

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

January 26, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Gene Dawson, Janet Person, Jill Barnard, Jim Palmer, Allen Luurtsema and Leonard Klein

Members Absent: Joe Yuchasz, Mike McPherson, Bill Gadwau, and Julie Mathiesen

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. There was no quorum present, so the chair decided to skip to the agenda items not requiring a full vote. Skipped items would be attended to when more members arrive.

II. Solid Waste Coordinator Report

Teresa Salveta was present to give her final report. Her period of employment ended in December. She presented a handout giving her final report with her recommendations to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC). She also distributed detailed statistics of the October 12, 2003, household hazardous waste (HHW) collection. Janet Person, on behalf of the SWRC, thanked Teresa for her exemplary service to the County in 2003.

III. Election of 2004 Officers

Jim Palmer arrived at 3:07 p.m., and Jill Barnard arrived at 3:15 p.m. Howard opened the floor to nominations for officers.

Leonard Klein, seconded by Al Luurtsema, nominated Bob Peterson for Chairperson.

Motion by Leonard Klein, seconded by Gene Dawson, to close nominations for Chairperson and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. Motion carried - unanimous.

Leonard Klein, seconded by Gene Dawson, nominated Janet Person for Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Leonard Klein, seconded by Jill Barnard, to close nominations for Vice Chairperson and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. Motion carried - unanimous.

Brief discussion by the SWRC resulted in the conclusion that the meeting date need not be changed. Howard briefed the Council that the membership of the SWRC had been reduced to nine, but reduction will take place only by attrition.

IV. Minutes of November 24, 2003 Meeting and SW Coordinator's Report

Motion by Janet Person, seconded by Leonard Klein, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2003 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

Motion by Leonard Klein, seconded by Al Luurtsema, to accept the Solid Waste Coordinator's report for January. Motion carried - unanimous.

V. 2004 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program

Janet Person suggested two HHW days for 2004: **June 12** and **Sept 11**, two locations per day, locations as yet unspecified. Drug and Labs have been booked for those dates. Two collections may run over the \$10,000 budgeted for SWRC. Janet suggested that this can be worked through a combination of cost share and the solid waste fund. She also noted that the Finance Committee does not wish to fund a SW coordinator position for 2004. They can contract with the Antrim Conservation District to fill that role for \$3,000. Thus the total will be \$15,000 for the 2004 HHW program. Howard added that Bill Gadwau suggested a flat rate \$5 or so to be charged to each HHW participant, in addition to the weight-based fees. Janet also noted that the Finance Committee wants some cost share provision in the program. Bob Peterson asked whether the \$3,000 for ACD would cover printing for brochures. Janet noted that it will not, but that there is a printing budget for the SWRC.

Motion by Jill Barnard, seconded by Gene Dawson, to recommend to the Public Works Committee to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that:

*** - the 2004 Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates be set at June 12 and September 11, 2004, for an estimated total cost of \$12,000, and**

*** - the Antrim Conservation District be contracted to perform the duties of the Solid Waste Coordinator for HHW in 2004 for a total of \$3,000 and**

*** - the \$15,000 required for HHW in 2004 be drawn as follows:**

a) \$10,000 from the SWRC "contractual services" budget line item;

b) \$ 5,000 (\$3,000 for ACD and \$2,000 additional for HHW collection)

from the solid waste reserve fund

Motion carried - unanimous.

VI. Solid Waste Plan Update

Howard informed the SWRC that the current solid waste plan needs to be updated in 2004 for approval in 2005. He noted that we could either work on it in-house, or contract it out. Jill Barnard noted that the SWRC budget may not have sufficient funds for contracting. Jim Palmer wondered if it were necessary to update, given that so many counties have "expired" SW plans. Janet Person suggested that Julie Mathiesen be contracted to re-write the report.

Leonard Klein asked what additional items might be included in the update. Howard noted that more realistic short-term goals such as HHW and spring cleanups be hi-lighted, with county-wide recycling being elevated to a medium-to longer-term goal. Either way, we need to modify the plan to a program that could be implemented in the near-term as well as in the medium- and long-term. Bob Peterson instructed all members to go through the current report and return to the meeting next month with ideas and suggestions on which sections to change. Contact Howard if copies of the report are needed.

VII. Communications

Janet Person informed the Council that there is a WISE workshop in the works (Waste Information Series Education) These are half-day workshops at which participants will receive instruction on setting up curricula in waste management for school children --- curriculum books will be distributed. Janet suggested that the SWRC send the Americorps volunteer to the conference. Howard informed SWRC that there is a training budget that can be tapped.

