

MINUTES

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

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

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog
David Farrell
Bobbie Sin

TAC members present:

Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe
Bill Cook
Sandy Henry
Larry Ricketts

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens
Sam Perin

Guests:

Jennifer Hutchinson
Mike Cooper
Aaron Smith

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. followed by introductions.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 19-7 Approval of April 17, 2019 minutes

L. Hartoog motioned to approve April 17, 2019 minutes. T. McDaniel seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Update on 1620 W. Main Street

Operations for Specialty Recycling and drop-off have been moved to 1620 W. Main St. since our last meeting. The new location has been well received. Residents bringing in items such as Household hazardous waste, paint, etc. have improved by about 50 percent. A thank you goes to M. Cooper for website and Facebook postings to help advertise. The entrance of the new building can be seen from Main St. which helps. Only a few negative comments have been received about old asphalt that is still on the pavement making the lot sticky in places as the sun heats it up. There was a 1620 W. Main St. Drop-off Open House on July 11 that went well with educational programming about items that can be recycled as people stopped by to recycle. Anne Kaup-Fett helped for several hours. The Community Cleanup trailer was also on-site for promotion of that rental program.

In our new plan: we will continue to work on what to do with the 1620 W. Main St. location. Currently, we have been working on getting the recycling operations moved to that site. C. Patterson asked about what's happening at 1602 W. Main St. with so many operations going next door. PRIDE inmates are still baling cardboard. There is now a semi-trailer on-site to allow the cardboard to get loaded straight into that trailer, rather than storing stacked bales in the warehouse.

B. Drop-off locations -Pitchin

Green Township will get a drop-off location in Pitchin where the Green Township offices are located. The County Engineer is going to help do site work once his schedule opens up towards the end of summer. D. Farrell mentioned that the Trustees were concerned about the reaction from the Fire Chief, but he was enthusiastic about the new site location. Improvements will be made at the Home Rd. site. A 6' fence to help keep blowing recyclables contained will be installed. Fencing may happen at the Pitchin site if necessary. In Northridge, the SWD added a comingled bin. That drop-off site has been very popular for recycling. L. Hartoog asked about the market value of recycling with China not accepting material from the United States. C. Bauer explained that the situation is not getting any better. That is partly why the SWD had the recycling open house to educate those recycling and keeping contamination to a minimum. C. Patterson asked about having field trip options for schools? Chuck explained that Montgomery County at their Moraine Transfer Station has a nice video to explain the recycling process and they have an Education Center. Rumpke has offered the SWPC & TAC to visit their site for a tour. Some recyclable materials get processed in Dayton, other materials get sent to Cincinnati.

C. Grants

B. Martens reported that the SWD received the Ohio EPA grant for the foam densifier and the surveillance cameras. The County Commission has approved the grant agreement. An article was written for the Springfield News-Sun to let people know about the foam recycling that will happen and also the Sunflower field paint grant through Keep Ohio Beautiful and Sherwin-Williams. The foam densifying equipment will be installed at the 1620 W. Main St. location. We will try to get a commercial component that brings in the block expanded polystyrene (EPS) from businesses and hospitals. Residents will also be allowed to bring in EPS under supervised conditions to prevent contamination.

L. Hartoog asked about the surveillance cameras life expectancy and how do we get them up? City Forestry will help install them with their bucket truck and they have lithium batteries with a 2-3 month life. Five cameras have already been purchased through the SWD and twenty will be purchased with the grant. The District will designate one person to check on cameras, download images, and check on batteries to help prevent the issue of....."a battery dying two days before an illegal dumping issue and we could have caught the person if the battery hadn't died". WIFI will help with downloading information without repeatedly going up and down for data.

With the Keep Ohio Beautiful and Sherwin-Williams grant, the building on-site at the sunflower field will receive 10 gallons of primer and 15 gallons of paint. The Land Bank helped with the purchase of four 8' x 8' banners that will look like a mural to be placed on one wall of the building. The banners each have a large sunflower with a different color background. The two Environmental Enforcement officers and PRIDE will help along with volunteers from the Keep Clark County Beautiful board to paint and install the banners.

S. Perin applied for and received a grant through Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) for a vinyl cutter. This will allow for quick creation of signs about any changes in recycling and to help with education about the sunflower field. It will be used to help further school's recycling programs and Sam's grade level programs he offers to the schools.

C. Patterson asked about the food waste grant. Econopia could not meet the cost and time frame within the terms of the grant and the money had to be returned to the EPA. They are still looking to have a food compost project in the area. In London, Ohio near the prison there is a suitable building that a dairy used to operate in that may allow for a food composting program. A. Kaup-Fett mentioned that PayGro will still accept food waste from reliable sources (businesses rather than individuals). David Andre, with Econopia, is still trying to accept food locally at a locked container at Linden Ave. for certain customers.

D. TAC –Illegal Dumping statistics

Bonnie presented copies of Emma's paper to give to the officers of the TAC. The TAC members will schedule a meeting in August to review and make recommendations based on her paper to give to the SWPC.

Chuck did meet with Springfield City officials and single Hauling is not likely to happen. What did come out of the meeting was to possibly have the current Springfield City trash haulers provide the city with a list of their customers monthly or quarterly. If an address gets a complaint called in about trash piling up and it appears to not have service it will be easier to investigate. At the presentation of the Annual Report for the SWD, the city seemed interested in meeting again with the Solid Waste District. C. Patterson asked if the PRIDE deputies feel illegal dumping is increasing or decreasing? C. Bauer replied that whether there were a few calls more or less than last year, we are still not doing well. Trash bags are actually the number one item dumped. A. Kaup-Fett mentioned that Regina, with the Health Department, deals with finding out if residents really do/or don't have trash service as a large portion of her job duties. C. Patterson would like to sit in with Brian Heck and David Estrop about trash service issues. L. Ricketts asked who is actually responsible for trash disposal -the resident or property owner. The property owner is responsible for providing trash service. S. Perin mentioned that Rumpke uses RFID chips to locate their containers on a map and something like this could be used for residents having trash service. B. Sin asked about landlord registry that includes the provider they use for trash. C. Patterson said there is a plan to make a landlord registry to allow complaints to be dealt with more quickly.

E. Outreach

C. Bauer mentioned the tomato program was recently completed through KCCB and the SWD. The STEM school allowed the use of their greenhouse with student volunteers and the recycled content container bags were purchased by SWD. There was a good response at the Enon and Springfield Farmer's markets with donations requested. Recently, the last of the tomatoes were given out at the SWD drop-off open house. Close to \$1,000 in donations were collected.

The SWD is working with KCCB on the sunflower field between Grand & Euclid. The hope was that if we beautified the lot, there would be no illegal dumping. Some field damage has been incurred from people driving through the lot, but there wasn't any dumping last year and so far none this year. A second sunflower field is going in near Lagonda Ave. and Station 8.

L. Ricketts asked if SWD will be at the Fair. We will not have a booth there this year. The SWD provided the bags for the ClearStream frames owned by the fair for can and plastic bottle recycling. Ethan Harris will have the Rain Barrel selling raffle tickets at the Fair on July 23.

M. Cooper announced that the KCCB Facebook page has received over 1,000 likes.

V. Other

VI. Adjournment: 5:07 p.m.

October 16, 2019 last meeting for 2019 –dates for 2020 announced at October meeting

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Charles Patterson, Chair