

**Meeting Minutes for the
Environmental Enhancement Commission – Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Tinley Park Village Hall – Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the EEC was called to order by Co-Chair **Erin Bradley**, at 7:02 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Amanda Loxtercamp, Co-Chair
 Erin Bradley, Co-Chair
 Brandon Wigboldy
 Roger Zylstra
 Dee Molinare
 Elizabeth Taylor
 Evan Vogt
 Paul Michael Yedwofski (Assoc.)
 Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst
 Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Evan Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandon Wigboldy made a motion to approve the March 16, 2026 minutes, seconded by **Erin Bradley**. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Art and Garden and Farmer's Market Participation

Erin Bradley stated that the Art and Garden and Farmer's Market would be an opportunity for the EEC to advertise and give away seeds and samplings. The Art and Garden Market is May 9th and the Farmer's Market begins first weekend of June through October. She will contact Kelly Oswald as to availability and when EEC can have a table. **Erin Bradley** also requested everyone look at their summer schedules and bring some dates to the May meeting for availability to the next meeting.

Amanda Loxtercamp thought once a month for the Farmer's Market worked out well. Dates to be determined based on other organizations the EEC would want to be with.

Elizabeth Taylor is available for the day and possibly **Evan Vogt** and **Amanda Loxtercamp** would be available to work at the Art and Garden Market.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Earth Day Saturday, April 18, 2026

Erin Bradley has seventeen organizations/vendors attending, which is three more than last year. Need u-shape table set up. Flyers for green awards will be available for distribution, have a general EEC sign and four sandwich boards with information. There are two garden giveaways along with EEC bags, Swedish dish cloths, native seed packets and bamboo straws. Any seeds left will also be available along with the 50 tree saplings. Bags are 100% recycled material. Have a couple of vendors that need to be near outlets. We will need extra help during setup. There are activities each day of the week for Earth Week, including a seed swap on Earth Day at Studio 67. Flyers have been dropped off to Crema and The Scoop. She also emailed Durbin's and Avocado Theory so they are aware of what is happening. Information has been posted to social media and The Patch, and schools have been notified. Vendors will arrive at 9am.

Anne Mitchell confirmed set up with custodian staff. Additional tables available in the Fulton Conference room that can be pulled if needed.

Elizabeth Taylor has flyers to be posted each day for each event during the week.

Amanda Loxtercamp asked if you can reuse cotton bags over and over. **Evan Vogt** stated cotton is organic and eventually breaks down.

Recycling Extravaganza and Preliminary Planning – August 22nd

Amanda Loxtercamp provided an update. Asked if everyone was in agreement with the hours of operation being the same as last year, 8am to 11am. All regular vendors have been confirmed - Homewood, Earth Day Paints, EWorks, Dart, and others. She will hold off on shredding for now as that will take up most of our budget. Will also need to order a porta-potty. Needs to finish the permit. She also suggested trying for the vendors to arrive at 7:45 and stay until 11:15 to accommodate anyone coming in at 11am.

Evan Vogt thought everything slowed down near the end.

Dee Molinare thinks we should be a little more accommodating to those that do arrive close to 11.

Paul Michael Yedwofski thought the bulk of the people were lined up before opening.

Amanda Loxtercamp will reach out to the shredding company. Made a motion to approve a shredding contract for this event for a period of 3.5 hours assuming that the rate is around \$400.00 an hour, similar to last year.

Roll call taken. All in favor.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested asking EMA, the police and possibly the vendors for their input and feedback so we can collaborate with them on the map and set up. Also stated he went to investigate the North lot and does not think the North lot would work for this event. Thinks the short cut through the parking lot over to shredding is the best idea.

Erin Bradley stated we can use the village volunteer list and have a job form/sign up just for the EEC event. Hopefully we would have an idea of how many volunteers we would have that day.

Strategic Plan and Upcoming Priorities

Erin Bradley hoped to have more completed on the Strategic Plan. She is planning on editing with everyone's comments and suggestions. If there are other ideas or priorities that anyone would like to pursue during downtime such as landscaping codes or the village's parkway tree list, let her know and we can always add to an agenda.

Erin Bradley made a motion to table the discussion on the Strategic Plan until May. **Evan Vogt** seconded. All in favor.

Newsletter Updates/Green Corner – Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor will have daily social media posts for each Earth Day Week event. April 17th is National Bat Appreciation Day. Will also plan on posting information on recycling guidelines from Homewood Disposal, efficiency tips, information on the seed library, announce the Green Awards, and have information ready to go for when we want to announce the Recycling Extravaganza. Also have information on "No Mow May".

Dee Molinare asked what is the Tinley ordinance for not mowing and what is the fine?

Evan Vogt explained "No Mow May" was started in northern Wisconsin which is a different zone than here so it might not apply. We would have to ask for a suspension of the ordinance.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested "cut it high and leave it lie" as an article, explaining that grass should be cut higher or less often.

Elizabeth Taylor will have a general May newsletter called "Low Mow May" and ways to benefit butterflies, bees and beneficial bugs.

Designating a week in October for bats. We could also do a bat walk if we know of somewhere there are bats in the area.

Waste Disposal Services Contract/ Committee of the Whole Update Planning

Erin Bradley explained this was tabled a long time ago. Pat Carr encouraged the EEC to send to him directly any updates we have regarding resident's concerns. She would send him some bullet points of things to discuss. He also suggested we start doing regular updates to the Committee of the Whole, which is the committee that meets directly before the board meetings and approves their agenda. We will start that after Earth Day and give a very brief idea of what we do, Earth Day, Recycling Event, Farmer's Market, along with stats of how many people came to Earth Day. An opportunity on priorities that come up to give them information on that too.

Anne Mitchell stated the next board meeting will be a very long meeting with the entire budget and contracts. Might not have a second board meeting in May so keep that in mind. June would be a safe time to attend a meeting.

EEC Email Monthly Update

Erin Bradley had one email from an eighth grader who asked to volunteer and stated he is also interested in helping with the native garden.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Erin Bradley asked if anyone wanted to step down from the EEC or if they would be interested in continuing on the EEC. **Amanda Loxtercamp** stated she would be stepping down from co-chair but will remain a commissioner. Asked if anyone else would be interested in being co-chair. **Dee Molinare** would be interested in being co-chair with **Erin Bradley**. All others will remain on the EEC.

Evan Vogt asked why so many trees are being cut down recently in the parkways and when will those trees cut down be replaced?

Anne Mitchell explained that some trees are being removed for disease and she did not know when the trees will be replaced as there is a tree shortage with the nurseries we work with. She will follow up and ask for more details.

Amanda Loxtercamp was drawn to her neighborhood because of the big old trees which is not the same anymore with these trees being removed. Something to bring up in the future.

Evan Vogt also stated Tinley needs more bike lanes, especially with the increase in e-bikes and scooters.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Erin Bradley**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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