



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, August 8, 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 6:02 p.m., Tuesday, August 8th.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Chairman Brandon Wigboldy
Erin Bradley
William Drobitsch
Amanda Loxtercamp
Dee Molinare
Evan Vogt
Roger Zylstra
Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst

Absent: Stella Haddad
Kyle Vester
Meaghan Kern (Assoc.)
Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Bill Drobitsch**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**, to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market EEC Participation – August 12th

Looking for volunteers to promote the EEC and the upcoming recycling event at the Farmer's Market.

Evan Vogt will help all day, **Erin Bradley** will help from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., **Bill Drobitsch** will help from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Recycling Extravaganza Planning

Brandon Wigboldy submitted the permit application and is waiting for final permit approval. All vendors are set. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., set up at 7:00 a.m. Need to request a public works employee to drive for lift and move pallets. Homewood Disposal will be providing a large dumpster for recycling.

Evan Vogt reminded everyone to bring sunscreen, hats, and dress appropriately.

Brandon Wigboldy explained this recycling event offers recycling of items not usually recycled elsewhere: textiles, eyeglasses, paint, aerosols, Styrofoam, electronics. We don't take light bulbs, batteries, or medicine. We have a very detailed list that goes out on social media, the village website, banners, email, newsletter.

[Further discussion on how to advertise to residents, flyer, etc.]

Signage for Existing Native Plant Garden

Brandon Wigboldy asked for a volunteers to determine if we can get a plaque with a stake.

Erin Bradley and **Amanda Loxtercamp** will work together on this project.

Recommendations for Future Village Projects

Anne Mitchell applied for a grant with the Department of Energy and is looking for ideas in 14 different areas. January 2024 due date for submission.

Evan Vogt suggested a road plan. Can we use to implement lane structure and increase the amount of side streets and bike lanes? Also suggested upgrading HVAC systems at village properties and upgrading fleet vehicles within the village.

Bill Drobitsch suggested solar power

Dee Molinare suggested energy efficiency of building with more energy efficient lighting.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested car charging stations distributed throughout the village.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested planting and eliminated invasive plants.

Dee Molinare will prepare a memo requesting the purchase of hybrid vehicles.

Roger Zylstra suggested giving ideas for writing something up.

Erin Bradley suggested removing invasive specific from the recommended list of plants on the village website of plants and trees and replacing it with a list of noninvasive species.

William Drobitch suggested contacting Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department for possible rain barrel sponsorship.

Brandon Wigboldy stated Sag Moraine presented the EEC with a plaque, “Planting Greener Future Seed Award”. Plaque will be displayed in the cabinet in the Village Hall lobby.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested more bike racks near the train station.

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Dee Molinare suggested showcasing gardens on the village website and direct citizens where to get native plants.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested setting up accounts for water usage via the village website so there are no surprises. Also suggested bringing ideas with link to add to the website.

Comments from the Public

N/A

Adjournment

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, seconded by **Evan Vogt**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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