



Recycling Committee

November 13, 2012 – 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, Judge Pat Morse, Beth Dipzinski, Diane Franckowiak, Joe Wambold, Dave Smethurst, Janice Lampert, Don Sklarczyk, Kam Ensing

Others Present: Erma Backenstose, Jessica Kane, Patricia Osburn, Julie Marlette

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes were made to the Recycling Committee minutes of April 18, 2012.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling Millage Results and Next Steps

The Committee discussed the recent passage of the Recycling Millage with 50.61% yes with a vote of 5,319 yes to 5,191 no votes. There was a 52.64% registered voter turnout. The only municipalities that approved the millage were Bagley Township, Livingston Township, and the City of Gaylord. Several other municipalities had a close vote.

Burt updated the Committee on the next steps. He reviewed his recent conversations with Elisa Seltzer at Emmet County, and Kelly Ignace and Mark Bevelhymer with American Waste. Currently, the plan includes the following:

1. Select and negotiate recycle bin host locations
2. Release an RFQ on ability to process recycled materials (simultaneous with number 1)
3. Release an RFP for Recycling and Hauling Services, to include:
 - a. Allow combined bid on processing and hauling
 - b. Allow separate bid on processing
 - c. Allow separate bid on hauling with requirements to bid the cost to each processing facility
4. Contract with Conservation District for education, monitoring and organization of volunteers
5. Administrator will monitor funding of program

Burt had conversations with representatives from Emmet County and American Waste. Emmet County requires two recycling bins. One for containers (glass, plastic, and metal) and another one for all other materials. American Waste also requires two bins, with one for glass and a second one for all other materials. They are considering whether to allow everything in to one bin. Dependent on the cost, preference will be given to the processor that allows for the most mixing of materials.

The Committee also discussed potential recycling bin locations.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Beachnau at 6:20 PM. Next meeting will be early February.