

**Springettsbury Township  
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 11, 2014**

**ATTENDEES**

Ron DiAngelo; Charles Stuhre; William Greenawalt; Jason Smith; Penny Dellinger; Kristen Denne, Township Manager; Abby Gibb, Township Committee Representative.

The Committee met to discuss its direction for the coming year. Two areas of focus were chosen: further educating the township residents about recycling and increasing local business and community groups' participation in recycling.

It was felt that educating students in the township's schools is one of the best ways for that enthusiasm for recycling to filter down to the students' households. Penn Waste worked on a program in the 2013-2014 school year in Central High School that was presented to the Committee during the May 2014 meeting. A follow-up will be done to see if that program is going to be continued by Penn Waste. The availability of educational materials from Penn Waste such as coloring books for younger students will be determined as well.

It was determined that business groups such as the Rotary Club would be a good place to present recycling guidelines perhaps by a Penn Waste representative all to increase the amount of recyclable materials collected. Another idea that needs to be researched would be having Township churches sponsor fund drives where members would bring recyclable materials to the church for donation. The Township would be able to include amounts of recyclable materials collected with Township totals.

Several other ideas were discussed that would help to increase Township amounts collected: having recycling containers at the Township parks (local Eagle Scout candidates could make permanent containers for the parks as an Eagle Scout project), doing textile recycling of old clothing, and having a sustainability policy in that vendors at Township events may only use materials that can be recycled (no Styrofoam for example).

One last topic discussed that will need further research is whether the current leaf collection schedule could be extended by one week before and perhaps one week after.

The date of January 13, 2015 at the time of 6:00 p.m. has been set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger