THERE'S MORE TO LOVE AT TINLEY PARK - PARK DISTRICT



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From our Board of Commissioners:

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Happy Spring! Temperatures are on the rise, and the old mental health site is buzzing with activity – at no cost to Tinley taxpayers!

Read more below!



Buildings Are Coming Down

This month, another building was demolished as crews also continued their abatement clean-up in other buildings throughout the 280 acres of vacant land. See photos of the action here.

Every day on site, an independent, third-party company monitors the air to ensure the safety of the workers and the surrounding community.

The cleanup continues to be fueled by only state grant funds. The state chose the Park District to finally clean up this property and be responsible stewards of the grant funding. We're doing just that, without asking our residents to foot the bill!



Continued Efforts to Lie & Mislead

Unfortunately, this month the Village of Tinley Park continued their aggressive attempt to lie and mislead the public about the clean-up project.

Despite their efforts, the fact is that multiple layers of government are overseeing this project, including the county, state and federal levels, through site visits, permitting, and routine documentation and reporting review. Any claim otherwise is a lie.

In fact, after the Park District obtained this property for \$1, the General Assembly removed the Village's oversight so that the state and federal agencies with expertise could step in and oversee the cleanup.

Proof of the project's oversight can be found in a recent OSHA site visit on Oct. 24, 2024. At that time, OSHA determined that safety precautions for employees working at the site needed to be modified by the contractor. The contractor responded on the spot – during the OSHA site visit – and put in place safety precautions to remedy the issue. There haven't been any problems since, and we will continue to ensure diligence by the contractor at the site.

The sad reality is that the Village has always opposed our clean-up efforts and will go to great lengths to mislead the public. But as residents can plainly see, we have made great progress in cleaning the site and making it open land for our community.

The Park District's team of environmental experts continue to lead this project professionally and diligently. For more information on that team, <u>click here</u>. For more information on the Park District's ownership of the property and clean-up project, visit our <u>website</u>.



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