping the EEC with this project. Looking for potential projects and partnerships with Sag Moraine and see steps required to proceed with each of the projects and what we can feasibly do in the short term and long term. One project was to have a native plant kiosk at Village Hall and also have a placard with a description of native plants.

**Brandon Wigboldy and Roger Zylstra** displayed pictures of areas in downtown Tinley Park that could be enhanced with native plants. Looking at high traffic areas where the plants can be seen.

[Further discussion about native plants, native plant kiosk, planting near park district signs and where planting could occur. EEC agreed that the round area on Oak Park Avenue near the corner by Banging Gavel would be the location to start with.]

Cathy Bryla explained the various plant packages available for sale during the native plant sale and how some of the designs can be used for the Oak Park Avenue project. Also said it would be a great opportunity to have a community event where we would get volunteers to help and/or learn about native plants. Hope to inspire some of the volunteers to plant some of these plants at their home as well. Can watch and learn or dig in and help plant. This area would be a great location as people can walk by and look or sit on the benches and look. She also suggested having some sort of signage and what each plant's benefit is. Stressed the need to water regularly during the first two years to get the plants established and inquired about who would be responsible for the watering and maintenance of the area. Estimates the area shown would be around \$300.00 plus mulch, dirt and labor. Would consult with their designer for a custom design for the circle area. Order has to be March 1<sup>st</sup>, pick up June 4<sup>th</sup> and planting early June.

**Aireen Arellano** will send more pictures and measurements to Sag Moraine so their designer can start on the custom design. **Jeffery Loftus** will create drawings on Google Maps.

**Hannah Lipman** stated the park district is a separate entity and we would need to approach them with the planting ideas. Also stated Public Works would be responsible for watering on Oak Park Avenue.

**Aireen Arellano** will have native plants discussed in our newsletter and for the recruitment of volunteers for the community planting event.

Cathy Bryla will draft a monthly article to be included in the newsletter.

Peggy Connor would like the EEC to contact the park district to get projects going with them.

## **ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE + COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROJECTS**

**Hannah Lipman** gave the update on electrical aggregation. Finishing up with the water bottle filling stations at the public facilities. Paying monthly and it is a one year contract that started in October.

## **TINLEY PARK COMMUNITY EMAIL LATEST LINKS/RESOURCES BY MEMBERS NEW BUSINESS:**

### **St. Coletta's of Illinois Partnership**

**Donna Gillespie** suggested the EEC get involved and partner with St. Coletta's of Illinois. They are a developmentally disabled school located here in Tinley Park. Suggested making ornaments with them with the native plants or some other activity. She offered to contact St. Coletta's for the committee but was advised to wait until after committee members had time to view their website and learn more about the organization.

### **Resident Questions:**

- **Foam Recycling ("Ask the EEC")**  
**Aireen Arellano** stated **Donna Gillespie's** neighbor and resident inquired about foam recycling. She directed them to Earth911.com or recycling through Dart. Also explained how/why foam peanuts are not recyclable anywhere. Also contacted the post office and they do not accept foam peanuts for packaging. Information will be put in future email.
  
- **Gasoline Disposal**  
**Aireen Arellano** stated a resident inquired about disposing of gasoline. She emailed a hazardous waste website and they do not list gasoline disposal at all. In a relatively timely manner she received a response and it was recommended: 1) to put the gasoline in a government approved container 2) find a local disposal site by calling the local or county waste management or 3) bring to a local disposal approved site. Marta Kean is the Will County waste coordinator and the Cook County waste coordinator is Chris Antopolis.

**Donna Gillespie** asked when our next recycling event will be.

**Hannah Lipman** stated we should get goals and dates formalized so we have more structure all in one place. Get short-term and long-term action items together and get dates on the website. Don't want everything happening in the same month.

### **Good of the Order**

N/A

### **Comments from the Public**

No public, no comments.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by **Jeffery Loftus**, seconded by **Wesley Janicki** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.