

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Via Zoom Meeting

SWPC members present

Tim McDaniel
Bobbie Sin
Len Hartoog
David Farrell

TAC members present:

Bill Cook
Connie Strobbe
Anne Kaup-Fett

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 4:01 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 20-3 Approval of July 15, 2020 minutes

Mr. Hartoog motioned to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Ms. Sin seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Re-Appointment of Bobbie Sin

Tabled until Jan 20, 2021 meeting

B. EPS – Styrofoam Recycling

Ms. Martens mentioned that EPS has been collected since the end of November 2019. The SWD started the process in early October 2020 to deliver the 4-5 gaylords of densified foam to Eco Trade in Mason, OH. John Haughey weighed the product before driving it down and it was approximately 4,317 pounds. Mr. Bauer added that our 15 yard bin gets emptied once a week and we have 2-3 businesses bringing EPS to us. It takes about an hour to process the EPS from the bin. The program has been well received.

C. Education -

Mr. Perin explained that after the shut-down happened this spring he has been attending a bi-weekly meeting with educators around the state. He had one in-person program scheduled, but had to postpone the program after the school had a Covid-19 outbreak. This fall he produced a virtual newsletter rather than delivering a paper copy to the teachers at all of the schools. He is offering socially distanced tours of the Solid Waste District for those interested.

The sunflower recycling program was created to allow residents to collect the seeds from the sunflower field planted this spring. These seeds will be used to help plant the sunflower field in 2021. We had 40 people collect and turn in seeds for a total of about 25 pounds of seeds dropped off. We will allow people to drop seeds until the end of October. Signs will be created and posted at the field in 2021 to recognize those that helped collect seed this fall.

D. Bulky Item Program (Furniture Drop)

Mr. Bauer shared his screen to show the flyer draft for the Furniture Drop Program. When this program starts, the SWD is planning to be open the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-2pm for the Drop-off program. A bucket grapple has been purchased for our skid steer allowing the furniture to be loaded into the new compacting truck without personal contact. The full truck will be taken to a facility in Dayton. Mr. Farrell felt the use of equipment rather than people handling the material was positive. Ms. Sin asked for the definition of "small". She wondered if this will be decided on by weight or a different measure. Mr. Bauer mentioned we may use photos to explain what we mean by different sizes. He also mentioned that we have looked at other similar programs around the country. One model of this program the fee was based on how it arrives to the center; in a car, truck, or trailer, etc. Mr. McDaniel mentioned that vehicle can be tricky also if someone has a minivan vs. full-size van or SUV. Biggest issue might be bedbugs which is why equipment will be used to handle items. Bags will be provided, possibly, to those bringing in furniture.

Mr. Hartoog asked if we have the PRIDE crew back. PRIDE has been back to the SWD since early July, but they are not supposed to engage with residents.

E. TAC /Illegal Dumping

Ms. Strobbe mentioned that TAC did meet (via Zoom) to refresh the topics covered in TAC meetings earlier this year and review the Furniture Drop program. This would help with six of the eight issues related to illegal dumping in Clark County.

F. SWD Plan Implementation

Mr. Bauer shared the SWD Implementation schedule on his screen to remind the board what the SWD will be doing and where we are headed with projects in regards to the Plan. Initiatives were highlighted of the 2021 items to address. We'll be working with Ms. Kaup-Fett and the Health Dept. on Tire/scrap tire issues. The SWD may create a "grant" to help the Health District (CCCHD) clean up an illegal dump site. The CCCHD would repay at a later date. Ms. Kaup-Fett mentioned that Code Enforcement has been doing a very good job to address these dumping issues this year. The SWD may find it makes sense to work together with Community Development, Code Enforcement and the Health District with Open Dump/Scrap Tire Clean-ups. Ms. Kaup-Fett mentioned that Initiative CC-5.2 to increase awareness of alternative cleaning products is a positive step. The CCCHD has a pamphlet related to "Green" cleaning products that can work just as well name brand chemicals to decrease HHW in homes and help the SWD work toward the alternate cleaning products goal.

V. Other -

Mr. Bauer reported that the Drop-off recycling station in Pitchin is doing quite well. A recycling bin has been added and will soon have a new cardboard bin. Mr. Farrell is happy people are using this site.

VI. Meeting adjourned: 4:50 p.m.

Last 2020 meeting date: Jan. 20, April 21, July 21, and Oct. 20

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Tim McDaniel, Vice-Chair