



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 12, 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 7:01 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
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison
Guests: Tim and Jordan

Absent: Meaghan Kern
Wesley Janicki
Teagan Wigboldy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Nicole Ryan**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra** to approve the March 8, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

SAG MORAINES NATIVE PLANTS PROJECTS

Aireen Arellano stated the new area for the plants is smaller than we originally anticipated. It was a 15 ft. diameter plan but now it is an actual 12 ft. ~~diameter~~diameter. We ~~will~~might have extra plants.

Donna Gillespie suggested donating extras to St. ~~Colletta's~~Coletta's if we do not have space for them as they are also interested in a pollinator garden.

Nicole Ryan suggested planting in the large pots in front of Village Hall.

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[Discussion continues regarding planting, watering, ideal plant locations.]

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Aireen Arellano said she was contacted by Dave Bryla asking how things were going with the program. She told ~~him~~er about our concerns regarding pickups, no bags, etc.. Reminded everyone to make sure they are using the Simple Recycling program when spring cleaning.

Donna Gillespie stated Good Will also takes scrap textiles but not sure if all locations are. You would need to check with your location.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE + COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROJECTS

Aireen Arellano reported there are ~~3~~three more water fountain stations to be installed per Hannah Lipman. PSB 1st floor hallway, PSB fire administration office/lunchroom and the Fire Station 49 hallway.

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ST. COLETTA'S OF ILLINOIS PARTNERSHIP

Donna Gillespie contacted St. Coletta's. Interested in making pinecone bird feeders now. Very enthusiastic about working with us. Also offering tours Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:00 to 4:30. We can have a tour ~~set for~~ Monday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m. if anyone is available. St. Coletta's also does~~Also interested in~~ farm to table and wants to do a pollinator garden ~~with St. Coletta's~~.

Aireen Arellano suggested keeping up a dialog with them. Would like to participate in the bird feeder project and use those as a giveaway. Have to store somehow when giving away at the Farmer's Market.

Donna Gillespie suggested storing in paper lunch bags.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT

Aireen Arellano contacted Jim Calomino about hosting a spring cleanup event. EEC decided on pushing ~~tabling such an~~ event until April of 2023.

Evan Vogt suggested three events per year – spring cleanup, planting, and then a fall event. Trying to get other townships involved with the cleanup, and possibly the park district.

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Brandon Wigboldy suggested cleanup from 175th South. The street is horrible and needs to be cleaned up.

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Donna Gillespie suggested the event should involve the whole community, not just us doing the cleanup.

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[Discussion continues on EEC events.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Forest Preserves of Cook County Stewardship Training & Enrichment Classes

Nicole Ryan reviewed the training and classes and certifications available for participants. Points are collected for prizes and certifications. Events are all over the area but our area would be Bartel Grasslands. Planned event at Bartel Grasslands April 16th, 9:00 to noon. Restoring grassland, volunteers work on invasive plant control and more. This event is for restoring five acres of grassland, removing weeds and invasive plants, planting seed and collecting trash. Chuck Scannelli is the head steward to contact. Meet at the Southside of Flossmoor Road at the west corner of Central Avenue. The next dates are 9:00 a.m. to noon, May 21st and June 18th. More information can be found at Fpdcc.com. Beneficial to the community. Would be nice to participate as a group or anyone can volunteer individually. All information can be found in the forest preserve newsletter.

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2022 Recycling Extravaganza

Aireen Arellano stated next recycling extravaganza is set for Saturday, August 27th. Eworks, Flat Can Recycling, and Earth Paints scheduled to be there. Reached out to MaryJo at the Lions Club. Hoping they will be involved again this year. Possibly having a new shoe collector this year. Also light bulbs and hoping for Dart Styrofoam collecting.

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[Discussion about time of event. Majority thought 8:00 to noon best.]

Denise Malv-Politano stated the shoe lady rejected more than she took. If she was looking for brand new shoes or almost brand news shoes then that should have been specified. We were told the shoes needed to be gently used shoes, cleaned, wash gym shoes in washing machine before you brought them as the shoes were going to third world country where people had nothing. Did not see a problem with the shoes she was not taking but for some reason did not want them.

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Donna Gillespie suggested the possibility of mattress collection. Donna put Community Solar Program information on SharePoint for everyone to look at if interested.

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Ethics statements due by May 2, 2022. N/A

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Library is having another shredding event on Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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Rain barrels are available at a discount on the website.

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Comments from the Public

~~No public~~, Comments from visitors/guests Tim and Jordan. Stated the LED streetlights are too bright at night. Would like the LED's to be scaled down in intensity to save energy and not disturb wildlife and kill insects.

Aireen Arellano will get details about the LED streetlights. It is something to be aware of.
~~no comments.~~

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Adjournment

Motion made by Evan Vogt~~Teagan Wigboldy~~, seconded by Donna Gillespie to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:~~1035~~ p.m.