

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

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Amanda Loxtercamp made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Paul Michael Yedwofski**. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Michael Yedwofski made a motion to approve the October 14, 2025 minutes, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Green Awards

- Presented the Green Award to the 2025 Green Awards Winners of 2025 green awards, Patrick Leonard and Eric Summers, commissioners are impressed with all the green initiatives they have done for their downtown Tinley Park home, they have installed the solar panels, EV chargers, water conservation, stormwater, household waste through recycling.
- Congratulated the winners once again for everything they have done. The commission took photos with the winners.
- General discussion of possible ideas of how they want to go about doing the award in 2026, including better outreach to the business community to encourage local businesses to apply for the award next year.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Native Garden Update**

- **Amanda Loxtercamp** and **Erin Bradley** went two weeks ago to the garden and planted everything that was ordered from Possibility place. They got most of what they wanted with some substitutions. Working on signage for the specific themes for subsections of the native plant garden. Install when ground thaws in the spring. **Amanda Loxtercamp** showed photos of the post planting of the new plants.
- **Erin Bradley** will follow up with Jimmy Quinn about watering the native plant garden in the coming weeks.
- **Newsletter Updates/Green Corner**
 - **Elizabeth Taylor** brought up that another community does an "example native garden beds" for residents to see and adopt at their own homes. **Paul Michael Yedwofski** suggested incorporating the newsletter spotlights on the seeds offered by the commission in the newsletter for residents to pick up in the farmers market.
 - **Erin Bradley** bounced off this idea and this could be an idea to incorporate with earth day.
 - **Erin Bradley** asked feature of the 2025 green award to be in an upcoming newsletter. **Eizabeth Taylor** asked to be forwarded the spelling of their names.
 - **Elizabeth Taylor** asked for topics for the December newsletter, **Evan Vogt** suggested salt use in the winter, as well as water heater/water usage tips and tricks that are environmental beneficial.
- **EEC Email monthly update**
 - No updates from **Erin Bradley** at this time.
- **Website updates**
 - No updates from **Erin Bradley** at this time.
- **Holiday light recycling**
 - **Amanda Loxtercamp** updated the commission. She reached out to a company regarding the Christmas light recycling. The company she reached out to only works with organizations/businesses for larger pickups, at least 10 items needed but they will go out there and pick it up for free. **Amanda Loxtercamp** asked if we could highlight the services of this businesses. **Erin Bradley** suggested we can provide suggestions for multiple vendors that offer Christmas light recycling to not show favoritism.
 - Drop off box is an option at Village Hall.
 - One-day event at Zabrocki plaza
 - **Brandon Wigboldy** highlighted Village of Homewood Flossmoor has Christmas tree chipping and for light recycling. Some stores also have Christmas light recycling. Part of their curbside service. **Evan Vogt** mentioned that they chip these trees and put those woodchips into their park district. **Erin Bradley** suggested sharing resources for trees recycling for holidays
 - **Elizabeth Taylor** will include information on what stores are currently doing. **Amanda Loxtercamp** will double check with these big-box stores to ensure they

still offer the Christmas light recycling services before we publish that information.

- **EEC meeting day/time potential change**
 - All commission members were in favor of changing the meeting times to be 7:00 pm. **Evan Vogt** made the motion to vote, **Brandon Wigboldy** seconded. Start in January the new meeting time. Likely to cancel the December meeting.
- **Strategic Plan discussion**
 - **Erin Bradley** has brought up topics of interest section is more short term. She would like to see these items be expanded out to long-term goals to reflect the three-to-five year scope of the strategic plan. **Erin Bradley** presented these items into "buckets" aka categories for the commission to review.
 - Discussion of these different topics.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Erin Bradley** "Southland Green Drinks" Asian Carp event at Sound Growler.
- **Anne Mitchell** planted her native plant garden at her house.
- Commission wished **Elizabeth Taylor** a happy wedding.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.