



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, July 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 6:03 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, Assistant Village Manager

Absent: Meaghan Kern
Wesley Janicki
Teagan Wigboldy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus**, to the June 13, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission with name correction. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

SAG MORAINES NATIVE PLANTS RECAP

Aireen Arellano discussed the planting event that was held on June 18th. Great turnout. Intimate but productive. Growth as we grow. Jeremy had suggested edging and Jeffery Loftus looked into a few options.

Jeffery Loftus suggested a rubber edging as the best option.

Hannah Lipman will check with Public Works for any leftover materials they might have for edging.

Roger Zylstra stated the garden needs more water. It is very dry and needs to have a longer watering time with the sprinkler system.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION UPDATE + COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROJECTS: LED FLARES

Hannah Lipman stated they LOVED the LEDs and will be ordering more.

Jeffery Loftus will reach out to the Tinley residents who originally brought the issue and suggestions to the EEC's attention.

Brandon Wigboldy would like an update on when its 50% or 100% complete so that we can further update the residents.

FARMER'S MARKET

Aireen Arellano attended the market along with St. Coletta's. All of the St. Coletta's pinecone bird feeders were given away. Next giveaway (July) will be bamboo straws. **Evan Vogt** will attend in July.

Aireen Arellano will attend in August and give away planters that were purchased and left over from the cancelled 2020 spring cleanup.

2022 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA – August 27th

Aireen Arellano submitted the special events application to Amanda Gaus. Moving along. Will confirm with vendors again. Eworks, Dart, Flat Can and shoe vendor will be attending. [Further discussion on layout.]

HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL TOURS, MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 4:00 P.M.

Evan Vogt contacted Homewood Disposal to set up a tour for July 29th. That date is pending as he has not received confirmation back from Homewood.

CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE/CRTI STEWARD/THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Nicole Ryan is working on this project. Asked for this to be tabled until next meeting.

STRATEGIC GOALS REVIEW (from 3/8/22 meeting):

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. Bring back Tree City.

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.

Meghan Kern suggested more walkability in Tinley, plan 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.

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.

Donna Gillespie suggested studying radon levels and where Tinley fits in. Want radon levels 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.

Aireen Arellano stated these are long-term plans to continue to work on.

NEW BUSINESS:

GROW SOLAR CHICAGOLAND

Aireen Arellano distributed an email on June 13th with details. This is an opportunity by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for community members to learn about solar energy and potentially participate in a group purchase program called Grow Solar Chicagoland.

The EEC would essentially provide a venue for hosting, and the CUB would educate attendees about solar power and how to potentially participate in the program.

CANOPY COUNTS (BY THE MORTON ARBORETUM)

Nicole Ryan is working on this project. Asked for this to be tabled until next meeting.

VOTE ON NEW MEETING TIME

Aireen Arellano suggested a 6:00 p.m. meeting time. All in favor of moving the meetings to 6:00 p.m..

Good of the Order

Donna Gillespie suggested looking at Chicago Southland and Trail Link apps for bike trails in the area.

Aireen Arellano registered the EEC's native garden on Home Grown. The garden is 177 sq. ft.

Comments from the Public

N/A

Adjournment

Motion made by **Donna Gillespie**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.