

**Meeting Minutes for the
Environmental Enhancement Commission – Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Tinley Park Village Hall – Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the EEC was called to order by Co-Chair **Erin Bradley**, at 7:04 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members:	Amanda Loxtercamp, Co-Chair Erin Bradley, Co-Chair Brandon Wigboldy Evan Vogt Roger Zylstra Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary Kelly Oswald, Harmony Square Supervisor/Village Liaison
Absent:	Dee Molinare Elizabeth Taylor Paul Michael Yedwofski (Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Brandon Wigboldy made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erin Bradley made a motion to approve the August 11, 2026 minutes with revision on page two, seconded by **Roger Zylstra**. Minutes approved.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Recycling Update:** **Erin Bradley** reported 511 cars counted. Traffic flow better than in years past. The volunteer system worked well but many volunteers did not show up. A few did not sign up but showed up. One issue was truck for shredding filled up early.
- **Kelly Oswald** did not think the shredding truck filling up 20 minutes early was an issue. Do not need a bigger truck. Next year make it more clear on information channels that there is a possibility the truck will fill up early and leave early. Asked who the shredding vendor was. Certificate of Insurance does not match up and vendor form was not completed. Invoice has to match the vendor. Asked who did we agree to do the work with and who actually showed up to do the work? Also, the invoice from Service Sanitation is different that amount quoted. Need to make a motion.
- **Brandon Wigboldy** said we need to make clear we do not take paper that is already shredded.
- **Amanda Loxtercamp** needs to confirm the truck size vs. pounds and bin numbers. Helps to plan for next year.
- **Erin Bradley** made a motion to accept and pay the invoice from Service Sanitation for the adjusted amount of \$145.00, seconded by **Evan Vogt**.

- **Erin Bradley** stated flyers were shared on social media and village email blast. The Lyons Club distributed their own flyer with incorrect information. Others had an old flyer from previous years.
- **Amanda Loxtercamp** will follow up with EWorks as to whether or not they actually needed a forklift. Thinks it's a safety issue. May or may not need a forklift next year.

Communications – Social Media/Emails/Newsletter:

- **Erin Bradley** reported Green Awards deadline is currently August 31st. We have one residential and one business entry. Suggested extending deadline to obtain more entries. Discussion regarding entries would be at the October meeting, presentation and winners at the November meeting.
- **Erin Bradley** made a motion to extend the deadline for the Green Awards entry from August 31st until September 30th in order to obtain more submissions, seconded by **Amanda Loxtercamp**.
- **Erin Bradley** would like the Newsletter to give information on mosquito spraying and other alternatives for mosquitos other than spraying. Would also suggest information that MWRD will have trees until the end of October at their Stickney plant.

Commission Appointment Updates

- **Erin Bradley** recapped we have been trying to have Dee Molinare step into the co-chair position, Amanda Loxtercamp would step down and Paul Michael Yedwofski would move from an associate to a regular commissioner. There is a question as to whether we need co-chairs as no other commissions have that. Difficult to find a chair because it is a lot of work. Desire to continue with two co-chairs.
- **Amanda Loxtercamp** stated you need to look at the chairs and how much that position has turned over. It is a lot to sign up for.
- **Kelly Oswald** asked if there is any reason why you could not continue to split the work.
- **Evan Vogt** stated we need co-chairs to step into time-sensitive work. The co-chair can step into that situation.
- **Kelly Oswald** believes everyone can have an email address and if a chair needs to step away you can appoint an acting chair to step in at meetings.
- **Erin Bradley** stated that for personal reasons, it would make more sense for **Dee Molinare** to be the chair if we can only have one.

Strategic Plan Discussion

- **Dee Molinare** distributed the updated mission/vision/goals previously by email.
- **Erin Bradley** made extensive revisions. We have goals, objectives underneath each goal, strategies and then tactics. Would like to condense to 1-2 objective, 1-2 strategies, 1-2 tactics for each strategy. Eliminating and editing to get down to a more reasonable number. Thinks a special meeting is needed for a more in-depth review.
- **Evan Vogt** stated there are a number of different objectives. We are trying to knock some down.
- **Erin Bradley** stated objectives are generally measurable and might be further defined under goals. Overwhelming but there is a lot of redundancy so eliminated similar things. For example, the two strategies under objective one felt redundant so combined those into one strategy.

- **Evan Vogt** thought when it comes to tactics thinks we need to look at what is realistic within our abilities. What are we able to accomplish?
- **Roger Zylstra** did not think we should reduce what we already have. And what data should we collect?
- **Evan Vogt** stated that we can take the first one and say that is our goal for the year. Objective 1.2, eliminate bullet point 3. Thinks a special meeting would be best.
- **Erin Bradley** took notes that she will share with **Dee Molinare**.
[Extensive discussion continued.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Garden

- **Erin Bradley** talked with the library and they are starting a great outdoor space. The library will have raised beds in their garden and asked if the EEC would like to plant a garden. We do have to pay for the plants. Working on when grand opening would be. Trying for October 1st. Suggestion is to plant garden at event.
- **Erin Bradley** made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$200.00 to purchase plants for a raised garden bed at the library, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Roll call taken. All in favor.

Earth Day 2027 Date and Time

Erin Bradley stated Earth Day 2027 will be hosted at the library the weekend before. This will give us more room for vendors. There will be native plants, story time walk, seed swap, and partnering with week-long activities.

Farmers Market:

- **Erin Bradley** discussed Farmer's Market availability. There are only two remaining days left for the EEC to attend. Would like volunteers to commit for October 17th and EEC would be next to the Mayor's Caucus. Suggesting giving out seeds and/or having a fall seed swap with seeds that would be for planting now. Suggested calling it "Fall in Love with Native Plants." Knows **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Dee Molinare** are available. Mark your calendars and we will finalize next month. Trying to contact Master Gardeners or Sag Moraine to see if they can also attend.
- **Brandon Wigboldy** suggested having information on a screen to draw people in and around Studio 67.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Evan Vogt stated that with the increase in popularity of electric bikes, the village needs to look into ways of encouraging and creating a mode of transportation for the bike riders with the creation of dedicated bike lanes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Roger Zylstra** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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