Motion by Al Luurtsema, seconded by Jill Barnard, to send Heather Wilson, Americorps volunteer, to the WISE workshop and return with the curriculum materials. The conference cost of \$50 or so will be taken from SWRC's training budget. Motion carried - unanimous.

Al Luurtsema asked if there has been any movement on HB 5236. Janet replied that it is still in committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: 3 p.m. on February 23, 2004

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

February 23, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Janet Person, Jill Barnard, Allen Luurtsema, Bill Gadwau, Julie Mathiesen, Leonard Klein and Gene Dawson at 3:20 p.m.

Members Absent: Mike McPherson and Jim Palmer

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Minutes of January 26, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Al Luurtsema, seconded by Bill Gadwau, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

III. 2004 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program

Julie Mathiesen joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Janet Person informed the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC) that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved \$12,000 for the 2004 HHW program and \$3,000 for the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) to administer it. Janet will have the HHW brochures produced by next meeting. She indicated ACD's intention to engage Teresa Salveta as the HHW administrator.

IV. Solid Waste Plan Update

Howard reminded the Council that they were supposed to have read the SW Plan to determine which sections could be revised and others kept. Julie Mathiesen suggested that we use next month's meeting to decide which components of the plan to keep, which ones to discard. For example, she suggested striking curbside recycling, super-recycling sites, etc. She also suggested continuing to press the BOC for a solid waste coordinator, as indicated in the Solid Waste Plan which the BOC adopted. Otherwise, she noted the futility of updating a plan that would never be implemented.

Janet Person noted that the BOC will support a HHW program. A recycling site in Mancelona is a possibility, given Mancelona's interest in such programs.

She also indicated that private companies are interested in setting up recycling operations in Antrim County and would be a good idea to involve Mancelona. Can perhaps set up Mancelona with these firms. Discussion ensued on the costs and financing of such operations. Bob Peterson noted that Elk Rapids has set up a committee on compactor operations; it will consider curbside options for pickup of recyclables.

Janet Person then led a discussion on clear-bag recycling and monitoring using barcodes. She is trying to have Bellaire implement such a system. Julie Mathiesen suggested that such a pilot program could be part of the solid waste plan.

V. SB 721

Howard distributed the staff analysis of Senate Bill 721, which would impose a \$3 per ton surcharge on dump site fees, and distribute this surcharge to the counties. Howard informed the Council that the NW Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) would like to hear from the SWRC. The Council will collect comments next meeting. SWRC members will download the file from the legislature website.

VI. Solid Waste Theme at Next NWMCOG Meeting

Howard informed the Council that the next NWMCOG meeting on March 19 will be on the theme of solid waste. All SWRC members are invited. Howard will make sure that meeting announcements are mailed to SWRC members.

VII. Member Comment

Janet Person displayed the model solid waste curricula obtained by Heather Wilson at the WISE workshop.

Some discussion ensued on the feasibility of collecting tires and used motor oil at the next HHW collection. The consensus was that tires may not be feasible, but oil may be. It was requested by many at the township meetings.

Also discussed were education opportunities for school children at the upcoming HHW collections. Suggestions like the naming of a mascot were made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 3 p.m. on March 22, 2004

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

March 22, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Jill Barnard, Allen Luurtsema, Mike McPherson, Leonard Klein and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Julie Mathiesen, Bill Gadwau, Janet Person and Jim Palmer

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:06p.m.

II. Minutes of February 23, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Leonard Klein, seconded by Al Luurtsema, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

III. Solid Waste Plan Update

Discussion ensued on the content of the proposed plan update. Jill Barnard, and others, advocated shortening the report to make it more readable and clear. Leonard Klein advocated retaining the current format, as it was the document that was approved by DEQ. Howard distributed Julie Mathiesen's suggestions on the topics for inclusion and exclusion in the update. Bob Peterson suggested that we update the facts and figures, and emphasize the accomplishments of the past year or two (HHW, township meetings, spring clean-up coordination). Al Luurtsema suggested updating the statistics first, and discussing the disposition of the rest of the sections at the next meeting when more members are present.

IV. HHW Brochure

Howard introduced the proposed brochure, from Teresa, advertising the two HHW collections. Some discussion ensued on the various components of the collection. There was a suggestion for Teresa to write-up little known facts about HHW (like mercury toxicity in fluorescent bulbs, etc.).

