

Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, March 11, 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 **Erin Bradley**, 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
	Elizabeth Taylor
	Evan Vogt
	Brandon Wigboldy
	Roger Zylstra
	Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
	Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst
Absent:	Dee Molinare
	Meaghan Kern (Assoc.)
	Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)
Guest:	Paul Michael Yedwofski

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Brandon Wigboldy made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Evan Vogt** and also made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes with revision. Motions carry.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Green Awards/Presentation [Pictures taken and Green Awards distributed.]

Erin Bradley welcomed and introduced the 2024 Green Awards winners. Green Awards were made from recycled glass.

The winners consisted of two residential households and one business:

The Pyrzynski Family
Matthew Wuchter
The Open Bottle

Matthew Wuchter – started with a rain garden which then led to extensive planting of native plants which supports pollinators, composting, invasive species removal, storm water mitigation and water conservation, and installation of solar panels. Also going to be helping out with the native plants and seed swap presentations.

The Pyrzynski Family – switched to energy efficient appliances, installed LED lights, installed solar panels to reduce their energy use whenever possible, avid recyclers and have a home garden to grow some of their own food.

The Open Bottle created a way to recycle the plastic handles that hold their six-packs. Collect them in-house and then delivering them to a plastic re-processor in Joliet that recycles them into landscape edging. The Open Bottle also encourages the use of reusable tote bags among its customers.

2025 Green Awards

[Discussion on EEC tasks and Lake Catherine Green Team continues.]

- What are the parameters and guidelines for 2025?
- How many years between awards before allowed to apply again?

Evan Vogt asked how much of our budget was spent on awards.

Anne Mitchell stated we were well within the budget for the green awards. Asked if we were planning on two or three winners for 2025?

Erin Bradley said the plan is to have two winners, one residential and one business, but we could have a tie again like we did this year. Hopes to finalize the 2025 application next meeting.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER UPDATES/GREEN CORNER/COMMUNITY EMAIL UPDATES

Erin Bradley suggested “mark your calendar for 4/26” so residents know about the activities. Have it in the March and April newsletter. Also announce the winners of the Green Awards.

Elizabeth Taylor will include information on the seed library at the library this spring.

EARTH DAY 2025 PLANNING

Earth Week 2025 April 21st to April 25th. Earth Day Fair April 26th from 10am to 2pm.

Erin Bradley stated we have many vendors confirmed: Cook County Forest Preserve, Cook County Master Gardener’s, Sierra Club, Tinley Park Public Library with the Bookmobile, Lake Katherine, Village of Tinley Park with Farmer’s Market. Homewood Disposal attending. Series of events throughout the week, cumulating with the fair on April 26. Would like to order more crafts and would like to again raffle off native gardens from the Sag Moraine plant sale.

Monday, April 21

Community Clean-Up Day

Tuesday, April 22

Birding 101 @ Kildeer Wetlands

Wednesday, April 23

3R Day

Find new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Thursday, April 24

Native Plant Primer and Seed Swap

Friday, April 25

Take It Outside Day

Enjoy the outdoors

Saturday, April 26

Earth Day Fair

Amanda Loxtercamp asked if there is anything we want to buy for the Farmer's Market.

Erin Bradley said we ordered seed packets last year for distribution.

Evan Vogt asked if we need to order extra shirts. Would like a button down as it looks really nice at events and for pictures.

Anne Mitchell also suggested hats.

[Discussion continues on shirts, hats, and tote bags; Earth Day flyers and information sheets.]

Amanda Loxtercamp is looking for any extra markers or pens for Earth Day.

Anne Mitchell and **Erin Bradley** will research items discussed and coordinate costs and budget. Will order seeds for sure.

RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Amanda Loxtercamp confirmed tentative date of August 23rd with village pending approval of permit.

Erin Bradley will have a flyer ready for distribution at Earth Day.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Erin Bradley will discuss with **Anne Mitchell** the best way to distribute the memo and other documents.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

N/A

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Guest Paul Michael Yedwofski was not aware of the Green Awards and asked how it was promoted. Suggested having a QR code at the Farmer's Market and coordinate with Kelly's handouts as well for extra promotion and advertising. Suggested a plaque at the businesses to show they won as well. Suggested having Open Bottle present at the Business Breakfast on how they won, how much time it took, what they did to win, etc. Also suggested a metal watering can as a giveaway. Something you can use all summer long.

ADJOURNMENT

Evan Vogt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Erin Bradley**. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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