



**Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Tinley Park Village Hall – Kallsen Center
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60477**

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

- Members:** Chairman Antonio Halek
Adam James
Frank Markowicz
Jeff Mech
Beth Mikula
Paul Mikula
Michelle Ayala
- Associates:** Kerri Roiniotis
- Absent:** John Barajas
Luke Engel
Barbara Moore, Associate
Village Liaison Steve Tilton
Village Trustee Brian Younker

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Enhancement Commission was called to order by Antonio Halek 7:06 p.m. in the Kallsen Center. Motion to open the meeting made by Paul Mikula, seconded by Frank Markowicz. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Paul Mikula, seconded by Michelle Ayala. Motion to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes made by Paul Mikula, seconded by Michelle Ayala. Approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports

Antonio Halek updated everyone on the budget. There is a balance of \$456.61. This does not include the purchase of rockers, lunch from Rubino's for the clean-up and a few other expenses.

New Business:

Antonio Halek stated that Mayor Seaman wrote of letter of recommendation endorsing the PACE bus program to switch to compressed natural gas. The letter was distributed.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Michelle Ayala emailed troops, Tinley Park High School and Andrew High School to let them know clean-up date and get an RSVP from them to narrow down the patch order. She has confirmation from eight students from Tinley Park High School, including five sophomores. There will be 194 volunteers this year. She will have two adult volunteers help pass out the gloves and trash bags.

Antonio Halek stated check-in is 8:30 a.m at the Village Hall. Assignments, gloves and trash bags will be distributed at that time. Rubino's will be reading for pick up at 10:30. Beth and Paul Mikula volunteered to pick up the lunch. 9 trays for 250 people was ordered. There was a lot of advertisement this year so we might have a lot of extra people showing up. Antonio asked everyone to take pictures for the website and then meet up at the high school to set up by 10:30-10:45. The Studio will be recording some of the day.

Jeff Mech will bring the two double-sided, A-frame signs with, "Spring Clean-up today" printed on them.

Jeff Mech and Antonio Halek will purchase all other needed items, supplies, drinks, paper goods, etc. from Sam's Club.

On display at the clean-up luncheon will be the rain barrel, Nu-Way information and coloring sheets for the kids. There will also be Bozo buckets, the recycle/sort game and the bottle cap game. Kerri Roiniotis will supervise Bozo buckets, Frank Markowicz will run the rain barrel information station and bring his pump for an example, and Michelle Ayala will run the recycle/sort.

Beth Mikula started growing seedlings which she will bring to clean-up. She will also have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in gardening or composting.

Jeff Mech and Adam James will distribute flyers advertising Idle-free and Energy Impact Illinois.

Jeff Mech will email an official invite to Mayor Seaman and Trustee Younker for the clean-up.

Beth Mikula suggested everyone show up for taking photos at various locations. Nice to get action shots of the clean-up. If we split up then we can cover most of the locations.

MWRD Paperwork

Antonio Halek stated that the free rain barrels will only be for Cook County residents. EEC collected emails at Discover Tinley and Spring Clean-up and there was a lot of interest. The information will also be available on the village website. Antonio Halek stated that we collected many emails for rain barrel requests at Discover Tinley and the village has been taking requests

and we are already at 1,364 requests and each household can request up to four barrels. The form needs to be input on a MWRD website and MWRD will be delivering the rain barrels when available. Public Works is doing the work and organizing the requests. This is only offered to Cook County residents. Would like to offer rain barrels to everyone if we can get into this grant program with MWRD. Antonio has also been speaking with a representative from the Hickory Creek Water Shed program and would like to have her out in May or June to let us know what grants are available.

Adam James inquired about how this program with the MWRD was started. Antonio Halek stated he contacted them and requested to be part of the program.

Idle Free

Antonio Halek stated that Trustee Brian Younker sent an email confirming the three schools will be receiving signs in April. Trustee Younker asked if the signs were printed up yet. Antonio will confirm.

