

Mechanicsburg Environmental Advisory Committee  
Recycling Advisory Subcommittee  
Minutes  
April 3, 2007

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

**Refuse/Recycling Contract Areas of Interest**

- \*Bag Limits—the Committee suggests 3 as the limit per household per week.
- \*Retaining all special provisions (elderly or handicapped eligible for “back door” pick up, the “single-bag option,” etc.)
- \*Curb side recycling of cardboard expanded to provide for easier preparation (i.e., not cut and tied into 12x12 inch bundles)
- \*Perhaps asking the hauler to assist in the educational effort in some way

**Recycling Education:**

\*The Plan is to monitor recycling and to use door hangers to call residents’ attention to infractions in their recycling efforts and to once again review items eligible for recycling, using Hollinger’s graphics model. The Committee will need to purchase special “Door hanger” paper for **\$69.95**. Glenda will print the door hangers at the borough office.

\*The text of the door hanger reads in part:

*Thank you for participating in the Borough’s curbside recycling program. You are helping to keep Mechanicsburg a good place to live.*

*These items found in your recycling bin are not prepared properly for recycling.*

\* Paper bags printed with recycling info—this proposal is tabled for the present pending further discussion.

**Other Recycling Concerns:**

The Committee has decided to monitor “present practices” of residents to be better able to assess effect of educational efforts and any changes in residents’ recycling habits.

Jubilee Day: Hursh described recycling containers, bag lined, called “Extreme Recyclers.” They are lightweight and clearly marked as recycling containers. Hursh will borrow 50 from Lancaster to use in a pilot project on Jubilee Day. Bags must be purchased to use in the containers. The price of these bags will be announced at the next meeting.

Glenda reported that the new Chamber staff is struggling with their first Jubilee, and that she has alerted them of the importance of issuing caveats to the vendors concerning vendors’ recycling of cardboard. Hursh added that vendors must also be made aware of the illegality of pouring grease or any other waste product from their vendor stands into the storm drains. Glenda will contact the Chamber with the information.