

**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Tinley Park Village Hall – Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Chairman **Evan Vogt**, at 6:06 p.m., Tuesday, April 9th.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Evan Vogt
 Erin Bradley
 Amanda Loxtercamp
 Dee Molinare
 Roger Zylstra
 Brandon Wigboldy
 Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
 Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst

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

Guest: Urban Canopy Compost Club
 Kelly Oswald

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dee Molinare made a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Urban Canopy Composting – Chicago

Urban Canopy gave a presentation on their composting program. Cover many municipalities, commercial and residential areas. Collect meat, bones, plastic on weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Members get rewards such as five gallon compost buckets, gift cards to local businesses, etc. Fees are \$40.00/month for weekly pickup, \$20.00/month bi-weekly.

Anne Mitchell asked about smell complaints with large containers.

Brandon Wigboldy asked if it would be residential only or would we have business participate as well.

Anne Mitchell said we can promote on social media outlets.

Erin Bradley stated it would be a contract between individual residents and businesses. The Village would advertise, the information would be in the EEC newsletter, the community newsletter, on the EEC website and other resource sites. We would encourage residents to sign up on their own.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested paying Urban Canopy to attend a Farmer's Market and have composting available there for residents.

Kelly Oswald will find out the cost of a rolling bin. We can split the cost with Marketing and EEC for next year. Bin has to be picked up before concerts. Maybe invite them to a business spotlight at a Village Board meeting.

Evan Vogt agreed. We need to vet them more and get feedback and background before deciding.

Evan Vogt made a motion to have a reference on the resource page to highly the business. Motion seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Recycling Extravaganza Date

Amanda Loxtercamp will confirm with the vendors and the Lions Club as to available dates.

Earth Week Event

Erin Bradley gave an updated vendor list. Will arrive at 8:30 a.m. for set up. Vendors arrive at 9:00 a.m. Possibly have the EEC table in the lobby to check in people and have them register for the newsletter, raffle, etc. and get a count for attendance. This is a six day event with three social media days, two in-person events leading up to the earth day, including a social media event on Monday which is community clean-up, day two is three R's day – sharing ways to reduce, reuse and recycle, day three is a hike at 5:00 pm on Wednesday with the forest preserve; Thursday in person with the South Cook Master Gardeners society at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center on vegetable gardens, Friday will be another social media type event. Saturday is the Earth Day Fair. Vendors include:

- Citizens Utility Board is coming to hear about utility, solar and energy efficiency
- SAG Moraine attending and will give a tour of the native plant garden
- TPPL will attend and bring the book mobile. Story time at 11 am. and 1pm.
- MWRD bringing rain barrels, doing stormwater run-off model, crafts
- Orland Grasslands
- Lake Katerine
- Possibility Place
- Citizen Climate Education
- ECO Club from Tinley Park High School with veggie and herb seedlings raised in their greenhouse.
- Free Native samplings to distribute from MWRD
- Forest Preserve
- Conservation at Home

- Metropolitan Water District will bring native tree samplings. **Erin Bradley** will ask to bring 30 saplings.
- Five hundred native seed packets as giveaways
- Oriental Trading for crafts and a creation station at the EEC table
- 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. for the Earth Day Fair hours
- Giveaway of a native plant garden from SAG Moraine
- Food truck

Dee Molinare made a motion to have one small, and one medium garden from Sag Moraine as a raffle. Motion seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**.

Anne Mitchell stated the Native Plant Garden sign has arrived. Need PW to install. Also will order bricks for the outside gardens.

[Discussion on Earth Week details continues]

Signage/Green Awards

Erin Bradley will have a sign at the EEC table with the QR code to sign up for an award application. June 30th is the deadline.

Amanda Loxtercamp asked if there is some type of rubric to be followed.

Erin Bradley said we might not need an extensive rubric depending on the number of participants.

Kelly Oswald said EEC can combine/partner with Marketing when MWWRD and U of I will be at the Farmer's Market. Public Safety Day is the last Saturday of the month. Art & Garden Market is May 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ted's Greenhouse will be there, Will County Gardeners, Zappa Pizza pizza truck, four farmers, fresh eggs.

Farmer's Market – June through October

Try to coordinate the days the EEC would be there with others such as MWRD would be there.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Discussion on vacant chairman position and the possibility of having two co-chairs. **Amanda Loxtercamp** and **Eric Bradley** are interested. **Dee Molinare** would be interested possibly 6-12 months from now. **Anne Mitchell** confirmed with everyone from the commission their desire to remain on the EEC.

No comments from the public, no public.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Wigboldy, made the motion to adjourn, **Evan Vogt** seconded it at 7:47 pm.

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