Antonio Halek sent an email to Robert Frost and Julia regarding Idle Free.

Kerri Roiniotis would like to see one of the newspapers come out during the installation.

Jeff Mech will coordinate efforts to advertise all schools after installation.

Michelle Ayala suggested information be placed in the virtual backpacks.

Adam James stated that information on when others would be installed should be included in the virtual backpacks. Ideally, middle schools.

Antonio Halek stated that EEC's involvement is crucial and EEC should be present when installing and help in any way they can.

Jeff Mech wants open communication with Public Works, the school districts, and EEC.

Lucas Engel offered to help with the installation of the signs.

On-Site Visits

Antonio Halek stated that the recycling centers are not very utilized. For example, 183rd recycling center can do so much more and it is not very well maintained. Next visit will be at recycling center with someone from Public Works to address this issue. Antonino will try to set up a visit in mid/end of May.

Adam James stated that was a great idea; maybe we will be able to get answers to our questions about where items go after village events.

Michelle Ayala stated it would be nice if we could communicate directly with Public Works and not go through Trustee Younker.

Recycle Bins

Kerri Roiniotis stated that Lincoln-Way East is hosting a household hazardous waste collection on April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is also a HHW collection in Plainfield on April 2nd if anyone is interested.

Communication

Antonio Halek stated that residents are upset that there is no place for them to bring their old televisions. He provide some emails and websites to the clerk's office to pass on information to residents calling in for information.

Antonio Halek stated that he attended the household recycling event on April 16th with Michelle Ayala. They spoke with a willcountygreen.org representative. This even was for Will County residents only, however, since a portion of Tinley is located in Will County, they can accept from all of Tinley. Frustration with the new laws were expressed. This event cost them \$60,000.00. This event was a very interesting set-up. He would like to have this representative come to one of our meetings and talk to us. Really knows the law.

Michelle Ayala stated some areas are having a semi-truck at a location where everyone drops off their electronics but we need to provide the staffing for it. Stated that if there was a .75 tax on every televisions dropped off, this would take care of the problem and dispose of them correctly. For paint it would be .25 tax per gallon that would then allow places such as Ace Hardware to take the oil-based paint and dispose of it. This was turned down by various environmental organizations. The manufacturers of electronics charges them and the fee is passed on to us. Trying to see if they can take smaller electronics and not pay for televisions which is what the law is preventing.

Discover Tinley

Michelle Ayala, Frank Markowicz and Antonio Halek worked the booth. Thought it was a great success and they met with a lot of interested people. Had very positive feedback all day and lots of questions. MWRD forms were distributed. Seeds were passed out to visitors. Frank Markowicz brought his pump for the rain barrels and explained to everyone how it worked. Michelle Ayala had a display on Styrofoam and plastic bags and the various dangers. Michelle also had a display regarding the recycling of items and how you cannot recycle items with a 6. Michelle Ayala felt there were more vendors and less people but felt like they talked to a lot more people. They spoke with Jeremy Nelson from ComEd who would like to come out to a meeting to talk to us about home inspections and how to make your home more energy efficient. Kerry Roiniotis found on-line that ComEd has partnered with your natural gas provider to bring electric and natural gas savings to you.

Going Forward

Antonio Halek would like to have certain commissioners assigned to certain projects for more involvement and follow-up. It looks like some of these projects are going to be a lot more work and very busy. Such projects would include rain barrels, fall and spring clean-up, website management, links to information, Idle Free, email communication, Nu-Way, etc.

Antonio Halek will send an email to Mayor Seaman to appoint Kerri Roiniotis and remove John Barajas.

Adam James passed out information on upcoming E-Waste recycling events.

Motion was made by Adam James, seconded by Frank Markowicz to hold next year's spring clean-up on Earth Day, which would be April 22, 2017. Approved by voice vote. Location site to be determined.

Beth Mikula made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Mikula. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.