

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2005**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Charles Stuhre

The committee met to discuss the focus for future meetings. One focus will be to concentrate on ways to further educate the public about recycling - the residential sector on matters such as the how's and why's of cardboard preparation and brush preparation for recycling and the commercial sector on how to get them to recycle so that they are in compliance with the law. Another focus will be to consider some options for using a colored bag system for trash pickup.

A date of January 10, 2006, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2005**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Charles Stuhre, Deb Bixler, Steve Baker,
William Greenawalt

GUEST

Stephen Weisser

The committee met at Penn Waste Recycling facility where Ed Ward gave us a tour of the company's operations. The tour included the meeting and training rooms where it is clear that safety is a major concern of the company and a look at the recycling facility where the sorting and baling procedures for comingled materials were explained. He explained that cardboard must be put out at curbside in smaller sizes for pickup because it has to fit into the truck with the newspapers and larger pieces of cardboard will jam the loading mechanism on the truck. Mr. Ward told the committee that both the weekly large item and yard waste pickup programs are working very well. He also told the committee about a new program that Penn Waste is beginning to implement in several municipalities where each resident purchases twenty four 32 ounce orange bags per year and places them curbside to be picked up as needed throughout the year instead of putting out 1 or 3- 32 ounce bags each week. He said that such a program would work best in Springettsbury Township if it were introduced gradually or used in conjunction with the program that we currently are using.

A date of November 8, 2005, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

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**MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2005**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Charles Stuhre

The committee met briefly to discuss a visit to the Penn Waste Recycling facility. A date is in the process of being set for the committee and the Board of Supervisors to tour the plant during operational hours and all members will be notified when that date has been determined.

A date of September 13, 2005 was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

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**MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2005**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Deb Bixler, Steve Baker, William Greenawalt

GUEST:

Mr. John Holman, Township Manager

At the May 10 meeting Mr. Holman distributed copies of Ordinance No. 05-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 20 Solid Waste to include brush/yard waste and leaf waste as recyclable items. He also updated the committee on the status of the trash contract and said that within the next month the township will be informed as to whether the contract can be renewed at the same prices or if the prices will be increased. If there is an increase then the contract will be opened up for bids. The commercial recycling guides are being readied for distribution and after those are distributed the residential recycling guides will be distributed.

Several items were discussed. The first was that the trash hauler employees need to be educated as to the handling of items at pickup, what is recyclable, what is trash and how items are to be prepared for curbside pickup. This discussion was prompted by the fact that some of the employees are unclear about cardboard pickup and are putting it in the trash not in the recycling and/or are unsure about what constitutes the correct preparation for pickup, i.e., in one or two feet bundles. Mr. Holman will call Penn Waste and see if they will do that. Secondly, a suggestion was made that realtors in the township inform new homeowners about the township website so that they can read about the proper procedures for trash and recycling pickup. Then after several members expressed interest in a tour of Penn Waste's facilities, Mr. Holman agreed to contact Penn Waste to set up a committee field trip/tour of the facilities so that members have a better idea as to how the whole process works. And lastly, the Township is looking into securing a grant to study what can be done with grass clippings other than leaving them lay on the lawn.

A date of July 12, 2005 was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

PENNY DELLINGER