Gene Dawson discussed the desirability of recycling tires at our HHW collections. Bob Peterson noted that most tire shops retain used tires, relieving the owner of the need to dispose of them. Discussion on the uses of recycled, ground tires ensued, as well as some health (mosquito) problems that result. Al Luurtsema explained the operation of some tire recyclers in Ottawa County. There was a suggestion for Teresa to investigate tire collection on our HHW days. Gene Dawson noted that collection, storage and loading were likely to be central problems in tire recycling.

V. Communication

Howard distributed information on the DEQ Community Pollution Prevention (P2) grants that was received from DEQ that morning. He informed the SWRC that minimum grants of \$20,000 were available, and that the local match could be in-kind. The collection could conceivably coincide with the HHW and/or local spring/fall clean-up days.

Motion by Al Luurtsema, seconded by Gene Dawson to recommend to the Public Works Committee to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Antrim County apply for a DEQ Community P2 grant for electronics recycling for 2004.

VI. Member Comment – none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: 3 p.m. on April 26, 2004

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

April 26, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Jill Barnard, Allen Luurtsema, Julie Mathiesen, Bill Gadwau, Leonard Klein, Janet Person and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Mike McPherson and Jim Palmer

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:03p.m.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Minutes of March 22, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Al Luurtsema, seconded by Bill Gadwau, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

IV. Solid Waste Plan Update

Howard presented the population and solid waste generation projections thru 2015 for use in the plan update. Recycling volumes have not yet been estimated.

Julie Mathiesen explained that the dilemma before SWRC's discussion last month about keeping the plan "as-is" was that there is no funding mechanism, with the apparent opposition or indifference of the majority of townships to a PA 185 mechanism. The plan is not implementable. Hence the SWRC needs to find alternative funding, or to alter the plan so that the elements can be implemented with existing funding.

Discussion ensued on other funding. PA 138 will fund only recycling. A minimal program funded by the resource recovery fund is possible, but that would eventually drain the fund. Heidi Waco-Bergen noted that the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) could, without a ballot, pass a minimal millage for solid waste.

Bob Peterson noted that villages and cities have the authority to levy up to 3 mills for solid waste and recycling, a provision used by Elk Rapids to fund the solid waste system there. He did not know if the same applies to counties. Janet Person opined that the County may already have used up the minimal millage available to it. SWRC can check with Charlie on what the Board could raise.

After more discussion, the SWRC agreed on the need to inform the BOC about solid waste program options (with timeline), and poll them on what programs they would be willing to support. The Board could be given a presentation by SWRC to generate a dialogue; then discussed in committee by the Public Works Committee and SWRC; then recommendations could be made to the Board by the PW Committee and the SWRC.

Each member of SWRC will take Julie Mathiesen's "program commitment" sheet, select the program elements that should be kept, attach a timeline to it, and send the results of Julie by e-mail or snail-mail. This will generate the proposed plan elements for presentation to the BOC.

V. HHW Update

Janet announced that the contract between the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) and the County for SW coordinator services for HHW had been executed. Teresa is a contractor for the ACD, so SWRC requests for her services must be channeled through the ACD. Booking requests are already coming in for both the June and September dates. Next meeting, SWRC members will be asked to volunteer their time for the June HHW date.

VI. Other Matters

Janet briefed the Council on the P2 grant request being submitted. In addition to electronic recycling, the grant request will include working mercury switch recycling with Swain's and J&J. The Wetzel Lake committee will also hold an electronic flea market at the HHW site in June. Also, a contest providing spring clean-up assistance for townships providing the most HHW at the collections will be funded by the grant. Some discussion also ensued on potential tire recycling in the County.

Gene Dawson explained the various handouts he distributed this month. Howard did likewise with his handouts. Al Luurtsema asked if anybody had an update on HB5236. Nobody did. Bob Peterson noted that New York is paying more per ton of recycling than they do for garbage disposal.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2004, at 3 p.m.**

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

May 24, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Allen Luurtsema, Julie Mathiesen, Bill Gadwau, Leonard Klein, Jim Palmer, Janet Person and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Mike McPherson and Jill Barnard

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Minutes of April 26, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Janet Person, seconded by Al Luurtsema, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

IV. Solid Waste Plan Update

Julie Mathiesen announced that the timeline and report items have not been assembled; only two members provided input. (Two more transmitted their comments via e-mail, but were not received by Julie.) Instead, she distributed a draft questionnaire to ask the Board of Commissioners about their feelings for a solid waste program for the County. Discussion ensued on the columns to be added and on funding mechanisms. Julie will revise the document and e-mail it to Howard for distribution to the Public Works Committee.

