

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020 at 3:00

Hybrid Meeting County Office Building, Room 100, 701 Kelly Rd, Cumberland MD, & Via Zoom

Members Present: Raquel Ketterman, Dick Soderman, Steve Young, Steven Guinn, Jon Ickes, Stu Czapski, Misty Joy and Siera Wigfield.

Members Absent: Brian Dicken, Robert Boyce, David DeWitt, Woody Getz, Wally High, and John Wardzinski.

Guests Present: Lee Heavner, Frank Fox, Laura Oak (EA Engineering)

Next meeting: November 4, 2020 701 Kelly Rd, Suite 424, Cumberland, MD 21502 – Virtual Option: Zoom

- ♻️ Introduction were made.
- ♻️ A Moment of Silence was held in memory of long-time Solid Waste Management Board Member Agnes Yount who passes away on September 7, 2020.
- ♻️ Frank Fox, an associate of Steve Miller and Penn-Mar Recycling is exploring commercial recycling ventures in the area.
- ♻️ Quorum not reached.

Old Business

Landfill Closure Sept 2022

- ♻️ Allegany County provided the following update on the Landfill Closure & Merger:
 - ADS & WM merger to be completed in Q3 or Q4.
 - The landfill will be closing in the next year or two, and ownership will probably be transferred to Green for Life
 - The convenience site at the landfill will remain open
 - Our solid waste will be collected and shipped out of County via a transfer station
 - Tipping fees at transfer station will be similar to existing landfill fees
 - Public drop offs with pickups, etc. will be moved from the landfill to the transfer station
- ♻️ Stu Czapski asked how long do we expect the landfill to be open? Steve Young responded about the County is hearing anything from 6-months to 2-years.
- ♻️ Stu Czapski also asked if the capped and closed landfill would be used for another purpose? Laura Oaks responded they can develop solar fields if they do not affect the landfill cap (ballast style supports) they have done this at closed landfills in Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties. It is also possible to open up the closed landfills for passive recreation, like trails, educational uses, disk golf, depends on the activity and the slopes may be a constraint.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman asked if special waste like electronics or WWPT grit is accepted at the transfer station. Jon Ickes responded the grit would have to be profiled before the waste could be accepted and electronics would not be accepted in PA landfills.

Curbside Recycling Update

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman reported there has been some questions about recycling on Facebook, and the City is responding to most concerns. The City has been educating the residents on where the recycling goes, Comingled to Apple Valley's MRF in Hagerstown and the paper to Penn-Mar in Cumberland. Raquel is open to suggestions for new public outreach.

2020 Priorities

- ♻️ **Citizen Pay Tire Event 2020** - cancelled
- ♻️ **Ongoing Electronics & Tire Recycling Outreach** – Siera Wigfield reported Times-News offered a really good deal on ¼ page black & white ads in the paper for 10 ads for 10 consecutive days for a total of \$616.00. Steve Miller is willing to pay for up to two ads. The ads will focus on TV, Electronic and tire recycling, and may include other items. Final copies are due to the paper on Oct 19 at noon. Siera will be sending draft ads to the group for revisions next week.
- ♻️ **Letter to local cafeterias to encourage composting food waste** - No update this month.

MRA 2018

- ♻️ No report this month.

Event Bin Program

- ♻️ No report this month.

Oldtown Refuse Site

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported site is under construction on the Oldtown Refuse Site has begun. The site is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2021. This might be a good tour for the group when the site is nearly complete next year.

Office Building Recycling – SWMP Update due April 1, 2020

- ♻️ No update this month.

Membership

- ♻️ FSU- Bob Boyce sent nomination letters, but the nominees need to attend a couple of meetings.
- ♻️ Amy Moyer and another person from the Food Bank are interested in serving on the SWMB, invitations have been sent out.
- ♻️ A letter of nomination for Lee Heavner from the Allegany County Soil Conservation Board, the Board recommends Lee Heaver to the Commissioners to serve on the Solid Waste Management Board as the Citizens Advocate Group position.
- ♻️ Board is lacking positions for Industry, and Citizens-at-large.
- ♻️ Stu Czapski updated the group on his position, since he will be leaving the Chamber of Commerce to work for the Cumberland Economic Development Commission. Stu plans to serve as the Chamber's member unless the new director would like to serve. If this is the case, he would like to remain active on the SWMB as a citizen at large.

2019 MRA Reports

- ♻️ Currently pending approval 32% +4% source reduction credit.

Styrofoam Ban

- ♻️ Misty Joy updated the Board on the Styrofoam Ban is in effect as of October 1, 2020. Enforcement of this ban is on the Allegany County Health Department. Each place is able to use up what they have within a reasonable time, and Peppers is allowed to sell the EPS product to other states so they will continue to sell, and raw meat still allowed to use the Styrofoam trays. The Health Department will issue a warning the first time and a up to \$250 fine for the second violation.

Little Orleans Refuse Site Improvement

- ♻️ No update this month.

Legislative Update/ House Bill 589 – Organics Recycling & Waste Diversion

- ♻️ No update this month.

TV Trash Prices Revision

- ♻️ No update this month, on-hold after state-of-emergency is lifted.

Trash Stickers – Walgreens & Compliance

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board that Walgreens no longer wants to sell the Trash Stickers, since its one store, one item and one vendor, they are changing their billing system. The County is looking for new trash stickers vendors in Frostburg. Sheetz, Roses, Dollar General, Weis, and local businesses were suggested.

Siera Wigfield will reach out to these businesses and Frostburg First to get the word out. Walgreens sells nearly 260 packs of stickers per year making nearly \$13,000 in revenue for the store.

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield also got a green light from the members attending the meeting to try a pilot run of the new style trash stickers, a round sticker, at the Eastern Refuse sites.

Plastic Film Recycling Wrap up

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield could use some assistance reaching out to the businesses, she has a list of potential sponsors, but needs to draft a request letter.

Reduce Reuse Challenge for Students 2020-2021

- ♻️ No update this month.

New Business

Plastic Recycling Fate

- ♻️ A grant for starting a #5 recycling program has come across Siera Wigfield's desk, she has shared the opportunity with Penn-Mar. Proposals are due November 30 and January 30. This is probably the most requested item to be recycled.

Meeting Schedule Policy & Weather Policy

- ♻️ Steve Guinn reiterated that no meetings will be cancelled unless they are canceled at the previous meeting. As for the schools now taking virtual snow days, the Board will meet virtually if weather is an issue.

America Recycles Day

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported Steve Miller would like to do an event. Siera Wigfield maybe something for America Recycles day. Any suggestions are welcome.

Recycling Opportunities

- ♻️ Frank Fox mentioned he had discussed with Siera Wigfield some of her recycling wish lists, like fluorescent bulb recycling, paint recycling, C&D recycling. Frank is looking to work with the local industries to reduce what they put in the landfill and find some creative reuses.
- ♻️ John Ickes iterated landfill operators do not want to fill landfills with concrete and lumber.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- ♻️ No report this month.

Recycle/Compost

- ♻️ No report this month.

Landfill

- ♻️ See Landfill Closure item above.

Task Force

- ♻️ No task force this month.

Education/ Public Relations

- ♻️ No report this month.

Keep Allegany Beautiful

- ♻️ No report this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator and reviewed by chair, Steven Guinn.