



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, October 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 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Meaghan Kern
Jeffery Loftus
Evan Vogt
Brandon Wigboldy
Teagan Wigboldy (Remote, via Zoom)
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison, Assistant Village Manager
Ann Sortino, Management Analyst

Absent: Donna Gillespie
Wesley Janicki
Nicole Ryan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra**, to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

2022 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA – August 27th

Aireen Arellano recapped the recycling event. Discussed improvements and possibly moving the date to mid-September because of the low turnout. Shout out to Lions Club for their help with planning and setup.

Brandon Wigboldy stated it was a great turnout of student volunteers.

[Further discussion on past and future events, vendor comments.]

VILLAGE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Aireen Arellano stated that edging is needed around the garden. PW will procure the edging (with suggestions from EEC) and EEC will install.

Hannah Lipman stated if we have something identified then she can have PW pick it up.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROJECT UPDATE

Aireen Arellano emailed the Tinley resident who originally brought to the EEC's attention the flares usage. Has not received a response. He was updated on the LED flares and the status of his suggestion he had brought to the EEC a few years ago.

Jeffery Loftus asked about the budget and if it was drained with the LED lights.

Aireen Arellano asked about a deadline for when we need to submit other ideas.

Hannah Lipman replied it should be before the budget year ends in April.

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

Tabled until next year

CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE/CRTI STEWARD/THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Nicole Ryan is working on this project. In her absence, this has been tabled.

Aireen Arellano read an email received regarding this project.

EARTH DAY 2023

Aireen Arellano would like everyone to think of goals and ideas for next month's meeting for our next Earth Day. Thoughts of how businesses can show how they are helping the environment, and how they can lessen their footprint or how they can in the future. Possible convention center location? Can reach out to Pekoe and Bean as they had shown interest previously in the Green Restaurant project. Great opportunities for businesses. Need a mission statement for this event.

Teagan Wigboldy suggested having a flyer or form when visiting the various businesses to see what they would be interested in.

[Discussion continued.]

November – Draft mission statement and values

December – What we are doing, what booths, all other details

January – reach out to business and organizations and invite them to attend

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Aireen Arellano stated last month a resident suggested via email about having a community garden.

[Discussion continued as to location, logistics, etc.]

Evan Vogt thinks it is a great idea.

Hannah Lipman did not think it was doable at this time. It would need to be a community effort and would need help to support.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano had a high school student inquire about where our garbage goes and what happens to it after it is picked up.

[Discussion continued about strategic goals re: Farmer’s Market, photo ops, bell ringers, highlight restaurants that are environmentally conscious.]

Jeffery Loftus suggested a business spotlight similar to what the village board is doing.

Meghan Kern suggested adding to the website a partnering with local business to develop environmental initiatives

Comments from the Public

N/A

Adjournment

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.