

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE

1501 Mt. Zion Road
York, PA 17402

November 7, 2001

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ron DiAngelo, Chair,
Mike Miller, Mike Schmotzer, Connie Schmotzer, Lori Pichler, Cecelia Cook
Absent: Steve Baker

I. Technical Assistance Grant

Mr. Sabbatini has applied for a grant to conduct a survey of the community. Our committee should have input into the content of the survey.

II. Recycling Corrugated.

Ron and Steve talked to Mr. Sabbatini suggesting that the Township sponsor a six-month test of a drop-off site for corrugated cardboard. Mr. Sabbatini declined. Ron and Steve will approach NCB Commodities to see if they would be interested in participating in such a test of public interest. If they are willing they may be able to start this spring. We would have to assist them in providing personnel to monitor the site while it is open. Service groups such as scouts may be able to help.

III. Bid Award

The contract has not yet been awarded because the bids process is being contested.

Evidently there is no history of the present contractor's performance during the life of the contract. We discussed the need for a "report card" so the public could report problems or compliments of whatever contractor wins this award. We discussed the possibility of distributing periodic surveys accompanying the sewer bills or as an insert in the newsletter or the recreation department brochure. We could provide a form in a quarter-page format for citizens to cut out and return. The committee could serve as a clearinghouse for the information. The biggest problem with this approach is the extensive delay in time.

According to the new contract, residents are limited to 10 bundles of yard waste per pickup. It will be sent to the incinerator. We need to find ways to divert these materials from the waste stream. Some months ago, we discussed the possibility of having a township drop-off site; but Mr. Sabbatini did not want to pursue that option at this time. The township can rent the large grinder from the county for a nominal sum; but how do we get the materials to the grinder? The waste hauler could pick it up separately from the trash and deliver it to the grinder. If so, the township would have to pay the tipping fee. We could avoid that expense if the township picked up the materials.

We also need to educate the public on the positive effects of composting and using leaves as mulch, thereby recycling them and keeping them completely out of the waste stream. Last year the township spent nearly \$75,000 in leaf disposal.

We could also publish data on the positive results of recycling, such as the number of trees saved, the amount of energy saved, the amount of landfill space avoided, etc. People are also impressed with data such as the length of all the recycled paper laid end-to-end.

We reviewed the data of the trends in recycling included in the current contract.

Item	1998	1999	2000
Garbage	25,774	25,650	26,490
Newsprint	1,260	1,282	1,244
Co-mingled	<u>717</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>679</u>
Tons Recycled	1,977	2,007	1,935
% recycling	7.1241%	7.2568%	6.8074%

IV. Budget for next year:

We agreed on the following proposed budget for next year. Mike S. will send it to the township for official approval.

Education	
Class Room Materials	\$500
Books/pamphlets	\$100
Professional Dues	\$100
Compost Park Upkeep	\$300
Miscellaneous	<u>200</u>
Total	\$1,200

V. Suggestions for Newsletter articles

Reminders not to place recycling materials including paper in plastic bags.
Introduction to the idea of Pay As You Throw

VI. Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2001, at 7:00 PM.



Michael S. Schmotzer, Recorder