

**Meeting Minutes for the
Environmental Enhancement Commission – Tuesday, May 12, 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 7:03 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
	Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst
	Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Absent:	Paul Michael Yedwofski (Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Evan Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Dee Molinare**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dee Molinare made a motion to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes as submitted, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market Scheduling

Erin Bradley stated she would like to see the EEC have a goal of hosting one table a month. Farmer's Market begins on June 6th and goes through October. It would be nice to pair up with an organization with similar interests. Set up would be around 7:40 until 12:30.

After discussion, June 13th and July 18th are the selected dates. August, September and October will be determined at a later date. **Erin Bradley, Dee Molinare, and Brandon Wigboldy** available on June 13th to host.

Evan Vogt would like to coordinate schedules with the Cook County Forest Preserve for summer tabling.

Erin Bradley suggested the Mayors Caucus, Conversation at Home, U of I Extension and Master Gardeners as other options to coordinate with.

Motion made by **Dee Molinare** to work at the Farmer's Market on June 13th and July 18th, motion seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**. All in favor.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

Earth Week 2026 Recap

Erin Bradley reported 135 people attended, seventeen organizations/vendors, 107 people attending the seed swap.

Dee Molinare thought signage on Oak Park Avenue helped. Suggested changing the label to "seed giveaway" because there was no "swap" of seeds.

Erin Bradley said the library asked if the EEC would be interested in hosting at the library.

Evan Vogt liked the idea. Said there would certainly be more foot traffic.

Erin Bradley also stated the outdoor pavilion, boardwalk and nature playground would also create other activities related to Earth Day.

Dee Molinare made a motion to partner with the Tinley Park Library for Earth Day 2027, and the motion was seconded by **Evan Vogt**. All in favor.

Brandon Wigboldy stated people were asking why we do not physically do some sort of organized garbage pickup.

Erin Bradley agreed. Said we should like about a clean-up for future dates. Need to start thinking about details in the fall in order to coordinate. We can also think about planning our own in-person event.

Dee Molinare commented the walk was informative, but ran very late. Ended around 7:30.

Brandon Wigboldy stated the walk was very slow with lots of stop and go but also provided a lot of information.

Elizabeth Taylor agreed. It was very slow but informative.

Amanda Loxtercamp thought it was well advertised.

Dee Molinare thought lots of people started out at the beginning but did not finish the walk as it went too late.

Erin Bradley stated the library also wants to collect books to resell and recycle.

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. Looked into porta-potty rentals. Per **Anne Mitchell**, we need to provide a handicapped service

station. Cost is \$135.00 for four hours and would be delivered on Friday night or Saturday early morning from Service Sanitation. No difference in cost.

Dee Molinare made a motion to pursue the rental of a porta-potty by the commission for the Recycling Extravaganza and provide an ADA compliant porta-potty at a cost of \$135.00 for four hours, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**.

Amanda Loxtercamp provided a shredding update. After numerous messages to the vendor, finally heard back from someone on April 30th. Shredding cost is \$500.00 an hour. Shark Shredding will only work for two hours and are not available this year. Shred Nation is \$300.00/hour plus a \$300.00 driving fee. Private American Mobile Shredding is \$425.00/hour with no other fees. Does not like to work with a lot of volunteers. Wants to just work with the two employees from his company. Vital Shred quoted \$500.00/hour.

Evan Vogt suggested using the Private American company.

Dee Molinare agreed to pursue Private American Mobile Shredding for event.

Anne Mitchell stated we need to obtain more information before moving forward with them.

Amanda Loxtercamp asked what is their availability? At what cost? How big is their truck? Received quote, agreement, date/time/truck capacity and number of individuals from the company. Need to figure these things out before signing a contract.

Roll call taken. All in favor of hiring Private American Mobile Shredding.

Brandon Wigboldy asked about prescription medicine collection.

Erin Bradley will make some inquiries.

Brandon Wigboldy also stated we need to make it abundantly clear there are fees for some things collected for recycling so no one is surprised the day of.

Strategic Plan and Upcoming Priorities

Erin Bradley had to integrate because she did not write up the original strategic plan to begin with. Would like to start over.

Anne Mitchell said the commission can design and format it how they want.

Dee Molinare stated strategies need to be clear, standard protocol, no more than three per goal, objectives become what you are going to focus on. Need a five year plan. We won't reach everything. Need to think larger, not just the state of Illinois. See what other green cities are doing and other environmental groups.

Newsletter Updates/Green Corner – Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor will provide general information on recycling, shredding electronics, and the time of the event (8-11 a.m.). She will also provide information on Green Awards. Will also suggest “Slow Mow May” as the bees rely on the flowers.

Erin Bradley reported we already have on application for Green Awards.

Anne Mitchell stated Green Awards information will be provided at the Business Breakfast. Hopefully will bring in some businesses.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE UPDATE

Tabled until June meeting. Erin Bradley wants the Strategic Plan ready for the COW update. Would like to provide an update before the Recycling Extravaganza.

EEC EMAIL MONTHLY UPDATE

N/A. No new emails but there were many people at the Art & Garden Market talking about native plants.

Elizabeth Taylor reported we are seedless as we gave away all of the seeds and saplings at the Art & Garden Market.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dee Molinare suggested a QR code on the table at the Farmer’s Market with EEC information.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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