

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2005

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

Absent: Rich Howell

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mr. Bayston. As there were no members of the public present at this meeting, no public comment was given. The minutes of the July 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 is being 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. Ms. Shehane stated that she is required to submit a quarterly report to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity detailing the recycling program. She stated that during the 1st quarter of the grant period, the County has recycled 1.3 tons which translates into a 20% recycling rate.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event was held on October 8, 2005 at Kankakee Community College. The results this year were disappointing, with only 111 cars attending the event. Mr. Shehane is not sure if Kankakee County will hold another event in 2006 due to the low turnout.

The Kankakee County Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance was discussed at the October 12, 2005 PZA meeting. All public comments received on the proposed Ordinance were passed out to the PZA members.

The proposed 2006 Work Plan was approved by the Subcommittee in September 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” a pilot recycling program for in-house collection of household batteries has been initiated. Donna Shehane is working with Battery Solutions, Inc. out of Brighton, Michigan, on a mail-in program. This pilot program is limiting the source of the batteries to Kankakee County employees/departments only. Cost and frequency of shipments will then be gauged to assess the feasibility of opening this program to the public.

The City of Kankakee hosted 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.

Also under “Old 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 presented for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for November 22, 2005 at 2:00 pm.