

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Clark County Combined Health District
529 E. Home Road, Springfield, Ohio

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog
David Estrop
Melanie Wilt
Bobbie Sin

TAC members present:

Merritt Wichner
Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe
Sandy Henry

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens
Sam Perin

Guests:

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. **Call to order:** Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. followed by introductions.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 19-3 Approval of January 16, 2019 minutes

D. Estrop motioned to approve January 16, 2019 minutes. M. Wilt seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Annual Report – given by C. Bauer, B. Martens, & S. Perin. The topics covered were Environmental Enforcement; Specialty Recycling; Drop-off locations; Education; Community Engagement; and a summary of numbers related to above categories. C. Patterson asked about PRIDE crew being very busy- C. Bauer explained their schedule. A report is available upon request for the annual report. M. Flax-Wilt asked about the new approach the education programs were heading and S. Perin explained the difference between the large group programs that were predominate with Steve Schlather and his classroom approach geared to the State Standards. M. Flax-Wilt asked about the fees paid for the 1620 W. Main St. property and had they been re-paid. C. Bauer confirmed they were re-paid and there is no debt for that property.

B. Ohio EPA Plan – Approved

The Solid Waste District received a letter from the Ohio EPA on April 2, 2019 that the District plan was accepted and ratified by over 92% of the district. A copy of the letter will be emailed to SWPC & TAC members.

C. Re-appointment of Industry and Public Representative

SWPC 19-4 Re-appointment of Tim McDaniel

Estrop motioned to re-appoint T. McDaniel as the representative for Industry. M. Wilt seconded. Motion carried.

SWPC 19-5 Re-appointment of Len Hartoog

M. Flax-Wilt motioned to re-appoint L. Hartoog as the Public representative. D. Estrop seconded. Motion carried.

D. Drop-off Location – South Charleston moving to Pitchin in Green Twp.

C. Bauer attended the Green Township with David Farrell at the last Twp. meeting. They voted to site a drop-off location in Pitchin. C. Bauer explained the signs that will go at the drop-off sites.

E. Grants

B. Martens applied for a Community and Litter grant through the Ohio EPA for the Solid Waste District. There were two parts of the grant. One part is to receive 20 surveillance cameras for the two Environmental Enforcement officers to better catch and arrest those dumping illegally throughout the City of Springfield and the hot spots around the county. The second part would allow the SWD to purchase a polystyrene densifier (Styrofoam recycling unit). The grant works in a way that the SWD will receive both parts or neither the cameras/densifier. Initially decisions were going to be made by the OEPA by the end of April notifying those Districts/organizations getting grants. An email was recently received pushing back the notification dates into May. M. Wilt asked if the grant money would be received from Federal or State funds. C. Bauer replied State money would be used for the grants. C. Bauer also let the Policy Committee know that the SWD had already purchased 5 remote access surveillance cameras to learn to use them effectively. The Styrofoam unit will be located at the 1620 W. Main St. property. S. Henry asked if the public would be able to bring in Styrofoam to be recycled. B. Martens replied yes, but that

it won't be an open bin system like the current comingled glass, cans and plastic bins to prevent contamination. Items such as egg cartons, meat trays, and carry out containers will not be accepted. A question was asked about the amount we might reduce trash going to the landfills. Other than a unit to recycled Styrofoam up in Knox County, we would only be the second recycler of Styrofoam in the state or at least southwestern Ohio. Anything getting recycled this first year would be more than in previous years. D. Estrop mentioned that anytime the cameras located at the schools around the city catch something related to illegal dumping the SWD could use the information. Some of the benefits of the cameras are having remote access to the data and longer life batteries.

C. Bauer let the SWPC/TAC know that S. Perin applied for a vinyl sign cutter through Ohio Environmental Education Fund and the grant was approved.

**Signs located around the room will be placed and rotated at the drop-off recycling stations in Clark County. Keep Lucas County Clean allowed us to use the designs. The hope is that the contamination rate at the stations will be reduced. S. Henry suggested that additional positive signs be made to add to the ones in the room.

E. Wittenberg Student Capstone Project

B. Martens addressed the sheet handed out with the agenda from Wittenberg student, Emma Stogsdill for her senior thesis. A background was given about the Wittenberg Community Service program. Emma contacted us in the fall of 2018 and asked if she could help the SWD with any data that she could use for her thesis (Capstone Project). At the time, data from items the Deputies picked up that were dumped illegally had never been collated. By having Emma compile this information we would better be able to see what type of items are dumped the most. C. Patterson mentioned that the statistic that is missing is calculation of items per resident for a township to see if higher population relates to higher dumping. C. Bauer mentioned that her project might help make decisions about use of the 1620 W. Main St. A. Kaup-Fett let the board know she had just attended a meeting about open burning and in the last 12 months, there had been 172 open burning complaints of trash being burned on private property. The assumption is those burning trash do not have a trash service. C. Patterson asked what would be necessary to have a "bags of trash" dumping service. C. Bauer explained that no more than 50 cubic yards per day can be on-site or the site has to be regulated as a transfer station. A short conversation was held discussing if it would be possible to keep a map that had the SWD, City, Health Dept., and Fire stations dumping data. Before presenting the Annual Report to the City Commission, D. Estrop asked C. Bauer to meet ahead of time to see if the data from the Capstone Project could be incorporated into the meeting.

V. Other

C. Bauer showed the billboard that will go up on the 1620 W. Main St. building when Specialty Recycling is moved there. B. Sin recommended that **each, on, or every** Thursday be added to the sign.

The District is working with Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) on a tomato project in which plants will be given away in late May or early June. The SWD purchased fabric containers made with recycled plastic bottle content. The plants will be maintained at the greenhouse at the Global Stem Academy. Econopia might donate soil with composted food content for the final planting.

TAC will look at the Capstone project to recommend future direction related to the Capstone Project. A thank you letter will be written and signed by the County Commission to thank Emma Stogsdill for her work.

SWPC 19-6 TAC review and make suggestions regarding Capstone Project and paper

T. McDaniel motioned to have the TAC review and make recommendations based on the Capstone Project and paper completed by Emma Stogsdill. M. Wilt seconded. Motion carried.

Co-chairs, Merritt Wichner & Connie Strobbe will work to organize a TAC meeting before the next Policy Committee meeting.

VI. Adjournment: 5:14 p.m.

*** The additional 2019 meetings will be July 17, and October 16.**

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Charles Patterson, Chair