

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2005

Attendees: Donna Shehane
Craig Bayston
Mel Blanchette
Rich Howell
Jim Tripp
Ralph Paarlberg

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mr. Bayston. As there were no members of the public present at this meeting, no public comment was given. The minutes of the April 2005 meeting were not completed in time for approval at this meeting.

Donna Shehane gave a brief summary of the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. There were no comments or changes requested on the draft sections of the Update that were handed out at the April meeting.

The in-house recycling program is slowly progressing, with the County Board approving Kankakee A&J as the waste/recyclables hauling/collection contractor for all County office buildings. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has still not announced the recycling grant recipients. If Kankakee County is not the recipient of a grant, it is anticipated that the in-house recycling program will move forward anyway.

The waste tire collection event was discussed. A suggestion was that the event be held in late July or August next time to be more in line with the farming community's schedule. A larger collection site will also be needed, as the Health Department parking lot proved too small for this event, and full clean up of the tires took approximately one week. An agricultural pesticide container collection and recycling event is still targeted for July and Mr. Howell stated that the Soil and Water Conservation District would be sponsoring a used oil collection event this coming September.

The 2nd Edition of the Waste Pages was handed out to all committee members.

After a substantial review period, the State's Attorney's office has given their approval of the amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance. The Planning Department requested a legal review of the document, particularly the issue of whether or not the County has jurisdiction of recycling within municipalities (Several public comments expressed a concern that it did not). The Solid Waste Subcommittee will be asked to approve the Amendments at the June 2005 meeting. The amendments will then proceed to the full Kankakee Regional Planning Commission, the PZA committee, and the full County Board for approval.

Under "New Business," a legal notice in the newspaper was brought to the attention of the committee members by Donna Shehane. The notice was of a hearing before the City of Kankakee for a solid waste transfer station to be located off Route 50. Donna Shehane attended the City's meeting on this issue, however, it was announced that the proposal had been taken off the agenda at the request of the applicant. No further information was available.

The next Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned.