

Mechanicsburg Environmental Advisory Committee
Recycling Advisory Subcommittee
Minutes
June 5, 2007

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

Jubilee Day

*In order to test whether placing recycling containers and refuse containers side by side increases recycling, special containers designed for public events have been borrowed from West Lampeter, Lancaster, to be tested on Jubilee Day on the west side of town only. Recycling amounts from the west side will be compared to those of the east side.

*Hursh will make personal visits to vendors early in the day to reinforce recycling procedures and to answer questions.

*Recycling volunteers will help distribute containers in the morning, collect them in the evening, collect bottles through the day, and collect cardboard.

Education

Boyer reported on door to door inspection and tagging of residents' recycling. There has been a good response with cardboard collection up and increased calls for Borough pick up of yard waste.

Refuse/Recycling Contract Proposals

*Bulk item pickup reduced from one per week to one per month.

*Involving the hauler in the education effort, such wording to be added to 4.02.13 of *Specifications*.

*Three options for bidding

1. Unlimited
2. Hybrid system, i.e., 3 bag limit with option to buy extra bags
3. One bag option currently in place to continue with perhaps cheaper bags and fewer bags required for purchase yearly.

*Hursh suggested updating the specs to reflect current definitions of *solid waste, source-separated recycling, leaf waste and mixed paper*. Mixed paper includes newspaper, glossy inserts, magazines, phone books, unwanted mail, office paper, chip board.

*Two bids for hauler—one w/o yard waste included and one with yard waste picked up and transported to composting site, bids to be compared with cost of present system of Borough pick up.

*Misc. Changes to specifications:

4.01.01

Strike *each* in *each Municipality*

4.01.31

Change date for notification of collection days

4.02.01

Recycling stats for the municipality reported *quarterly*

4.02.02

No distinction between residential and small business because the recycling items for them are now the same

Wording changed to eliminate *Townships* and *Boroughs* in paragraph 3

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Newsprint to include glossy adverts

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 10 at 5:30.

