

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, William Greenawalt, Penny Dellinger, John Holman
(Township Manager)

The committee was informed by Mr. Holman that the commercial recycling guides have been prepared and mailed along with commercial recycling regulation information and the annual recycling report that must be returned by businesses to the township in January. The committee also discussed that there is a provision for any questions or problems that might arise to be handled by the township or waste hauler.

The township newsletter's recycling page was reviewed and changes discussed. Teri Markley who is in charge of the newsletter will be altering for variety the location of regular recycling information and including articles pertaining to different areas of recycling such as why caps need to be removed from bottles before placement in the curbside bins. Drawings and other information will be added as space allows to keep the page interesting and informative.

Mr. Holman then told the committee that preparation for the new trash contract will begin in January of 2007. The committee will review the current contract and discuss recommendations for changes regarding recycling. Topics to be discussed are 1) possibly extending the brush pickup in the fall to after Thanksgiving, 2) ways to improve cardboard recycling and 3) whether any changes should be made to the bag setup such as possibly a pay as you throw program.

A date of January 9, 2007 was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee

MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2006

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Charles Stuhre, William Greenawalt, Penny Dellinger

The committee discussed ideas for changing the format of the Recycling Page in the township newsletter including changing the page set-up, having a regular feature of recycling tips or facts perhaps as an insert, and including pictures, drawings or cartoons to create interest and better illustrate recycling facts. These ideas and changes will be discussed with Teri Markley who writes and edits the newsletter in regard to their feasibility.

Ideas were then presented for ways to inform township businesses as to their requirement to recycle including combining an informal notification by various township officials as they are on site discussing other topics, having student interns visit businesses and do surveys about commercial recycling, and asking Penn Waste to include a commercial recycling insert with bills mailed to commercial customers within the township.

A date of November 14, 2006, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Deb Bixler, Charles Stuhre, Penny Dellinger

The committee discussed ideas for better utilization of the Recycling Page in the township newsletter including changing the page location, changing the page set-up, having a regular feature of recycling tips or facts perhaps as an insert, and including pictures, drawings or cartoons to create interest and better illustrate recycling facts.

Topics for newsletter articles or inserts were discussed adding to the list the topics of why lids are to be taken off plastic bottles, why the township does not collect certain recyclable plastics and where residents can take hazardous materials and materials the hauler won't pick up such as logs and bricks. Current articles ready for the recycling page include composting, plastic grocery bags/corrugated cardboard (with a suggestion to add to that article the location of the recycling facility on Blackbridge Road to take larger pieces of cardboard), and yard waste/brush stickers.

The committee next discussed new goals. Four commercial recycling ideas were presented as to how to educate township businesses of the necessity of recycling and how to follow up that they are actually doing it. For residential recycling, the goal was established to locate and inform residents on a regular basis of area collection points for hazardous materials.

The committee decided not to meet in July but instead to use that time to work on fact finding projects. Each member will be assigned a topic to gather information. At the next committee meeting findings will be presented and work will begin to implement them. The topics include the newsletter recycling page, commercial recycling education, drop off sources for items not picked up by the township hauler, and informing residents on an ongoing basis of locations of hazardous material drop off sites within the county.

A date of September 12, 2006, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
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**MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Steve Baker, William Greenawalt, Deb Bixler, John Holman (Township Manager)

The committee reviewed several articles that will be submitted to the newsletter to be included as space permits. Topics were grass clippings, use of plastic bags, cardboard preparation, and encouraging residents to join the committee. The articles can be put on the township's website as well. Topics for additional articles were discussed and include: why bottle caps are removed for recycling, why certain kinds of plastic are not recycled in the township, and ways to promote composting.

Mr. Holman reported that the amount of materials being recycled by commercial establishments in the township is being reported so that we will have the figures to report to the state. Some mailings have also been sent to businesses informing them of their obligation to recycle. He also reported that the residential recycling program is working very well and the amount of materials recycled is increasing. For the future, the committee will look into ways to notify residents of hazardous waste collection days and locations.

A date of May 9, 2006, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger

**Springettsbury Township
Recycling Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Ron DiAngelo, Chairman, Penny Dellinger, Charles Stuhre, Connie Schmotzer (Penn State Extension), Steve Baker, Charlie Lauer (Public Works), John Holman (Township Manager)

The first item of business was presented by Connie Schmotzer regarding the township's compost site. It was brought to the attention of the committee that trash is being put on the site and that to remedy the situation we have the option to move the compost site to John Rudy Park to incorporate it into the gardens currently there. It would be used as part of the active educational program that the Master Gardeners run. The committee thought that it was a good idea and recommended that Mr. Holman present it to the Board for approval.

Next, the committee discussed possible topics for articles to be written for the township newsletter concerning recycling. Several ideas were presented and those included the correct way to recycle cardboard explaining that the reason why it must be cut or folded to a certain size is because that is the only way that it will fit into the truck, why caps need to be taken off all plastic bottles before recycling, and the reason why certain plastics are not recycled. Future topics will be added and articles written for publication as space allows in the newsletter.

Regarding the commercial recycling brochures to be circulated to township businesses, the township is waiting to receive the grant money before proceeding with distribution of the flyers.

Lastly, the committee was informed that Penn Waste will begin distributing orange trash bags to gradually replace the orange stickers currently being used on excess trash bags for collection.

A date of March 14, 2006, was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Dellinger