

Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, April 8, 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 Dee Molinare Elizabeth Taylor Brandon Wigboldy Roger Zylstra Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary Anne Mitchell, Management Analyst
Absent:	Evan Vogt Meaghan Kern (Assoc.) Teegan Wigboldy (Assoc.)
Guest:	Paul Michael Yedwofski

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Amanda Loxtercamp made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Erin Bradley** and made a motion to approve the March 11, 2025 minutes pending revision. Motions carry.

NEW BUSINESS:

ART & GARDEN MARKET – MAY 10TH, 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Erin Bradley stated EEC has a table reserved next to Cook County Master Gardeners and possibly MWRD. EEC will distribute seed packets and have a craft project. She will order seed packets and dirt for planting. Any remaining items will be used for future Farmer's Market dates. Looking for volunteers that day.

Erin Bradley volunteered to work all day.

Amanda Loxtercamp will volunteer but did not commit to a time. Suggested distributing seeds with a planter. Possible seeds distribution can be sunflowers and purple cornflowers.

Dee Molinare volunteered to work 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Taylor volunteered to work all day.

Brandon Wigboldy volunteered but did not commit to a time.

FARMER'S MARKET – STARTS JUNE 7TH

Erin Bradley is waiting for confirmation from Kelly Oswald as to when Master Gardeners and MWRD will be there. Suggested planning the EEC dates around them. After Art & Garden

Market she would like to work on getting everything into one bin for easier transport and then store at the Village Hall.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested having a table at the grand opening.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER/GREEN CORNER/COMMUNITY EMAIL UPDATES

Erin Bradley reported that Jason Freeman updated the website and calendar today. She will remind Jason, Kelly and Amanda to keep posting upcoming events on social media.

Elizabeth Taylor will include information on MWRD and storm water, upcoming Earth Day events and information on April showers.

Other suggestions: Environmental resources page added to website stating where items can be dropped off for recycling if someone lives in a condo/townhome.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested contacting Homewood Disposal for recycling drop off locations or Orland Township has a facility.

Amanda Loxtercamp said Orland Township does not care if you are Orland Township, only need to be from Cook County.

Erin Bradley would like to include a list of composting providers. Someone will be attending Earth Day.

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: Homewood Disposal, Forest Preserve of Cook County, Master Gardener's, Sierra Club, Tinley Park Public Library with Bookmobile, Lake Katherine, Village of Tinley Park with Farmer's Market, CUBS, Illinois Food Scraping Coalition, and others. The Scoop will be there with their food truck. Vendors will be setting up at 9:00 a.m. Crafts will include crowns, bookmarks and posters. EEC will have native seed packets and one large and one small garden giveaway.

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

Anne Mitchell said we have extra tote bags for giveaways.

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

RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Amanda Loxtercamp submitted Part I of permit. Still waiting to hear about shredding. She will follow up. Will do a save the date. MaryJo from the Lyons Club would like a map by May. Amanda told Mary Jo EEC might have a flyer ready to go to the schools but the map would not be able to be finalized that soon. Part II of the permit she will add shredding.

Dee Molinare proposed the EEC handle shredding without village help.

NATIVE PLANT UPDATE

Erin Bradley reported the pavers will be installed prior to Earth Day. Coneflowers are coming up and the columbine looks great. Will need milkweed and others to fill in. We can clean up before the next meeting. Possibility Place opens the second week of May.

Amanda Loxtercamp suggested a sign as to why things are not growing in the native garden.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Erin Bradley waited to proceed until after the election. Has list of places to send: Planning Commission, Village Board, and Marketing Department. Discussion will be native plants in public spaces and at multi-units. Will discuss best way to distribute the memo and other documents.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Anne Mitchell reminded everyone about commission appointments that will be early May.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Guest Paul Michael Yedwofski attended a seed swap at the Tinley Park Library. He received two starter kits and quality information on plants. The library had a Chicagoland Gardening Magazine author as the presenter. Thought the event was very informative.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Loxtercamp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Roger Zylstra**. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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