

**Springettsbury Township  
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2013**

**ATTENDEES**

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

The committee met with Ed Ward and Andy Raffensberger from Penn Waste to discuss new items added to the acceptable recycling list and to address concerns and problems that Penn Waste might be encountering.

Ed Ward reported that the amount of plastic material that residents are recycling is increasing and that there has been an almost 7-1/2% increase in tonnage of recyclable materials since beginning the use of the new larger 32 gallon recycling bins which were delivered to residents in June of 2013.

New items that have been added to the list of acceptable recycling materials include expanding the list of plastics to include anything from #1 through #7 that have been cleaned. The requirement that plastic bottles had to have smaller tops than the rest of the bottle below the neck has been removed so that any bottles of #1 through # 7 can be placed in the bin. Christmas wrapping paper may also be included. The committee suggested that a link to the Penn Waste website which lists and shows in detail acceptable and unacceptable recyclable items be put on the recycling page of the township newsletter so that residents can see which items can and cannot be included.

Regarding problems that Penn Waste is encountering, the main issue is the inclusion of non-acceptable items such as trash in the recycling bin. Penn Waste is putting orange stickers on the offending bins to indicate to residents that they should not be including these items. Another problem is residents putting cardboard boxes in bins without collapsing them. Suggested solutions in addition to the orange stickers were educational in nature such as the links to the Penn Waste website and the company continuing the television advertising that they have been doing which demonstrates acceptable materials and how to prepare them for the bins.

The date of January 14, 2014 has been set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger