



Recycling Committee

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – 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, Diane Frackowiak, Mary Sanders, Mike McCarthy, Judge Pat Morse, Beth Dipzinski, Jack Thompson

Others Present: Patricia Osburn, Rachel Koleda

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Thompson, to “accept the Recycling Committee minutes of June 13, 2011 as presented”. Motion carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling Plan Response

Chairman Beachnau updated the Committee on the presentation of the Recycling Plan to the Township Officers Association. The information was well received by the local officials attending the meeting. Kelly Ignace from American Waste gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Plan. The local officials in attendance were asked to bring the information back to their Boards for discussion and action. The subsequent feedback was that the local officials felt that a vote of the people is needed before they would feel comfortable collecting a fee through Public Act 69. The Committee discussed various options. The consensus was to plan on a Referendum for August 2012 at the Primary election to ask whether people are in favor of the municipalities collecting the fee to establish a recycling program. The reason for the August 2012 is that the County would have to pay for a special election to hold the referendum earlier. Interlocal Agreements could be pursued in advance of the election binding the County and local municipalities to collecting the fee if the referendum passes countywide. The Conservation District will work on education in advance of the referendum. Burt will check with the County attorney to make sure the Committee is following the correct process.

B. Recycling Education Update

Rachel Koleda and Patricia Osburn updated the Committee on recycling education efforts. A handout was distributed illustrating how people can save money through recycling. They also distributed an updated recycling brochure. Burt will put the information on the County website, and will ask local municipalities to do the same. The Conservation District is pursuing putting recycling information in with the May 2012 tax mailing from the local municipalities.

III. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Beachnau at 6:20 PM.