

**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, December 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 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12th.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Chairman Evan Vogt
Erin Bradley
William Drobitsch
Dee Molinare
Amanda Loxtercamp (late)

Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst

Absent: Roger Zylstra
Brandon Wigboldy (Assoc.)
Meaghan Kern (Assoc.)
Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

Guests: Nancy Kreith, Horticulture Educator of the University of Illinois Extension; Matt Polson, Director of Community Day Services for Park Lawn.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Bill Drobitsch made a motion to table the minutes and vote on them at the next meeting. Dee Molinare seconded the motion.

Amendments to the minutes: On page 2, change the third sentence Anne Mitchell said to be “We **have** contacted our lobbyists to push for this project.” Bill Drobitsch requested that there be mention of the invoice the guests presented to the commission and its price point.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

T-shirts

Anne Mitchell will follow up with marketing to see if they can help edit the t-shirt design and she will reach back out to the vendor to get the polos created. Plans on having both orders in ASAP.

Recommendations for Future Village Projects

Guests discussed their work, how they bring in volunteers, and how they work alongside volunteers. Can offer a community center for Tinley Park. Help with the design. Encourage

individuals to attend workshop. Can give suggestions on native gardens. **Nancy Kreith's** background is design and can suggest native plants.

Evan Vogt asked what the familiarity with commercial zoning is and is it a hinderance.

Nancy Kreith started a garden in Oak Lawn on 108th Street in 2016. Difficult to maintain a native garden and a vegetable garden. We have a conservation newsletter and a website. Average 80 applicants a year looking to certify. It is an experiment and always looking for suggestions. If you every need resources we help make the connections. Currently working on a butterfly garden.

Matt Polson stated that it is all about making those connections in the community.

Sound Study Update

Anne Mitchell forwarded a draft of the recommendation. If the cost is under \$20,000.00 then it does not go to the village board for approval, it needs to go to the village manager. She will make suggestions to the recommendation and then after compiling all of the edits it will be set to go.

Recycling Update

Erin Bradley sent Anne Mitchell an updated Google document that she will use to update for 2024.

Signage for Native Plant Garden

Erin Bradley is still waiting for updates.

EEC Web Page

Erin Bradley is waiting for updates. Once updated we can get the QR code update and connected to links.

Good of the Order

Evan Vogt asked for a list of what we are trying to accomplish in the next year. Things we are looking for movement on or discussion on in 2024. He would like to look into lawns in our community. Would like to start working on some other recommendation projects.

Happy holidays!

Comments from the Public:

None other than previous comments above from the public/guests.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn made by **Bill Drobitsch**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**.

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