

**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
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, February 13th.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Chairman Evan Vogt
 Erin Bradley
 Amanda Loxtercamp
 Roger Zylstra
 Brandon Wigboldy

 Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst

Absent: William Drobitsch
 Dee Molinare
 Meaghan Kern (Assoc.)
 Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)
 Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Amanda Loxtercamp made the motion to approve both agenda and minutes, Brandon Wigboldy seconded the motion. All said aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market Participation

Evan Vogt likes the idea of a regular presence but does not think anyone would miss the EEC if not there. Would like to have EEC there once a month.

Amanda Loxtercamp would love to have the EEC attend once a month. Thinks once a month is a goal to strive for.

Anne Mitchell stated with the construction the special needs might affect how many we can attend. Need to be more mindful of not wasting space.

Erin Bradley thought it would make sense for the EEC to be at the market on the same days the rain barrels will be there.

Anne Mitchell completely agrees with that idea. Would be very much in sync for the EEC to do that. She will confirm with Kelly Oswald about scheduling with the rain barrel representatives.

Amanda Loxtercamp contacted the village regarding eco friendly signage for the EEC. Have a QR there with information. One paper that talks about what we do with bullets, very simple, listing annual events, website, and educational events. Maybe use an acrylic sign holder. Possibly pictures of what around Tinley we do have. Also showcase noteworthy ecofriendly things the village and EEC has done. Have a picture book showcasing things with a description for people to look through at the booth. She will work on signage via Canva that others can edit.

Evan Vogt requested the Farmers Market Participation be added to Ongoing Business for future agendas. Stated the market is very kid-friendly and lots of dogs. Easier to get people to interact when there is a craft or game to participate in. Allows us to have the communication throughout the board, adults will interact with us more with something to offer. Wants to add Farmers Market Marketing Materials to new business for the next meeting.

Anne Mitchell suggested adding information on the recycling event and having a flyer available. The mayor has expressed interest in having a shredding event at the next recycling event.

Brandon Wigboldy said the shredding event is very popular and a lot of residents ask for it. Does not think it would be a problem if we have a shredding event close to the library's shredding event as it is always popular.

[Discussion continues on signage, cost, style, etc.]

Review and Budget Planning – May 1st Deadline for the fiscal year

Signage - \$2000.00

Event programming - \$2500.00

Other operating - \$1500.00

Anne Mitchell reported the EEC commission has not spent much money this year. Budget does not include salary. We still have the EEC bags for giveaways.

Erin Bradley suggested giving out seed packets with the EEC logo at Earth Day.

All in favor of seed packets. **Evan Vogt** declared the motion carried.

Roger Zylstra will update the invoice on the bricks so those can be purchased prior to April 1st.

Evan Vogt asked about t-shirts and polos. **Anne Mitchell** is still working with the vendor. Have to confirm the artwork with the vendor and then place the order.

Rain Barrel Sale Announcement

- The commissioners were confused what the “Rain Barrel sale announcement” item was. They asked to add this item to the next agenda but would appreciate clarification what this is for the next meeting.

Green Award Participation

- **Erin Bradley** talked about doing an award for residents and also any organizations to recognize them doing eco-friendly things and recognize businesses and encourage others to get involved. Suggested keeping it open-ended to see how many people will apply and see how it develops. The commission hammered down details for the green award; the commission decided it will be an annual award. **Amanda Loxtercamp** made a motion to approve the Tinley Park Green award application to be created as a JOT form pending grammatical edits. **Roger Zylstra** seconded the motion for the award. All in favor, passed all ayes.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Earth Day event

Erin Bradley has two in-person events leading up to the earth day, includes a hike at 5:00 pm on Wednesday; on Thursday the South Cook Master Gardeners society will have an event at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. The other three days will be social media type events. Last day will be the Earth Day Fair.

Anne Mitchell will reserve the conference room and contact IT.

- Citizens Utility Board is coming to hear about utility, solar and energy efficiency
- SAG moraine will be attending and give a tour of the native plant garden
- TPPL will attend and bring the book mobile. Will do an Earth Day craft and Storytime
- Avocado Theory will bring their food truck
- MWRD bringing rain barrels and encourage people to sign up.
- Free Native samplings to distribute from MWRD
- Metropolitan Water District will bring native tree samplings. **Erin Bradley** will ask if they will take unclaimed ones back, but otherwise will ask to bring 25-30 saplings.
- Waiting to hear back from Homewood Disposal
- They will discuss crafts for the EEC table at the next meeting. Discuss specific table layout, tour time for Sag Moraine.
- 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. for the Earth Day Fair hours

Signage and Bricks for Native Garden

Roger Zylstra will redo the invoice for the bricks since it has been a few months.

Ann Mitchell will then send over to public works for installation.

Native Plant Garden Webpage

Jason has the information and is working on the webpage.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Brandon Wigboldy stated November meeting minutes are still outstanding and need to be voted on and approved.

- No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Wigboldy made the motion to adjourn, Amanda Loxtercamp seconded it at 7:19 pm.

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