V. HHW and P2 Grant Update

Janet Person informed the Council that a grant for \$42,000 had gone in to DEQ in the County's name. In early June, Pat Donovan of DEQ will come to visit Antrim County. She noted that the grant request covers electronic recycling, education, work with two county junkyards for mercury switch recycling, and funds for a solid waste coordinator. Janet also distributed flyers for the electronic waste recycling and the household hazardous waste days.

Janet requested volunteers for the HHW days from the Council. There are to date 26 appointments for the morning and 4 for the afternoon. HHW will be at the parking lot adjacent to Nifty Thrifty in Bellaire, and at Dura in Mancelona. Electronic recycling will be all day in Mancelona (Dura). There has been wide publicity for the HHW events through the news media.

VI. Shredded Tire Mulch Chips

Al Luurtsema described his visit to the shredder facility, and presented samples of the shredded tire chips to the council. Most shredding plants shred tires to produce 1.5-inch chips, but this particular plant (handouts included in the agenda package) shreds tires to 3/8-inch chips. 1.5-inch chips have considerable quantities of metal fibers inside. Discussion ensued on possible “tire days” in the County in the future. Jim Palmer noted that a list of tire haulers is on the DEQ website.

VI. Other Matters/Member Comment

Janet Person informed the Council that the Village of Bellaire is investigating the possibility of cardboard recycling, operating a cardboard compactor. The system may involve Glen’s Market.

Howard and Janet discussed the 2005 budget request for the SWRC. Howard will include a half-time solid waste coordinator (\$20K?) and two HHW days in the budget request.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, June 28, 2004, at 3 p.m.**

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

June 28, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Allen Luurtsema, Julie Mathiesen, Jill Barnard, Mike McPherson, Leonard Klein, Jim Palmer, Janet Person and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Bill Gadwau

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Minutes of May 24, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Al Luurtsema, seconded by Janet Person, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

IV. Household Hazardous Waste Update

Teresa Salveta reported that that HHW Collection Day was Saturday, June 12. The morning was spent in Bellaire then to Mancelona in the afternoon. Brochures were distributed by Teresa with Heather Wilson handing out groundwater information. In Bellaire the collection was 1,700 pounds of hazardous materials from 38 households. The collection from Mancelona was approximately 2,200 pounds from 33 households, with 1,800 pounds of electronic equipment. Paint was the most common liquid, followed by nonflammable automotive, then flammable automotive, in that order. Total dollars collected was \$409.50. At the next meeting she will have exact tonnage and invoice amount as well as a breakdown by township and village.

Teresa also indicated that about a dozen people did not show up, and we did not get much from the agricultural sector as they use a different service for disposal. September collection may be bigger. Locations may be in Torch Lake and Elk Rapids Townships. Al Luurtsema was the only volunteer at the collection, and indicated his disappointment that others did not show. He encouraged everybody to participate next time. Julie Mathiesen agreed that participation is low from this group.

Teresa indicated that it is easier to explain the HHW program to folks if volunteers have worked at the site. Julie implied that there is a myth out there that after a few years household hazardous waste will go away (county fully emptied). Teresa said she has talked to others in the business, and numbers do not go away, but the tonnage may reach a steady state over time.

Wetzel Lake made approximately \$500 from the sales of used electronic equipment.

Chairman Peterson thanked Teresa for her report and her work.

V. Solid Waste Plan Update

Julie Mathiesen suggested we wait on planning until we get the surveys back from County Commissioners. Gene Dawson can explain the survey at the next Commissioner meeting.

Mr. Dawson asked what kind of support is needed, perhaps a millage? Janet Person replied that they need answers from the commissioners such as: will they support a solid waste coordinator position? Can the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC) draft an ordinance in the future? How are we going to fund the different programs out there? The Solid Waste and Recycling Council can concentrate on areas they feel are priorities. Julie said the townships apparently are not interested in the funding mechanisms that were originally proposed, so we should list other choices.

The SWRC will get feedback from the Board of Commissioners, and then reach out to township supervisors to see what they want. From there we can coordinate activities (like tire collection) with townships.

Gene Dawson gave his opinion that government begins at the grass roots level, and townships do not want many things forced on them. The SWRC can ask supervisors and township boards what they want in terms of recycling services, and then offer that feedback to the Board of Commissioners. We can send a revised survey to townships with a stamped, addressed envelope to send on to their County Commissioner.

Julie would like members to give her their input on how to modify the survey form. It would be a good idea to divide the group into sub-groups to look at various projects.

