



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Tinley Park Village Hall – Vogt Conference Center**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by **Aireen Arellano** at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Donna Gillespie
Jeffery Loftus
Brandon Wigboldy
Nicole Ryan
Evan Vogt
Roger Zylstra
Commission Secretary Denise Maly-Politano
Anne Sortino, Management Analyst

Absent: Teagan Wigboldy
Wesley Janicki
Meaghan Kern

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Jeffery Loftus** to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy** to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan

Aireen Arellano asked if everyone had a copy of the Strategic Plan or have access to a copy as it is available on-line and reminded everyone to check it out. Asked Anne Sortino if she had a deadline to get this out on the website.

Anne Sortino said the sooner the better to get it out on the website, social media and other means.

Earth Day 2023

Aireen Arellano reached out to Donna Framke in Marketing and is waiting to hear back from her. Wants to secure 20 participating businesses for Earth Week and have them locked in by next month.

It was decided that the event would be called “Tinley Park Earth Week 2023”.

Donna Gillespie asked if this scavenger hunt will be walkable down Oak Park Avenue or where the businesses would be located.

Aireen Arellano explained there will be a maximum of 2 stamps per location, forms can be picked up at village hall or downloaded. Need 10 stamps to qualify. Go to businesses, engage, and get a maximum of 2 stamps per location for finding the Chickadee. Will provide a window decal “Friends of the Environmental Enhancement Commission” if businesses have a certain number of qualifications such as no plastic, no Styrofoam packaging, ride a bike, LED, occupancy lights, no plastic straws, etc. and have 3 or more of those, they will receive a decal.

Brandon Wigboldy would like to provide a checkbox to the businesses as to what they are doing or not doing.

Evan Vogt sees this as a way to get participants involved, getting people into businesses and to see us as a potential partner.

Evan Vogt suggested contacting dry cleaners to see what they might be doing to help the environment.

Brandon Wigboldy would like a week to think of things and email his ideas.

Nicole Ryan stated the requirements would be different for corporations vs. individual businesses. It is a really good idea to engage businesses and then have them get something from us saying they are officially green through the EEC.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested looking to see if there is a refillable water bottle station at the business.

Jeffery Loftus asked if we have a contingency plan if this is more successful and we have more engagement than we anticipated. Possibly provide a vouchers to obtain a tote bag at the village hall at a later date.

Aireen Arellano asked for suggestions of vendors. Saturday, April 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Evan Vogt stated we need to figure out how many vendors can fit. First come, first served.

[Discussion on scavenger hunt, Earth Week details, prizes, flyer, logo, etc. continues.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Block Bins Composting

Aireen Arellano was contacted by a resident about the Block Bins Composting subscription service. Not a village event but more of a block event. They will bring you a bin, you compost, and they will collect on a certain day.

Brandon Wigboldy would like to provide a list of recycling locations/bins for paper and cardboard to residents that live in townhomes or condos. He also reported that Sag Moraine is having a “Wild Things” one day conference in Rosemont sponsored by Cook County Forest Preserve. There are two participation levels: \$55.00 for in person or \$35.00 for attending virtually if anyone is interested in participating.

Good of the Order

Aireen Arellano wished everyone a Happy New Year. Hoping to make 2023 a great year with the EEC.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Nicole Ryan**, seconded by **Evan Vogt** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.