



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, March 8, 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 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Donna Gillespie
Meaghan Kern
Jeffery Loftus
Brandon Wigboldy
Teagan Wigboldy
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
Guests: Cathy Bryla (Sag Moraine)

Absent: Wesley Janicki
Nicole Ryan
Evan Vogt

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Teagan Wigboldy**, seconded by **Donna Gillespie**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra** to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

SAG MORAINÉ NATIVE PLANTS PROJECTS

Aireen Arellano welcomed Cathy Bryla of Sag Moraine for attending and helping the EEC with this project. Planting project now will take place at Village Hall on Saturday, June 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Cathy Bryla explained the various plant packages available for sale during the native plant sale and how the designs can be used for the Village Hall project. Thought it was a good location as there is a lot of foot traffic and it will make a statement that the town of Tinley is endorsing the idea of native plants and their benefits on the environment.

Teagan Wigboldy suggested having a different planting location every year.

Cathy Bryla explained prairie drop seed will be planted around the border of the whole design to help be nontoxic. A couple of plants are toxic, all lilies, day lilies and Yews are toxic. Since this is a high traffic area the highly toxic plants will not be on the edge. Sag Moraine will keep the plants and care for them until planting. Asked about volunteers and how to market event.

Aireen Arellano stated volunteers would be concentrated on Tinley residents and the EEC but everyone is invited.

Donna Gillespie asked what tools would be needed and if the plants come in plastic containers that can be recycled.

Cathy Bryla suggested hand shovels, garden gloves, and some type of watering can so plants can be watered after planting. Trying to collect the plastic containers the plants grow in so that growers can reuse the containers. Will also promote the planting on their social media but list as a Tinley event.

Newsletter Campaign

Aireen Arellano thanked Cathy Bryla of Sag Moraine for her input for the Newsletter. Also had our first resident question about native plants and planting native plants near a townhouse pond.

Hannah Lipman explained there are 29 areas and 9 are maintained by contractors. Need permission from the townhouse association for planting anything.

Cathy Bryla suggested providing tips in the Newsletter about how to start a native garden.

[Further explanation and discussion about native plants, native plant kiosk, types of plants and the benefits of certain plants. Planting area by Village Hall and future locations, etc.]

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Hannah Lipman reported she heard our Tinley rep was fired. Dave Bryla talked with Winfield and is now taking over. 90% of the program moved to scheduled pick up because of the volume but Tinley's pick up will remain the same as before per the original contract and curbside pickup

will continue. If anyone sees a red car they are stealing the bags. The orange bags will only be picked up by a truck or van clearly marked with their logo.

Brandon Wigboldy thought it was interesting that they just drive around looking for orange bags to pick up on recycling days.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE + COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROJECTS

Aireen Arellano asked when we can start to use the contributions.

Hannah Lipman will check on the water bottle filling stations status at the public facilities. Everything else is status quo and proceeding.

ST. COLETTA'S OF ILLINOIS PARTNERSHIP

Donna Gillespie contacted St. Coletta's and spoke with Carrie. They are very interested and excited to partner with us for projects. This would be a project for Christmas. St. Coletta's makes ornaments with Mokena. Not environmentally friendly ornaments but open to ideas. They have kids working farm to table; adult programs to learn job skills and life skills. Also interested in learning about Sag Moraine and the pollinator garden.

Aireen Arellano suggested keeping up a dialog with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident Concern: Mask Litter

Aireen Arellano reported a resident emailed/inquired about how the village will be dealing with the mask litter and if there will be a clean-up date for masks and other litter. Suggested extra/more garbage cans and a village clean up.

EEC Strategic Goals

Teagan Wigboldy shared her "smart goals" ideas. Also has long-term goals to enhance Tinley Park, provide knowledge on how to recycle and better our environment.

Brandon Wigboldy would like more consistent and direct ways to communicate, answer questions, etc. with increasing direct communication.

Donna Gillespie suggested topics to search. Would like to improve internal and external communications between the public and the village, add accuracy and promote effective resources for residents, increase community involvement and communications.

Hannah Lipman stated visibility exists and it's out there.

EEC will rewrite the goals that are presently on the website and redesign the webpage.

Meghan Kern suggested more walkability in Tinley, plant to start an initiative to reuse plastic bag and use more reusable bags, and begin a partnership with the park district with sustainable

planting. Would like an increase in bike trails and promote the same, connect Timber Drive with lights and tree planting throughout Tinley Park.

Donna Gillespie suggested we work closely with an arborist.

Roger Zylstra suggested 1-2 native plant projects each year.

Aireen Arellano suggested diversifying events and what we are doing, making Tinley Park synonymous with environment friendly.

Tegan Wigboldy would like to bring back the Tree City idea and meet more national criteria.

Donna Gillespie suggested studying radon levels and where Tinley fits in. We want radon levels to be less than 4.0.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested LED certifications.

Jeffrey Loftus suggested again contacting EMA about flares. Would like to see EMA get away from the incendiary flares, get LED for the entirety of their fleet, figure out how to pay for it and how little of the project needs to be used for an affect. Also would like to bring back the spring clean-up in 2023 and have a family focus.

Final Result: 2 plantings, 1 clean-up and 1 electronic recycling event.

Good of the Order

N/A

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Teagan Wigboldy**, seconded by **Donna Gillespie** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.