

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Clark County Combined Health District
529 E. Home Road, Springfield, Ohio

SWPC members present

Karen Duncan
Charles Patterson
David Farrell
Melanie Flax Wilt
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog

TAC members present:

Merritt Wichner
Sandy Henry
Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe
William Cook
Larry Ricketts

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Steve Schlather
Bonnie Martens

Guests

Jim Skora
Malik Lowman

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 17-7 Approval of July 19, 2017 minutes

Ms. Wilt moved, and Mr. McDaniel seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2017 meeting.
Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Property at 1620 W. Main St.

The Land Bank closed on the property of 1620 W. Main St. on October 18, 2017. The final cost was approximately \$45,000. The next step will be for the county to move forward by purchasing the property from the Land Bank. Mr. Farrell complimented the staff for offering the tour of 1620 W. Main St. He also thanked the Commission for purchasing the property and seeing the value.

Mr. Bauer mentioned the existing roll-off truck is starting to have increased maintenance because of the high miles on the vehicle. The Solid Waste District is looking into the purchase of a new truck in 2018. Mr. Patterson asked if a cost analysis would be done to look at the cost of the bailing the cardboard along with someone to drive the truck versus Rumpke picking up cardboard. Mr. Bauer explained that the cost to pick up cardboard and bail it costs more than to have Rumpke pick it up from our drop-off stations. We have to consider the service and benefits of the PRIDE group doing this program in our warehouse. Mr. Bauer will bring comparative analysis to the next meeting.

B. GT Environmental Plan Update Proposal

April 19, 2018 is the deadline for the first draft of the updated plan. At the next meeting, Mr. Skora will go over the budget. Section VI- a key requirement is to ensure the capacity for the disposal of solid waste materials generated in our District. We have achieved this goal. The implementation schedule for programs falls under our Annual District Report (ADR). This includes any initiatives that come out of Section V and that is still being worked on by GT Environmental.

Mr. Bauer asked about the status of Stony Hollow and when business will go back to normal. Mr. Skora said it should be a temporary situation.

Section V- GT Environmental has asked for feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of the programs from Policy Committee board members. The new property has a lot of potential to add programs in the updated plan. Ms. Duncan asked about how the population numbers might affect future programs. Mr. Skora said that the population growth is estimated to remain stable rather than increase or decrease. The Take it to the Curb program won a SWANA award, but the program didn't take off for the District. A one-time up-front financial offer was made to townships and communities to start a contracted trash service along with curbside recycling and no one was interested. Ms. Kaup-Fett asked about whether or not any jurisdictions even asked about the program. Steve said two expressed limited interest. Mr. Farrell encouraged the board to keep that program in the plan, but move forward in a different way. Mr. Skora explained to the board there are ways to offer the financial incentive if a viable application is turned in to the Solid Waste District through the development of a grant manual. Placing grant details in a manual provides for more flexibility than putting details in the plan. A brief discussion was held about Home Owner Associations either applying for a similar grant or already having a single hauler contract that includes curbside recycling.

A side discussion was held concerning the issue of why does Clark County have five trash haulers and not offer a better recycling program. Mr. Skora mentioned that through the Ohio Revised Code, all the tools are there to allow the Solid Waste District to start a contracted service for the whole county. Mr. Bauer explained that the plan would have to be ratified and approved by the City and County Commissioners. At the time of the Take it to the Curb, a survey was conducted to see what county residents wanted. There were 12-15% that would never be interested in a contracted trash service. Another 12-15% were in the middle and the rest were interested in contracted service. The vocal minority put enough pressure on the commission to keep it from happening.

Free scrap tire collections have not been done by the Solid Waste District as part of the approved plan. The Clark County Combined Health District had two free tire collections for the purpose of mosquito control in 2017. It was mentioned that the SWD has moved to a weekly option to correctly dispose of tires for a small fee. The people that come to the District and pay to dispose of their tires seem to be a different group of people than the ones using the Health Department's free program. There are some programs through the state for tire amnesty collections. Mr. Schlather mentioned that in 2018, the Farm Bureau may hold an event for agricultural tires. People would have to be members of the Farm Bureau to dispose of tires at this event. One option that was discussed was to offer a satellite tire collection that is available on occasion or possibly permanent to help county residents that do not live close to Springfield. The updated plan will keep the tire collection as it has been and will keep the option available for communities or organizations to hold free events with amnesty grants etc.

Funding the cleanup of open dump sites is difficult. Mr. Skora suggested adding a new program, Open Dump Scrap Tire Abatement Program. It would be a program where the SWD works with the Health Department. Sites are identified by the Health Department. A lien would be put on the property and when paid back the fees would come to the SWD. Mr. Patterson explained that many of the parts of the program are already in place through the Ohio Revised Code. It is essentially an MOU between the Health Dept. and the SWD. Mr. Bauer let the board know that no money is currently budgeted for this type of program in the plan. There was a general discussion about budgeting for programs that will be the main topic at the next meeting and that budget priorities will help define the plan programs.

Mr. Skora showed two slides in his presentation with eleven possible uses for the new property (1620 W. Main St.) to be considered by the board. After reviewing the slides, he asked the members present to fill out a form ranking the ideas. For those not present at the meeting, the form was emailed to members. They were asked to fill out and return the form to Ms. Martens. The wording in the plan will keep options open for the main ideas board members were the most interested in after filling out the survey.

V. Other

Mr. Patterson discussed the necessity of finding a replacement for Norm Carl on the SWPC. He has missed three consecutive meetings with no contact explaining the reasons. We will advertise for a new community member to replace Mr. Carl. Should he be interested in staying involved, he could become a member of the TAC. A letter will be sent thanking him for his service. Recommendations should be brought to the next meeting for replacing that position. Mr. Farrell asked for a short description to be emailed to better explain the position and term to those interested in applying.

SWPC 17-8 Thank Mr. Carl and appoint new member

Mr. Farrell moved, and Mr. McDaniel seconded to send Norm Carl a thank you for his time served and appoint a new member for the position. Motion carried.

Mr. Bauer explained that the high bay area is useful at the new building, but requested demolishing the rest of the building sooner than later to prevent vandals from causing problems. Mr. Wichner asked about having a builder or architect look at the foundation. No members objected.

Mr. Schlather let the board know that the EPA Grant season is open. There is a meeting on Oct. 30 to learn about the grants.

VI. Adjournment

SWPC 17-9 Meeting adjourned

Mr. Farrell moved, and Mr. McDaniel seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.
Motion carried.

* The next meeting will be on October 18, 2017.

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Assistant