

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2005

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

Absent: Jim Tripp

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 June 2005 meeting were approved with a passing motion.

Donna Shehane gave a brief summary of the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. She stated that a draft of the Plan Update is basically complete, but it needs to be reviewed by legal counsel before being disseminated to the public and the committee.

The in-house recycling program is underway at all Kankakee County buildings except the new jail. Bringing the new jail on line is a goal of the Solid Waste Division. The Annex Building/Jail has requested a larger recycling bin as they are frequently overfilling the current recycling bin and having to throw some recyclables in the waste container. A 6-cubic yard dumpster has now replaced their old 3-cubic yard recycling container.

The proposed Amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste Ordinance (Recycling Ordinance) will be presented to the PZA Committee on October 12 for approval.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for October 8, 2005 at Kankakee Community College.

The proposed 2006 Work Plan was approved by the Subcommittee with a passing motion. The following items are on the Solid Waste Subcommittee 2006 Work Plan:

1. Complete staff-recommended draft and hold public hearing on update of the Solid Waste Management Plan.
2. Monitor and improve in-house recycling program.
3. Adopt and implement Kankakee County Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance
4. Initiate school recycling programs and educational programs.
5. Conduct two public participation events such as book recycling, battery recycling, waste tires, compost bin sale, green shopping challenge, etc.
6. Initiate Brownfield Program with municipalities.

Under "Old Business" the need for recycling household batteries was discussed. Donna Shehane stated that she would look into some national companies who provide such

service through a mail-in program such as Battery Solutions, Inc. out of Brighton, Michigan. The issue with collecting batteries is that due to the closing of the Kankakee RDF landfill, tipping fees to pay for this service are low. It is currently uncertain what the Solid Waste Budget will be in 2006. It may be feasible to limit the source of the batteries to Kankakee County employees/departments only and then gauge the cost and frequency of shipments.

The City of Kankakee is hosting an electronics-recycling event at the Farmer's Market on October 15, 2005. The County is investigating the feasibility of conducting an electronics collection pilot project with United Recycling Industries for a drop-off site to be open two days per month.

Under "New Business" Donna Shehane stated her plans for America Recycles Day which is November 15, 2005. A Kankakee County Recycler of the Year Award will be presented to an area entity that has shown commitment to a recycling program at their place of business, church, school, etc. In addition, a Resolution for a two-sided printing and copying policy will be present for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for October 18, 2005 at 10:00 am.