

Meeting Minutes for the Environmental Enhancement Commission
Tuesday, May 13, 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 6:03 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Amanda Loxtercamp made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**
All Yays Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amanda Loxtercamp made a motion to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**. All yays. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Trash Can Issue at Prestwick Drive and Olcott Ave.** The trash can was ID's under EEC jurisdiction. Same issue as before, EEC not responsible. **Anne Mitchell** suggested 1) reaching out to company to see if pickup frequency can be increased; 2) removing the trash can; 3) replacing the trash can with a covered lid, or 4) reach out to Code Compliance officers and ask that citations be issued. Resident complaining stated that people are using this garbage can to dump their garbage for free as they no longer have a disposal contract.

Erin Bradley suggested replacing with a lid.

Dee Molinare asked if there was an ordinance that requires residents to have garbage removal.

Amanda Loxtercamp asked how we have garbage cans within this commission?

Brandon Wigboldy stated the EEC hopes people will not litter so more cans were placed. Suggested a sign referencing “no dumping” or stating a village ordinance to deter dumping.

Erin Bradley would like to know the cost of a more secure garbage can and see what the options and costs are for a garbage can with a lid.

- **Identification of Village Property For Potential Garden Sites.**

Erin Bradley asked how we can find out potential locations for future native gardens.

Anne Mitchell explained the village has a GIS map that shows all village owned properties.

Brandon Wigboldy would encourage native gardens and input into new developments.

Erin Bradley suggested helping residents with native garden mapping for planting at their own homes.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested encouraging 5-10% of all gardens to be native gardens for any future developments. Future developments on village owned land would make an effort to have native plants. Good place to start.

Erin Bradley stated that one of the native garden winners, Matt, is interested in land that is not going to be developed to have an organized planting in those areas.

Roger Zylstra reminded everyone that native gardens = less watering and mowing.

Amanda Loxtercamp asked what we can find that will look nice and bloom most of the summer? People love daylilies because they are very easy to care for and look nice most of the summer. Need to find something comparable.

Erin Bradley stated there are a lot of resources we can point people to.

Dee Molinare will email information on grants from ComEd or Green Space.

Anne Mitchell is currently pursuing installation and grant infrastructures.

Erin Bradley stated there are pollinator grants specifically for this year. Focus changes each year. New year begins in January with the grant due in March. We would need to identify the space which would need to be a lengthy discussion.

- **IL EPA Hazardous Waste Collection opportunity/application.**

Amanda Loxtercamp contacted the Illinois IPA via email. She explained the recycling event and asked if we could do a hazardous waste collection. She will complete and submit the application. A large open area is required. We would have to apply and see if we get selected for 2026. Orland and Joliet are within twenty miles of Tinley and only

one location will be selected. Eventually there will be a permanent hazardous waste facility at South Suburban College.

Roger Zylstra asked if the EPA is in charge of the date or do we select the date?

Brandon Wigboldy stated there is a demand for hazardous waste collection every year.

Amanda Loxtercamp stated we need to submit by May 31, 2025 to be considered. No cost to apply.

Brandon Wigboldy and **Dee Molinare** agreed it is worth pursuing and applying.

Amanda Loxtercamp does not know if we would be approved/accepted and if dates would like us but it would be a nice option for residents.

Roger Zylstra stated that even if we are not selected we can promote the event and send people to the location since it is local and statewide.

Amanda Loxtercamp would like a better map with proposed traffic flow to submit along with a proposed area for hazardous collection.

Motion made by **Erin Bradley** to approve **Amanda Loxtercamp** pursuing opportunity, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**. All yay's, motion passed.

Old/Ongoing Business:

- **Newsletter/Green Corner/Community Email/Website Updates.**
Erin Bradley will forward newsletter ideas to Elizabeth: June 4th is world environmental day, mowing tips, plant native. Discussion continues.
- **Earth Day Recap.**
Erin Bradley stated we had 131 attendees. Vendors had great things to say about the event. Twenty-five people attending the bird watching event and the native plant presentation. All seeds and totes were distributed.
- **Recycling Extravaganza – Finalize time, map and flyer.**
Amanda Loxtercamp would like a better map with proposed traffic flow and written emails with confirmations and contact information. MaryJo from the Lyons Club seems confident that all vendors have been confirmed. Need map, second part of permit, all emails and paper trail confirming attendance, and flyer. Asked if we should keep the prior hours or shorten to three hours such as 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Should we consider a short timeframe if all vendors agree?

Erin Bradley suggested checking with vendors and confirming if they have a minimum.

Dee Molinare has ideas for traffic flow and how to be more efficient. Recommendation is to have two lanes.

Amanda Loxtercamp stated two lanes was the original plan but Homewood Disposal always puts the dumpster in the wrong spot.

Brandon Wigboldy stated that traditionally we had two lanes in prior years.

Erin Bradley stated we did a bypass lane.

- **Native Plant Garden Update.**

Erin Bradley reported that all stones are installed. There are some bare spots and we would need about 17-20 plants to fill in. Would suggest purchasing plants from Possibility Place. She can order and pick up.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested ordering 20 plants to be safe.

Erin Bradley will order common milkweed and purple milkweed. Needs more suggestions.

Roger Zylstra suggested swamp and Joe-Pye.

Brandon Wigboldy suggested showing off four different concepts in the four circles.

Erin Bradley asked for commissioners to research and bring to next meeting.

- **Comprehensive Plan/Village Entity Collaboration.** Erin Bradley stated memos are done and will be moved onto letterhead. Asked who should we send memos to? Anne Mitchell suggested focusing on departments first as that is where the actions would be based. Start with Marketing, Community Development, Planning Commission and the EEC Board Liaison. Suggested sending to entities we are expecting actions from and move on from there.
- **Farmer's Market – Finalize schedule.** Discussion on dates. Decided on 6/21, 9/20. September will be a good time to distribute seeds.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Amanda Loxtercamp stated Art & Garden went well. Had beautiful weather until cold front blew in. Tables are eight foot long but covers we have are six feet so had to find six foot tables. Totes were used for extra table space. Adults loved the EEC activities as much as the kids. Very well received and people asked a lot of questions.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Brandon Wigboldy**, Seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.