

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2014

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman; Charles Stuhre; William Greenawalt; Jason Smith; Penny Dellinger; John Holman (Township Manager); and Ed Ward; Andy Raffensberger; and Joel Washok from Penn Waste.

Representatives from Penn Waste met with the committee to present updates on tonnage of recycling materials collected in the township. Due to use of the new larger 32 gallon recycling bins there has been an average increase of 1 pound per household or a 10% increase overall compared to corresponding months in 2012 and 2013. Penn Waste is aiming for an increase of 2 pounds per household. There has been a noticeable increase in cardboard placed in recycling as opposed to the trash. Yard waste is now being collected beginning in March and continuing through December and amounts of that should increase due to the harsh winter causing lots of downed trees and branches. There is no limit to the amount of yard waste that can be placed at curbside. Penn Waste is continually looking for ways to increase amounts of recyclables collected. They are currently serving in an advisory capacity to Central School District's recycling educational program. The district is conducting test classes – one on the elementary level, one in middle school and one in the senior high school – to develop a core recycling curriculum to be used in the future. The committee finally discussed with Penn Waste how well visual representations of acceptable recyclable items used on approval from Penn Waste's recycling materials looks on the Recycling page in the Township newsletter.

Prompted by an email from a resident expressing concern about neighboring yards that are messy and need cleanup and suggesting a possible spring yard waste cleanup similar to the fall leaf collection, the committee discussed the feasibility of solutions to her concerns. At this point, due to scheduling and cost a township wide collection similar to the fall leaf collection is not feasible. The weekly yard waste pickup at curbside should take care of yard waste. Other items or what can be classified as junk that residents might store out in their yards and become unsightly can be addressed by residents who have complaints notifying the Township Zoning Board who can then send Zoning Code Enforcement Officers out to see if the code is being violated and then the matter can be handled in that way. Mr. Holman explained that the Township website has a feature in which residents can click on links which will get their complaints and concerns to the appropriate Township officials. The website has a feature that will then keep the resident updated as to the progress of the situation.

The date of May 13, 2014 at the time of 6:00 p.m. has been set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger