



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, December 13, 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:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Jeffery Loftus
Nicole Ryan
Evan Vogt
Brandon Wigboldy
Teagan Wigboldy
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Hannah Lipman, Staff Liaison, Assistant Village Manager

Absent: Donna Gillespie
Wesley Janicki
Meaghan Kern

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Teagan Wigboldy**, to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

2022 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA STATS

Aireen Arellano stated we filled the dumpster from Homewood, Sole for Soles collected 102 pairs of shoes, 2.8 ounces of keys, 2.6 ounces of pop tops, 123 ink cartridges, 160 pairs of eyeglasses, 22 cellphones.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Aireen Arellano stated she added photos to our drive so that has been updated. Asked everyone to email their ideas along with any information and updates.

Nicole Ryan asked if we can still make updates. Thought the plan was awesome. Thought the community garden idea would be a wonderful addition.

Evan Vogt stated it is different here because the City of Chicago is one municipal government where we are separate with park districts, school districts, etc. We have only Tinley Park municipal land, not park district like the City of Chicago. We were directing them over to the park district where they have more land and space for a community garden.

Nicole Ryan suggested a school as another possibility.

[Further discussion on past and future events.]

EARTH DAY/EARTH WEEK 2023

Aireen Arellano would like everyone to think of goals and ideas for our next Earth Day. We talked about having it for a week with a way to engage with businesses and families so that we could engage with them in an eco-friendly way and connect families with businesses. Cumulate at Village Hall. 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.

Some ideas: scavenger hunt similar to Elf on a Shelf during the Christmas holiday season. Tote bags, Bingo card so participants visit all businesses. Decal for businesses participating.

Mission & Vision:

Tinley Park EEC's Earth Week April 2023 helps families and businesses engage in eco-friendly activities in a fun, easy and approachable way. For families and teens we provide an eco-themed scavenger hunt that encourages explanation, engagement, and education. For Tinley Park businesses we give them an opportunity to showcase their eco-friendly initiatives and connect them to residents and customers.

Actual scavenger approach with businesses would be: official stamps with each business giving out a stamp when someone participates, have residents bring plastic bags to Jewel, pick up trash and take a picture of trash bags to receive a stamp.

Teagan Wigboldy suggested searching for a mascot-type prize like a stuffed animal of some sort similar to the Elf in the Window idea.

Jeffery Loftus suggested having a Tinley Park mascot.

Evan Vogt suggested a song bird prize – Black capped Chickadee which is a native song bird that stays here all year round. Receive extra stamp for engaging.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested researching ideas for possible prizes.

Teagan Wigboldy suggested giving participants a little earth and a bird.

Aireen Arellano suggested a stamp when they locate the bird and a bonus stamp when they ask about eco-friendly initiatives. Possibly pick up a tote bag with our earth logo from the Village Hall the day of Earth Day. Not telling them to purchase anything, trying to get residents to engage in the event. A social media element of taking pictures of garbage collection and tag the Village Hall.

Need prize ideas – vendors or organization prize. Need to meet at X number of businesses to collect stamps and win prizes.

Hannah Lipman suggested having Marketing help with this type of event.

Jeffery Loftus suggested restaurants staying away from Styrofoam containers, using different carry out containers. On the day of: Meet at Village Hall on Earth Day and have Sag Moraine, possibly bee keepers, other vendors and organizations.

Goal is to have 20 businesses participate. Set up everyone on an 8' table in the Kallsen Center.

[Discussion on details and timeline continues.]

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano thanked everyone for their time and dedication and hard work and wished everyone safe, healthy and happy holidays.

Comments from the Public

N/A

Adjournment

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