



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 3, 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 6:05 p.m., Monday, April 3rd.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Aireen Arellano
Jeffery Loftus
Brandon Wigboldy
Teagan Wigboldy
Evan Vogt
Roger Zylstra
Anne Sortino, Management Analyst

Absent: Donna Gillespie
Nicole Ryan
Meaghan Kern
Wesley Janicki

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 **Teagan Wigboldy**, to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Recycling Extravaganza 2023

Aireen Arellano spoke about some potential dates. Looking at June 3rd. Lyons Club is leaning towards June 3rd.

Evan Vogt stated August 26th is better for him. Thinks interest has diminished no matter what date is selected.

Brandon Wigboldy and **Teagan Wigboldy** do not have a preference for either date.

Aireen Arellano asked for a show of hands for August 26th. Six people voted for August 26th.
[Discussion on possible dates continue.]

Earth Week/Day 2023 – 4/16/23-4/22/23

Aireen Arellano businesses participating are Avocado Theory, English Garden, Closet Collectibles, The Barketplace, The Open Bottle and Pekoe & Bean. Have dropped off scavenger hunt kit which is comprised of the chick-a-dee, stamp, and the ink to English Garden and Pekoe & Bean. Looking for someone to visit the other four – Closet Collectibles, Barketplace, Open Bottle, and Avocado Theory.

[Discussion continued re: stamps/cards, chick-a-dee, tote bags, activities, food and gifts.]

For the Earth Day Fair we had a lot of people who expressed interest but have no real firm commitments of who will be showing up. Sierra Club would like a table, a girl scout troupe might be interested in a table. Sweet Creations will provide us with chocolate chip cookies we can give out.

Evan Vogt has not heard from any of the schools.

Aireen Arellano confirmed Pekoe & Bean, Avocado Theory and Lyons Club will be there. Donutistry, Sierra Club will have a table, Cruelty Free & Me will be participating. A good number of vendors for our modest three hour fair. **Denise Maly-Politano** will open the building by 8:00 a.m. if any of the vendors need that much time for set up.

Teagan Wigboldy volunteered to be in charge of the craft. Pipe cleaner butterflies with recycled materials.

Brandon Wigboldy inquired about the tote bags.

Aireen Arellano stated tote bags will be flat, one-sided due to the cost. Sharp Mill has different styles to choose from. Some stand out compared to typical “penny” tote bags. Some have gussets, snaps, etc.

[Tote bag samples and sizes reviewed and discussed.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Native Plant Projects

Roger Zylstra asked if we want to do another one, wait and see how the current one turns out, where do we want to do another one, etc.

Brandon Wigboldy thinks a second location is a good idea for later.

Evan Vogt asked if we want to enhance the current one or start a new one, try something in planters. Suggested each year set aside a certain amount of money to revitalize a section in Tinley Park and working with Public Works to decide on an area to revitalize.

Jeffery Loftus suggested utilizing grass into a garden.

Roger Zylstra suggested going back to Jeremy or someone of that caliber to design the garden.

Anne Sortino asked about who would be responsible for maintaining?

Brandon Wigboldy suggested somewhere down Oak Park Avenue or near Harmony Square for greater visibility.

Evan Vogt asked if it is too late to present something as a board to suggest including native plants in the planning.

Aireen Arellano thinks it is important to maintain the current garden. Needs to check with Evon's on the status of the sign for the garden.

Good of the Order

Evan Vogt inquired if there is any way to reevaluate individual members on the EEC.

Anne Sortino said yes and there are options including making suggestions to the mayor for appointments. Recognizes there has been issues with quorum this past year and maybe those appointments would not be renewed.

Aireen Arellano - Thank you EEC!

- My deepest gratitude to you, EEC! Let's have an incredible Environmental Month

[Chair **Aireen Arellano** resigned from both Chair of the EEC and the Environmental Enhancement Commission.]

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.