

**Meeting Minutes for the
Environmental Enhancement Commission – Tuesday, June 9, 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 7:00 p.m..

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dee Molinare made a motion to approve the May 12, 2026 minutes as submitted, seconded by **Evan Vogt**. Minutes approved.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- Recycling Update: **Amanda Loxtercamp** is updating the flyer for the recycling extravaganza with date and prices, provided updates from vendors for the event. **Amanda Loxtercamp** reached out to Mary Jo with the Lions club to ask where they are donating the shoes. **Amanda Loxtercamp** has not yet reached out to volunteers and she plans on completing the part two of the special event permit once flyer is finalized.
- **Brandon Wigboldy** asked for more information about medicine donation. **Erin Bradley** reached out to the Sheriff's department who organizes prescription medicine disposal. No response.
- Regarding shredding vendor: American Mobile Shredding. The truck size and capacity is similar to what the EEC had for last year's event. For \$425/hr. we would have two workers for the day of the event. Truck capacity is 10,000 pounds and 34 feet long.

- Enter into a contract with American Mobile Shredding for shredding services for the recycling extravaganza at \$425.00 an hour for three hours plus any reasonably accepted fees in case they come up. **Brandon Wigboldy** made the motion, **Evan Vogt** seconded. All Ayes.
- Enter into a contract with Service Sanitation for a handicap Porta Potty for the Recycling Event. It is a \$135.00 with possibly a \$20.00 waiver if anything might happen to the Porta Potty on the day of the event. Drop off Friday evening. Pickup on Saturday afternoon late or Sunday morning. **Evan Vogt** made the motion, **Dee Molinare** seconded, all Ayes.
- Farmers Market: **Erin Bradley** brought up Farmer's Market availability. **Elizabeth Taylor** will be able to attend this weekend's market. Discussed organizing give-a-way items for the event. Brought up August Farmers Marketing. **Brandon Wigboldy** brought up Deep Roots Native Nursery will be attending upcoming Farmers Markets, and asked the Commission should sit next to that vendor instead. Deep Roots will be there the 13th.
- **Paul Michael Yedwofski** discussed Summer events with the Library. Jamie does a family event for an hour. Also information on pollinators.

Newsletter Updates/Green Corner – Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor informed the group of the upcoming posts for the green corner. Reminders about Recycling Extravaganza and Green Awards. Will have information about plants in bloom now.

COW: Erin Bradley did not have an update on this item. More to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan

- **Dee Molinare** Led discussion of the Strategic Plan Discussion:
 - Question 1: If we look at the Village's Ordinance, does the EEC meet its objectives. Do you think what we currently do as a Commission is that aligned with what we do on a monthly basis? Asked Commission to hold up fingers if they agree or not if the commission meets its objectives. 3 fingers means strongly agree, 2 fingers is somewhat agree, 1 finger means doesn't agree. Most of the group held up 2 fingers. Ther Village has outlined these objectives and we need to follow suit. The "mission" is the now, the "vision" is the future.
 - **Dee Molinare** asked the group if the EEC group, "Should we have a vision?" Commission agreed.
 - **Dee Molinare** said the Mission is straightforward. Why are we here? Why do we exist? What do we do? Who do we do it for? That is the mission. If we look at the proposed Mission: "We are committed to protect the right of each resident of this community to a healthful environment." We can keep that, start there and expand.
 - **Paul Michael Yedwofski** offered the following for a Mission statement: "To promote, educate, and share best practices for living a greener, and environmentally cleaner, lifestyle as a resident or business of Tinley Park."

- **Elizabeth Taylor** appreciates the educated aspect of this mission statement; reflects on the information she shares with the newsletters/green corner.
- **Dee Molinare** shared a potential new mission: "The EEC is committed to protecting and enhancing the health, sustainability, and beauty of our community through environmental stewardship, public engagement, education, and policy recommendations." Takes into account the objectives the Village has set forth. Compared to **Paul Michael Yedwofski's**, it is very similar.
- **Amanda Loxtercamp** likes the public engagement wording.
 - **Erin Bradley** brought up examples from other communities she appreciated, Glenview and Deerfield specifically. Her favorite is Glenview: "Charged with preserving, conserving, implanting, protecting, and raising awareness of the environment's natural resources and environmental values of the village including the quality of land, air and water and the interrelationships that exist among and between them and all living things within the village limits."

After discussion, Commission is leaning towards the below updated **Mission statement**:

"The Environmental Enhancement Commission is committed to promoting, protecting, and enhancing, the health, sustainability, and beauty of our community through environmental stewardship, initiatives, public engagement, education, and policy recommendations."

Vision Statements:

- Discussion/deliberation of language for Vision statements. **Below is the decided upon Vision statement:**

"The Vision of the Environmental Enhancement Commission is to inspire and assist our community and neighbors in creating, strengthening, and preserving, a healthy, resilient and vibrant environment."

Values:

- Discussion of potential values for the commission.
- Decided on the **Following Values (spells out EEC):**
 - **Environmentalism**
 - **Education**
 - **Collaboration**

Goals:

- Discussion of potential goals/goal areas.
- **3 Goals:**

- **1) Protect and Environmental Quality; 2) Engage and Educate; 3) Advise, inform, and provide recommendations for Village leadership**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Amanda Loxtercamp** attended the MWRD Open house in Calumet was very cool event and encourages others to go. **Amanda Loxtercamp** also brought up going on a tour of Homewood Disposal, organize a group outing.
- **Erin Bradley** is going to the library to tour the garden and nature play events as a naturalist.
- **Dee Moline** signed up pollinator garden as a monarch waystation.
- **Dee Molinare** mentioned going to "Green Drinks" events.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by **Evan Vogt**, seconded by **Brandon Wigboldy**. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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