



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

Absent: Meaghan Kern
Wesley Janicki
Nicole Ryan
Teagan Wigboldy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan

Aireen Arellano would like all members to send their notes to **Anne Sortino** by the end of the month so she can incorporate everything into the Strategic Plan and on the website.

Donna Gillespie said everything looks great so far and there are really nice graphics.

Recycling Extravaganza 2023

Aireen Arellano spoke with the Lions Club about some potential dates.

After discussion, **Jeffery Loftus** made a motion to hold the extravaganza on September 9th, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeffery Loftus stated there will be similar vendors, set up and format to the event.

Earth Week/Day 2023 – 4/16/23-4/22/23

Aireen Arellano designed flyers for the event and included QR Codes on the flyers. Tote bags will be picked up at the Fair.

Brandon Wigboldy wants to have cards available for pick up at the Village Hall in case someone does not have access to the internet.

Earth Week will begin with a scavenger hunt at local businesses and end on Saturday, April 22nd at the Village Hall with the Earth Week fair hosted by the Environmental Commission and local businesses and vendors who would like to participate. One vendor attending, Cruelty-Free Meat will provide games for the kids and child-focused activities.

Evan Vogt suggested planting, community art project, painting, etc.

Roger Zylstra stated the planting would not be planting seeds in a pot, you would plant the seeds outside.

Aireen Arellano provided a list of possible vendors.

[Discussion continued on Earth Week flyers, details, other vendors, distribution of seeds for planting, painting planters, vendor power needs, sternos, etc.]

Hannah Lipman suggested having more healthy vendors like a popcorn vendor and Avocado Theory. Asked if we will have a decal for the eco-friendly businesses to place in their window.

Aireen Arellano asked if we should ask for a business sponsorship.

Evan Vogt asked if we could give the businesses a return on their investment. Thinks it's a good idea after we get established.

Donna Gillespie agreed. We do not want to scare them off the first year.

Aireen Arellano submitted the application and Part I of the application has been approved.

Jeffery Loftus suggested drafting a follow-up thank you note to send to participants.

Aireen Arellano stated March 5th the reminder/last call will go out to the businesses with a March 10th deadline. March 27th (or sooner) there will be a blast out to the community.

Hannah Lipman stated the email blast can be earlier than March 27th if it is ready to go but after March 5th. Don't want it to get lost in the blast with the parade.

Aireen Arellano stated we need a FAQ sheet.

Hannah Lipman stated we need a check list for businesses. It should go out with the email blast.

Aireen Arellano will finalize and email all documents to everyone. Would like the EEC to look at it and approve by Friday, February 17th. She will reach out to Lions Club, Sierra Club, High School Eco Clubs to see if they are interested.

[Discussion on tag lines/catch phrases.]

After discussion, "Earth Amplified" was the selected tag line. All in favor.

Jeffery Loftus stated when the vendor quantities are known we will be able to reach out to everyone and finalize.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

Good of the Order

N/A

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Donna Gillespie**, seconded by **Evan Vogt** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.