

Borough of Mechanicsburg
Citizens Advisory Recycling Committee Meeting
January 4, 2005, 6 PM

Chairman Shulman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

The following people were in attendance:

Councilmen: Humes, Kautz, McDermott, Ryder, Seagrist, Winchell
Citizens Recycling Advisory Committee members: Diane Hollinger, David Hoover, Carl Hursh, Arleen Shulman, Mark Vottero, DEP.
Borough Staff: Glenda Boyer

Shulman opened the meeting with discussion on the refuse/recycling contract bid. Boyer reviewed the time line, and the Committee concurred on a July deadline for recommendations to Borough Council. Hursh provided several handouts including an volume-based collection excerpt from the East Manchester Township Collection Documents, An Analysis of Pay-As-You-Throw compiled for the Borough of Rockledge, Montgomery Co., a list of communities serviced by Penn Waste using hybrid collection systems, and fact sheets representing different approaches to PAYT including Carlisle Borough, Penn Twp., York Co. and Elizabethtown Borough. Much discussion followed on the choices available for service, costs and collection practices. It was decided the group will go through the Borough's contract documents and make suggestions for change including options for bag limits and pay-as-you-throw, food scrap recycling, yard waste removal from refuse collection and possible curbside cardboard recycling. The documents will also be reviewed for Act 101 compliance. Councilman Ryder indicated that he would like to visit similar communities using a hybrid system to see how they deal with the billing and collection issues. Elizabethtown Borough and East Manchester Township were suggested as a possibilities. Councilman McDermott suggested a survey for the newsletter. It was suggested the summer edition may be best, after some of the contract issues have been resolved. Commercial recycling was discussed and how to encourage that among businesses not served by our current contract.

Public Outreach was discussed with Councilman McDermott noting the County special collection dates for 2005 are on the web site. Boyer indicated the stickers for curbside recycling bins are at the printer awaiting a price quote. Special events were discussed with Shulman indicating that she (personally) does not want to do an Earth Day clean-up event this year, but added that it would be an illuminating experience for others.

Councilman Ryder asked if the recycling advisory committee group would consider and expansion of its focus to include other environmental issues in light of direction from the Borough's Association. The consensus was that this would be acceptable. More information will be provided on the matter in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1st at 6 PM.