

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Len Hartoog
David Farrell
David Estrop
Jennifer Hutchinson

TAC members present:

Anne Kaup-Fett
Bill Cook
Sandy Henry
Larry Ricketts

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens
Sam Perin

Guests:

Mike Cooper

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order:

Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. followed by introductions.

Mr. Patterson asked Mr. Ricketts of the TAC committee about the support of the Landlord registry at the City Commission meeting in September. Mr. Ricketts mentioned that he was not at the meeting representing TAC, but was there in support of the Landlord Registry.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 19-8 Approval of July 17, 2019 minutes

Mr. Estrop motioned to approve July 17, 2019 minutes. Mr. Farrell seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Update on 1620 W. Main Street

Improvements being made at 1620 W. Main St. have increased sales and customers coming through. One of these improvements is accepting credit cards for payment of Specialty Recycling. During June-September 2018 and June-September 2019 we have had almost 350 more people this year with close to \$8,000.00 increase of sales. There are several possibilities for that increase as Specialty Recycling has been promoted more often through Social Media posts along with a new location and with the start of a credit card payment option within the last year. L. Hartoog mentioned that people still don't seem to know where the SWD building is. He mentioned updating the electronic sign on the building.

B. Drop-off locations -Pitchin

Green Township will get a drop-off location in Pitchin where the Green Township offices and Fire Station are located. The Open House will be on Oct. 26 from 3pm to 6 (or 7) pm. There will be three comingled bins plus one dedicated cardboard bin at that site with "sandwich" boards to explain what can go in the recycling bins. This will be the only new location for this year. There is a \$50,000 cap to stay under budget for the drop-off recycling stations before we would have to put out a bid for the program.

Mr. Patterson asked for update on cardboard (OCC) prices and whether the program breaks even? Chuck explained that we do not break even. The investment in PRIDE and the Sheriff contract makes the cardboard program worthwhile. The Annual District Report (ADR) will give a total weight/money brought in for OCC for the year. The SWD has removed the paper bins maintained by Royal Oak. Royal Oak was not picking up the bins regularly and litter at drop-off sites was increasing.

Mr. Farrell asked about finding a new spot at South Charleston since it was a very popular site and South Charleston would like to place a station there again. Chuck replied the SWD would see how recycling at the Pitchin site goes. The South Charleston site was twice the cost to pick up from Rumpke because of its location. After a short discussion, Mr. Bauer would be willing to meet with South Charleston about the possibility of a 7th location.

C. Grants

Ms. Martens reminded the SWPC that the 20 Surveillance cameras have been ordered and received. The GIS map will have a camera icon to note location and camera number to keep track of the cameras placed around the county. The SWD has met with the Springfield City & Forestry departments about getting the cameras installed and monitored. Efforts will focus at first on the city of Springfield and then will branch out to the county. The hope with these cameras in place is to have a few arrests before the end of this year and actual fines are given (not just court costs). The foam densifier will be ordered soon with the hopes of having it installed and running before the end of the year. We will accept "Styrofoam" once the unit is running. The Foam densifier project is looking to reach out to businesses/organizations that might have larger amounts of "Styrofoam". Super sacks or large plastic bags will be purchased and given to businesses to bring their foam material to 1620 W. Main St. After businesses drop off "Styrofoam" to the SWD, we would give them replacement bags to take back with

them. Dr. Estrop suggested starting with the school districts as they update their electronics each year. He also suggested we contact Mike McDorman with the Chamber of Commerce about getting the word out to businesses in the county. SWD staff visited a business in Dayton that currently has one of these densifiers to see what kind of storage space might be needed for this program. The PRIDE group will be helping with the “Styrofoam” recycling as well as the cardboard. Mr. Cooper asked about having PRIDE pick up “Styrofoam” from different sites. Mr. Bauer explained it could work until the program is too big for our staff and then reliability can become an issue. A brief discussion was held about considering subcontracting with licensed haulers to pick up and deliver the “Styrofoam” to the SWD.

D. TAC –Illegal Dumping statistics

TAC has met twice since the last SWPC. They identified that residents needing financial assistance could affect illegal dumping around the area. Mr. Wichner spoke with Ginnie at DJFS about creating an overlay map of people needing assistance and illegal dumping sites to see if there is a correlation.

Mr. Bauer pulled data from Emma Stogsdill’s paper and handed out tables to those present at the meeting. One issue was that her data wasn’t normalized for population. Mr. Bauer explained the two tables: Cumulative Illegal Dumping Call Data 2015-2018 and Percentage of Total Illegal Dumping Activity. Seventy-five percent of the illegal dumping calls come from the City of Springfield. Things to look into: does economic status really affect illegal dumping; also is there a correlation to delinquent water/sewer bills. Dr. Estrop says another layer to consider is if a tax lien is on a property. Dr. Estrop also explained the city of Springfield pays \$1,000,000 per year out of its budget to follow and cleanup after irresponsible property owners and it’s time to hold people responsible for their property taxes and back taxes. There are currently over 600 vacant properties in the city. He also noted the statistic says the Post Office and the Census Bureau estimates there are closer 4,000 vacant properties listed. Both Police and Fire support the vacant property registry for the safety of their employees. Information about the registry will be included with the water bill/possibly tax notices along with what the fine will be if a property isn’t included on the registry. Dr. Estrop explained the problems that go along with the vacant property registry. The Registry will go into effect January 1, 2020. Mr. Ricketts mentioned that soon all landlords will have to register their properties and that they are paying for (or their tenants are paying for) trash disposal.

E. Outreach

Sam brought his fall newsletter to share with SWPC and TAC members. He has done programs already and has many scheduled this fall and next spring.

The SWD has a good relationship with Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB). KCCB received a grant through Keep America Beautiful and Sherwin-Williams to paint a building on Grand Ave. near the sunflower field and the banners that were put up were paid for by the Land Bank. That program and the Tomato project will be entered into a Keep America Beautiful national award. The Tomato program was entered for a State Award with Keep Ohio Beautiful.

Sandwich boards are located at the drop-off locations to provide a variety of signs to encourage proper recycling. Ms. Henry asked if the “Thank You for Recycling” signs have been created. Mr. Bauer said they had been printed on the vinyl sign cutter.

V. Other

Ms. Martens encouraged the board members, if they are on Facebook, to “Like” the Keep Clark County Beautiful. Posts are created to share proper recycling information and by having each member share a post, word gets around the county quickly.

Ms. Henry mentioned that Waste Management has an App to let their customers know how to recycle properly.

VI. Adjournment: 5:09 p.m.

2020 meeting dates: January 15, April 15, July 15, October 21

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Charles Patterson, Chair