

**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
Tinley Park Village Hall – Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Co-Chair **Amanda Loxtercamp**, at 6:05 p.m..

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Erin Bradley, Co-Chair  
Amanda Loxtercamp, Co-Chair  
Dee Molinare  
Elizabeth Taylor  
Evan Vogt  
Brandon Wigboldy  
Roger Zylstra

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**Evan Vogt** made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes pending revisions, seconded by **Erin Bradley**. Motion carries.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**Recycling Extravaganza Date & Event Planning – August 24, 2024**

**Amanda Loxtercamp** reported on event. Part I of event permit secured. Part II – more details are needed. Hope to submit Part II later this week. Dart has now been confirmed. Shoes collection will be a sneakers only vendor. Eworks will take remainders of shoes not sneakers. Spoke with Jeff from Eworks. Eworks has a very comprehensive list of what they will collect and they will collect other shoes. Contacted the library about shredding. The library did not feel they had the numbers to support another shredding event and they are not participating. They use Shark Shredding. Shark Shredding is not available. They are very nice and eager to work with us but not available on that date. Would love to work with us in the future. Will consider them for future events. Do we want to continue to contact other companies to work with? Would be around \$1500.00.

**Anne Mitchell** stated a third party and/or elected official may be interested in sponsoring. We can also consider another separate event. Can split the cost with the library when/if they participate. Are we paying for any other vendors?

**Amanda Loxtercamp** stated we are not but the Lyons Club is paying.

[Budget discussion continues.]

**Brandon Wigboldy** suggested looking at another vendor to consider for the shredding. Pro Shred is a local vendor we can contact.

**Roger Zylstra** agreed. Tying in shredding into the event would make more sense. Want to combine shredding with the event and on the same day.

**Erin Bradley** asked if Eworks has any specifications on the quality of shoes that they will take?

**Amanda Loxtercamp** said Eworks will take everything. They will even take paper and books. We want to maintain our relationship with the Lyons Club and did not want to push back too much. The Lyons Club will separate and sort the gym shoes. Suggested moving the event back to the fall next year and make it a community event with a food pantry collection and a theme.

**Erin Bradley** stated fall is a good time for seedling distribution.

#### **Eyeglass Collection**

**Anne Mitchell** stated she spoke with the clerk's office and a table top box would be a better option for collections. Need a contact for when box is full so we can contact them for pickup.

**Amanda Loxtercamp** interested in addressing the collection on the EEC website.

**Anne Mitchell** stated that it can be added to the EEC website and will contact Marketing.

#### **Newsletter**

**Erin Bradley** said we have discussed having our own stand-alone newsletter vs. sending out a section in the community email. Met with Donna Framke who said they will give us a dedicated section once a month in the community email section which seems like the preferable option as that goes out to thousands of people. We will have an EEC section the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of every month in the community email. Need to figure out what to name it. Not concerned with the title as much as the content. We will go for 2-3 highlighted events such as an event or an eco-friendly tip. Looking for other suggestions to include in the newsletter. Next month will be the save the date for the recycling event.

**Dee Molinare** suggested highlighting the event but not having too much information for the reader. Wants to encourage people to partake in July. Sketch out a calendar for the year in the newsletter.

#### **Green Awards**

**Erin Bradley** stated the Green Award application is open until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pushing out on community email and at Farmer's Market. We have had one applicant for the residential category.

## **Garbage Can**

**Anne Mitchell** stated that Public Works will order new garbage cans and install the same. These never should have been ordered by the EEC to begin with. The next step is talking to Homewood Disposal to find out locations of the other ten garbage/street cans and have records.

**Evan Vogt** stated that as a member of the EEC he is ok with Public Works collecting and replacing all of the garbage cans.

**Dee Molinare** stated we need to encourage recycling, especially at village events. Something to discuss in the future. Should be proactive and have these conversations early on, especially with Harmony Square construction going on.

[Discussion continues on garbage can collection, fees, and cost of renting vs. buying garbage cans.]

**Brandon Wigboldy** asked when our current garbage contract ends.

**Anne Mitchell** said the contract expires September 30, 2027.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Erin Bradley** brought a shovel to the meeting to remove things that do not belong in the native plant garden. She will be working on the garden after tonight's meeting if anyone wants to help.

**Anne Mitchell** notified the landscaping company to let them know to leave the native plant garden alone.

**Dee Molinare** thinks it is a good idea to have a SOP document so responsibilities will not fall on the same people all the time.

**Evan Vogt** suggested having the website revised to state "Chairperson" or "Co-Chairperson", not "Chairman".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Rogert Zylstra**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy** made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm.

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