



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Center**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Chairman **Evan Vogt**, at 6:04 p.m., Tuesday, September 12th.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Chairman Evan Vogt
Erin Bradley
Amanda Loxtercamp
Roger Zylstra

Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst

Absent: William Drobitsch
Dee Molinare
Brandon Wigboldy (Assoc.)
Meaghan Kern (Assoc.)
Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Erin Bradley**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by **Erin Bradley**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**, to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes of the Environmental Enhancement Commission. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer’s Market EEC Participation

Looking for volunteers to promote the EEC. Craft will be provided. It is a picture frame with fall embellishments. Amanda Loxtercamp will work 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Erin Bradley would like EEC specific in the future. Can do a seed distribution.

Subsidized Rain Barrels

New program covering Cook and Will Counties.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested having someone explain installation.

New member packet with volunteer responsibilities and approved budget.

Erin Bradley suggested working with MWRD for a sale and have an educational presentation as to why you need a rain barrel.

Evan Vogt stated the rain barrels are seemingly affordable for residents. Would be a strategic spring project.

Clean-up program	\$2500.00
General Operating	\$1500.00
Signs & Materials	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

Commission Shirt/Name Tags

Suggestion of ordering shirts quarterly.

Talk to Marketing Department for vendors for more “earth” type shirts.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Recycling Extravaganza

Roger Zylstra recapped and stated it was busier than last year.

Bill Drobitsch (in his absence) mentioned prior to the meeting we should combine this event with a shredding event as a lot of residents were interested in shredding. Also, the EEC should subsidize things that cost money such as paint, TVs, etc.

Anne Mitchell agreed we should push to subsidize.

Evan Vogt does not want to subsidize for someone who is not a resident. Would prefer to have a sponsor for additional fees. Asked if we can have clickers to count attendees and report results.

Anne Mitchell explained the Marketing Department has an app, “Placer AI” where you are able to see demographics and where they go in a community. Might be something the EEC should consider using.

Roger Zylstra suggested more orange cones to guide people during the drop-off.

Signage for Existing Native Plant Garden

Erin Bradley researched signs and estimates and provided an email with attachments. Can have a QR code to direct you to the garden layout.

Amanda Loxtercamp will reach out to Jason about QR codes and the webpage.

Erin Bradley suggested a garden strategic plan.

Evan Vogt will have EEC purpose and public works install possible brick or stone edging around the garden.

Anne Mitchell reminded the EEC if the cost is greater than \$500.00 then we have to submit three quotes. Also need a work order for PW.

Roger Zylstra will look at edging. **Anne Mitchell** will order. EEC will pay for the installation.

Recommendations for Future Village Projects

- **Pass along recommendations for native plants at Harmoney Square**
- **StreetScapes Plan**
- **Changing Oak Park Avenue - 174th Place to Midlothian Creek, adding bike lanes.**

Erin Bradley had some ideas to add to the website.

Good of the Order

Anne Mitchell would like to work with the Marketing Department to coordinate an Earth Day event on April 20th. This can be educational, doing something “green”, and promote rain barrels.

Evan Vogt thought it was a good idea to involve elected officials. Has no problem making it into a one-stop shop. Asked about education and outreach? Clean-up? How does Marketing envision the event?

Comments from the Public

N/A

Adjournment

Motion made by **Roger Zylstra**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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