

Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
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 6:02 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members:	Amanda Loxtercamp, Co-Chair
	Erin Bradley, 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 agenda, seconded by **Roger Zylstra** and made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes with revisions. Motions carry.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER UPDATES/GREEN CORNER/COMMUNITY EMAIL UPDATES

Amanda Loxtercamp reported no December newsletter. Would like the next newsletter to review what the EEC does.

Elizabeth Taylor suggested an article with an electronics link for recycling and continue with updated links.

Evan Vogt agreed newsletter should state what the EEC does.

Dee Molinare stated there is a lot on policy, codes, items never discussed on website. Thinks while updating website we should consider if we are truly achieving what is expected of this commission. EEC needs to be working more with the village to make an impact. Asked if the EEC should have public hearings to gather information.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Amanda Loxtercamp stated a few students have emailed the EEC with question for a school project. She will respond to those emails and see if they are interested in volunteering.

Elizabeth Taylor has updates ready for the January newsletter. A few topics will include don't touch the thermostat, minimizing salt use, and provide information on rain barrels.

GREEN AWARDS

Decided on award inscribed with "Tinley Park 2024 Green Award Presented by the Environmental Enhancement Commission." Award will include the EEC logo. Business award and homeowner award would be similar. Winners would be given the option of a presentation at the EEC meeting or a village board meeting.

Erin Bradley and **Amanda Loxtercamp** will contact the winners and discuss the presentation.

TABLE COVER FOR EEC EVENTS

Anne Mitchell researched options. Found a table cover and placed the order. Waiting for delivery.

DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Erin Bradley distributed a memo on items of concerns for the EEC and how the EEC wants to collaborate with the village on larger issues. Would like to present to the Planning Commission, Planning Department and Marketing Department the ways the EEC might envision its involvement. Open to further discussion on how the EEC might get involved.

Evan Vogt liked how memo started out with the EEC role within the village. EEC is building political capital and outreach.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested the board be on top of the list.

Dee Molinare suggested having goals on website charter from objective of commission. Also pedestrian/80th Avenue.

EARTH DAY 2025 PLANNING

Earth Week 2025 April 21st to April 25th. Earth Day Fair April 26th.

Erin Bradley would like comprehensive planning to have a table at the event.

Anne Mitchell will ask JD to participate.

Erin Bradley stated there is potential for outdoor vendors. Last year we had three in-person events and three virtual events. Suggested bird watching at Bartle Woods along with a nature walk. Will ask The Scoop to attend with their food truck again.

Amanda Loxtercamp thought The Scoop food truck was a great idea.

Erin Bradley stated EEC's goal is to have everything done by April 1st so we can have information up on website and get information to schools. Suggested first event be a virtual event since it is Easter Monday.

RECYCLING DATE 2025 PLANNING

Amanda Loxtercamp contacted Eworks. Their only available dates for 2025 are February 22nd, May 24th, August 16th, August 23rd and December 27th. All present agreed on the August 23rd date. Need to check with the Lyons Club for their availability.

Brandon Wigboldy would like to have someone at the recycling event that can deal with chemicals, gas, etc. as there is a demand for collecting and disposing of chemicals.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Evan Vogt suggested a plan for Farmer Market dates that would be beneficial for the EEC to attend and have a table.

Amanda Loxtercamp will talk to Kelly Oswald about dates since she has a better idea on what is going on with the market and what activities would coincide with EEC objectives.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public, no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Erin Bradley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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