



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Center**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Chairman **Brandon Wigboldy**, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

**Members:** Brandon Wigboldy  
Evan Vogt  
Roger Zylstra  
Anne Sortino, Management Analyst  
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

**Absent:** Nicole Ryan  
Meaghan Kern

**Guests:** Kyle Vester  
Erin Bradley  
Stella Haddad  
Amanda Loxtercamp  
William Drobitsch

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by **Roger Zylstra**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to approve the April 3, 2023 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Earth Day Recap**

**Brandon Wigboldy** stated people are looking for more of an event such as a village clean up rather than the fair. Seemed like we attracted a lot of families. Loved the grocery bag giveaway.

People attending stated they were looking for more of an event such as a clean-up rather than a fair.

**Evan Vogt** stated there were component that definitely did work, others that did not. Wants to put on agenda to start discussing earlier, such as the October agenda at the latest.

**Anne Sortino** thought there was a conflict with the donated baked goods and the vendors trying to sell baked goods.

### **Recycling Extravaganza 2023 Planning – August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Brandon Wigboldy** met with former Chair Aireen Arellano and confirmed EWorks and others will be attending that day. This is a coordinated event with the Lyons Club. Collection of eyeglasses, cell phone, batteries, textiles, paint, electronics, shoes, textiles and more. Need to apply for a permit by June. Also stated the county just opened up a recycling site at South Suburban College. The location is now a permanent recycling center open on campus for all types of items including electronics, plastics, and Styrofoam.

**Evan Vogt** stated the extravaganza works well for scaling up and down. Lots of space for extra vendors or scale down for less vendors. Suggested contacting the Lyons Club so we do not double up on student volunteers. Last year we had an abundance of volunteers.

**Bill Drobitsch** inquired about the Tinley Park news channel for advertising.

[Further discussion on how to advertise to residents, especially those not on social media.]

### **Future Native Plant Garden Ideas**

**Brandon Widboldy** would like to submit a proposal to include native plant gardens at the new Harmony Square Development in Tinley Park and also have another plant garden somewhere in the village.

**Anne Sortino** suggested submitting a formal plan in the coming months. Spoke with Kelly Mulqueeny to help with finding a second native garden location.

**Roger Zylstra** stated that we need to do the work to sustain the native garden. Looking for input and suggestions. Not everything survived the first planting so we need to figure out how to supplement the garden. Possibly ask Sag Moraine to help. Members took care of the garden and public works did the watering.

Sag Moraine plant sale June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Possibility Place – June sale.

Conservation at Home – criteria to evaluate, provides resources, criteria for home gardens. Provide resources and educational guidance for people interested in having native gardens or rain barrels.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **New Commission Appointments**

**Brandon Wigboldy** welcomed all guests attending tonight's meeting. They will be officially appointed to the commission on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Evan Vogt** suggested staying cognizant of the number of hours that we do meet. Planning a number of events vs. the number of times we meet, staying cognizant of what we are trying to do. Summers are busy.

**Brandon Wigboldy** stated Earth Day and our recycling event has been the big events for the last two years. Increasing awareness is a goal.

**Evan Vogt** also in the future our ability to make recommendation to the village council at large. Ideas and what we are trying to do with getting HOA involved with garbage and recycling contracts, trying to get ideas out to the village board. We have other ideas other than planning events.

**Brandon Wigboldy** explained we had success with starting the Simple Recycling program.

**Stella Haddad** suggested having a bin during the Farmer's Market for collecting.

### **Other Upcoming Project Ideas**

**Evan Vogt** stated being cognizant of how often we meet vs. what we are trying to do. Need the ability to make recommendation to the village board. Also need to get HOAs involved in recycling.

**Anne Sortino** spoke with Public Works about trees being planted. Suggested more varieties of trees to be planted by Public Works.

**Bill Drobitch** suggested attending events to get the word out. Have to market. Have to push to get things done. Maybe sponsor an event to get the word out or get partners to come back.

**Anne Sortino** stated there is a Dementia/Alzheimer walk on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Tinley Park will have a team if anyone wants to join in. It is around the 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue train station. We could easily set up a booth to promote the commission at the event. As a resident you can sign up. Could donate but don't have to. Will promote on social media, newsletters, etc.

### **Comments from the Public**

N/A

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by **Roger Zylstra**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

/dmp