

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

SWPC members present

Tim McDaniel
Bobbie Sin
Dave Estrop
Jennifer Hutchinson
Tim Foley

TAC members present:

Bill Cook
Connie Strobbe
Larry Ricketts

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens
Sam Perin

Guests:

Matthew Hittle

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 21-2 Approval of October 21, 2020 minutes

Ms. Hutchinson motioned to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes. Ms. Sin seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Re-Appointment of Bobbie Sin, Tim Foley appointed by Townships for the Policy committee

SWPC 21-1 Approval of re-appointment of Bobbie Sin to the Policy Committee

Ms. Hutchinson motioned to approve the re-appointment of Bobbie Sin to the Policy Committee. Mr. Foley seconded. Motion carried.

B. C & S Tree – Contract

Mr. Bauer explained why C&S Tree Service is important to the SWD. C&S Tree started to charge residents to bring yard waste to their facility in 2020 after they lost a major purchaser of their mulch. By charging customers for bringing yard waste to the facility, they received less material and picked up some revenue they lost with the loss of that contract. The SWD is going to enter into a contract with them starting in February 2021 at a cost of \$24,000 for one year, renewable for up to 4 more years that will permit any resident of the Solid Waste District to drop off brush and yard debris for no charge. Mr. Bauer let the board know that James Wills Jr., with the City of Springfield, helped make the C&S Tree contract happen. When C&S Tree started charging residents the SWD saw an increase of illegal dumping of yard waste material. Political subdivisions will now also be able to bring their brush to C&S Tree free of charge. Ms. Sin asked when the contract starts and would it include cut Christmas trees? It would allow residents to take their cut Christmas trees to the C&S Tree facility. Mr. Foley mentioned that in Springfield Twp. it is free to the township residents to take their yard waste to their service area, but non-residents of the township tried to bring their material illegally.

At the next meeting, the SWD will present the Annual Report. C&S Tree is a big part of the recycling numbers and we will likely see that number decrease compared with previous years.

C. Education -

Mr. Perin has prepared the Teacher newsletter. He has contacted the Superintendents of the districts. The spring newsletter will still be sent by email rather than paper copy. We have a Girl Scout group tour next week.

The Great American Cleanup will go on as it has in the past. This year the dates will be March 20 – June 20 to tie in with Keep America Beautiful. Sign-ups will start March 15.

With a tie-in to the Plan, we will work on getting the word out to use environmentally friendly “green” cleaners over store bought cleaners with hazardous chemicals in them.

Mr. Perin is also working on the new Adopt-a-Drop program to engage residents to “adopt” one of our drop-off recycling sites. He went with John Haughey, Warehouse Manager, to clean up an especially messy drop-off site over the holidays and people are not necessarily using the sites as best as they could. Also, people that will adopt a site will go through a short training of what goes in the boxes to be “Eco-warriors”. An article will be in the News-Suns coming up shortly.

D. Bulky Item Program (Furniture Drop)

Mr. Bauer let the board know the program was on pause due to the pandemic. We are still working to get this program going. Estrop wondered if the SWD could work with Steve Thompson or Shannon Meadows to tie bulky item program and the GAC together with Vacant Lot Registry program. Mr. Bauer will look into a meeting.

E. Food Composting – Go Zero

The SWD is going to try a new educational program about composting. The in-vessel project that was going to happen on Linden Ave. fell through. Mr. Bauer will work with Go Zero (David Andre) and the owner of CoHatch where the eateries are to potentially start a pilot program for composting the food scraps from CoHatch. Ms. Martens has contacted Nancy Williams, the co-owner of CoHatch and sent her to the Go Zero website to answer some of the questions raised about what can go in the compost containers, how often would they be emptied, etc. A new manager has been hired for CoHatch and soon they will get back in touch with us to consider the possibility of this composting/educational program.

F. Montgomery County Increase Disposal fee

Mr. Bauer shared that almost 90% of Clark County waste goes to Montgomery County South (MCS) transfer station. Currently the cost is \$50.25 per ton to take waste there. MCS is proposing a \$10-15/ton cost increase for out of District trash this year. This increase will affect trash taken from Clark County to MCS. We've taken steps to look ahead like should we consider a transfer station in Clark County. The SWD is looking at the possibility of purchasing property for a transfer station. Mr. Bauer had a conversation with Rumpke earlier this week and they were already considering placing a Solid Waste transfer facility in Clark County and could make a decision to move forward with a project within the next 6 months. An in District transfer facility would also be a place that people could also take their bulky items and other trash for disposal.

Dr. Estrop would like to set a meeting with Mr. Bauer and Mr. Heck to have a meeting to consider the placement of this transfer station. (contact Regina to set up a meeting) Mr. Foley- mentioned a few years ago this was considered on the south side of town, but people did not want it close to them. Mr. Bauer said Rumpke knew about the previous attempt to site a facility in Springfield, but weren't sure that the public felt confident with the explanation the first time around. NIMBY (not in my backyard) was an issue as well working against siting a facility in Clark County.

Small haulers are likely to have their fees go up. Mr. Foley can't speak for Vince or Mann, but he thought they were in favor of a transfer station so they didn't have to drive their trucks to farther facilities.

V. Other -

VI. Meeting adjourned: 4:54 p.m.

Additional 2021 meeting dates: April 21, July 21, and Oct. 20

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Tim McDaniel, Vice-Chair