

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2006

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mr. Bayston. Members of the public were present at the meeting, and two citizens provided public comment. The first comment was on the Kankakee County Solid Waste Ordinance, given by Mr. Keith Runyon. Mr. Runyon stated that recycling does not save energy and that alternative technologies should be evaluated. He also stated that the draft Solid Waste Plan Update is still WMI-focused even though the town of Sammons Point has changed jurisdiction over the landfill location.

The second commenter was Michael Watson who also stated that the proposed location of the WMI landfill is not a compatible use of land and that the Solid Waste Subcommittee should come up with a different plan. He also expressed his belief that the County does not have authority to enact the recycling ordinance.

After the public comments were presented, there was a short discussion on the Plan Update. Donna Shehane stated that the draft plan is on "hold" until the status of the pending siting applications is clearer.

Donna Shehane explained that the 2005 Hauling Surveys to calculate the 2005 Kankakee County recycling rates have been evaluated and haulers out of compliance with the ordinance face enforcement action. She also stated that the next step will be identifying all County mobile home parks, apartments, etc. so that a recycling program is available to the citizens.

Work on the 3rd edition of the Kankakee County Waste & Recycling pages is almost finished. A copy will be distributed at the next meeting.

The waste tire collection event will be held at Kankakee Community College on June 9 and June 10, 2006.

Donna Shehane handed out information on the Share Your Soles organization. For America Recycles Day 2006, a county-wide shoe collection will be sponsored and schools will be asked to participate. The shoes are then distributed to needy children and adults around the world.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity recycling grant application for SFY 2007 will be available soon. Due to the amount of cardboard observed in the regular garbage dumpster, a grant may be applied for to purchase a bailer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for July 18, 2006 at 2 pm.