



Recycling Committee

Monday, March 22, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
225 W. Main Street, Room 100
Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beachnau called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Paul Beachnau, John Burt, Carol Rabineau, Jack Thompson, Judge Pat Morse, Arnie Morse, Mischelle Stone, Ken Glasser, Don Sklarczyk, Bill Marshall, Diann Franckowiak

Others Present: Jessica Kane

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling Pilot Program Update

Beachnau provided an overview of what has been happening with the Recycling Program.

Jessica Kane, the AmeriCorps Volunteer, updated the Committee on her work with the Recycling Program through the Conservation District including advertising on Eagle 101 and the newspaper. She also worked with Craig Kasner at Huron Pines to develop a recycling brochure. Kasner created the logo for the program.

Burt brought a sample permit to show the Committee. The permit is a window cling, so it can be moved to different vehicles within the household.

There will be signs put up at the major locations at the industrial park to guide people to Crossroads and the recycling facility. There is also a handout showing a map to the facility provided when people buy a permit.

Marshall discussed his hope to eventually purchase a bailer so that he can start accepting office paper from the recycling program. Crossroads has a shredder and works with the Lions Club to bail the paper he gets from the shredding business.

The Committee discussed what the appropriate minimum age was for volunteers. The consensus was that a responsible twelve year old could volunteer at the facility. Crossroads will always have a staff person on hand, as well as an adult volunteer.

Burt thanked the OWLS club for donating \$2,000 to the program.

Marshall will speak with the Lions Club to see whether they could work together to collect newspapers at the recycling facility. The Lions Club currently collects newspapers in a trailer at the old Carters grocery store parking lot.

The question was asked whether Waste Management and Arrow Sanitation has a program to pay by the bag of garbage. Kane indicated that she believed both have a program, but she wants to double-check on Waste Management to make sure.

Sklarczyk asked why we weren't taking other numbers of plastic besides #1 and #2. Kane indicated that Emmet County, which is where we will be taking the recycling, won't accept other numbers currently. Emmet may be taking #5 plastic some time soon. Plastic #5 includes containers for yogurt, margarine, food storage, and medicine bottles.

The Committee discussed having the volunteers at the recycling facility write down the permit number of the vehicles as they use the facility.

III. ADJOURN

A. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will likely be in June, after the recycling program has been running a few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Beachnau at 6:10 PM.