

Mechanicsburg Environmental Advisory Committee
Recycling Advisory Subcommittee
Minutes
March 6, 2007

Present: Council Member Charlie Ryder, Coordinator Glenda Boyer, Dave Hoover, Diane Hollinger, Carl Hursh, and Cese Viti

Clarification: Councilman Ryder asked if the Subcommittee had sent a letter of endorsement to the Clean Air Board of Carlisle. No letter has been sent, but the Subcommittee will be included in the letter to be sent by the Environmental Advisory Council.

Recycling Education: The subcommittee discussed specific tools to use in educational outreach:

- *Hollinger's prototype door hanger in graphics and text showing acceptable and unacceptable items for recycling.
- *Boyer's door hanger to use as a "report card" for homeowners' recycling efforts.
- *Paper bags, whether printed with recycling info or with flyers attached, to encourage more paper recycling.

Cardboard Recycling: Concerns were expressed about the amount of cardboard being discarded with refuse. The Subcommittee sees the stipulation that cardboard be cut and tied into 12x12" bundles as an impediment to recycling. Although the cardboard recycling container near the Borough Building is being used heavily, many residents cannot or will not use it to recycle cardboard.

Other Recycling Concerns:

Ryder pointed out a need for recycling service for businesses or churches that do not generate enough recyclables to justify hiring a separate hauler but have a need for 2 or 3 regular-sized recycling bins. Perhaps a deal could be struck in the new contract.

Hursh suggested that the Subcommittee consider requiring the hauler to distribute educational materials. Ryder commented that the current hauler takes newspapers in plastic bags even though the practice is in clear violation of the rules.

Upcoming Hauler Contract Negotiations:

To help in the upcoming hauler negotiations, Hursh will send Subcommittee members electronic copies of *Recycling Technical Assistance Report* from Westtown Twp., Chester County, for review and discussion at the April meeting when the Subcommittee will more closely address hauler contract issues.

Boyer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.