VI. Other Matters/Member Comment

Al Luurtsema distributed a brochure on Ottawa County's HHW and recycling.

Howard Yamaguchi informed the group he will not be available for the July SWRC meeting or the Public Works Committee meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.**

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

September 27, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Julie Mathiesen, Jill Barnard, Mike McPherson, Janet Person and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Bill Gadwau, Jim Palmer, and Leonard Klein

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present: Teresa Salveta

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m. Because the meeting was one member short of a quorum, approval of the minutes was postponed till later the in the meeting when enough members have arrived to establish a quorum.

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Household Hazardous Waste Update

Janet Person informed SWRC that she had received the certificate of disposal from Drug & Laboratories for the June 12 collections at Mancelona and Bellaire. 88 households contributed 7,100 lbs of electronics, of which 2,700 lbs were electronic recyclables.

Teresa Salveta reported on the September 11 HHW collection. She indicated that 44 households participated in Eastport for 2,700 lbs, and 58 households participated in Elk Rapids for 3,100 lbs. Total cost-share revenue was \$957.

Teresa will compile and distribute the breakdown of this year's collection activities by township. Teresa (or Janet) will brief the Commissioners at this month's Board meeting. SWRC discussed the possibility of running the HHW collection for two days in the fall next year, as the June collection suffered from relatively low turnout. Collections in July or August are also possibilities.

IV. Minutes of June 28, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Janet Person, seconded by Julie Mathiesen, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

V. Elk Rapids Village Update

Bob Peterson reported that the Village of Elk Rapids is considering closing the compactor station and instituting curbside collection and recycling for residents only. He cited, among other factors, the difficulty of policing the compacting the recycling operations against unauthorized users. The current compactor contract goes through June 2005. An ordinance allowing curbside pickups is being developed, and a fact sheet is being prepared. The current millage system is unfair to many residents, and a flat fee system may be instituted.

Julie Mathiesen suggested that this was an opportunity for SWRC to become involved in a countywide recycling system, should the Commissioners so direct. Otherwise, she suggested deactivating the SWRC until a more solid reason for meeting and deliberating crops up. There is no current requirement to update the solid waste plan.

The question of whether or not the SWRC should investigate regionalizing the ER plant will be brought up at the Public Works Committee.

VI. Other Matters/Member Comment

None.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.**

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

October 25, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Julie Mathiesen, Jill Barnard, Mike McPherson, Janet Person, Leonard Klein and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: Bill Gadwau, and Jim Palmer

Staff Present: Howard Yamaguchi

Others Present:

I. Call to Order

Janet Person called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Bob Peterson and Leonard Klein joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Jill Barnard joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Bob Peterson assumed chairmanship upon arrival.

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Minutes of September 27, 2004 Meeting

Gene Dawson noted that he did not attend the previous month's meeting, but the minutes showed him as attending. The consensus was that his presence was felt at the meeting, but that the minutes should be corrected anyway.

Motion by Julie Mathiesen, seconded by, Gene Dawson, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2004 meeting, with the change as noted. Motion carried - unanimous.

IV. Board of Commissioners Solid Waste Survey

Janet Person informed SWRC that the Board of Commissioners filled out the survey form at their October meeting. Giant Hershey's Chocolate bars were distributed as an incentive to complete the forms.

Extensive discussion ensued on the results of the survey. Most commissioners favored writing and implementing the solid waste plan. The questions that received 5 or more positive responses from the commissioners will be tabulated and presented to the Public Works Committee. The new plan will center on programs built around those responses. The timing of the activities will follow the time schedule suggested in the individual responses. An implementation plan can be formulated after acceptance of the solid waste plan by the Board of Commissioners.

Janet Person, noting that the majority of the commissioners felt that a "Solid Waste Office" should be located in the Antrim Conservation District rather than in the Coordinator/Planner Office, indicated that ACD would contract out the writing of the plan rather than doing it in-house.

V. Other Matters

Janet Person indicated that Bellaire Village Council is looking at starting a drop-off recycling center.

Janet also indicated that Eco-phones is accepting certain types of cell phones and printer cartridges. Leonard Klein noted that certain individuals in Elk Rapids area were accepting and rebuilding old computers for use in libraries and schools.

VI. Communication/Member Comment

None.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, November 22, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
(unless specified otherwise)**

Solid Waste and Recycling Council

November 22, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Bob Peterson, Julie Mathiesen, Jill Barnard, Mike McPherson, Janet Person, Bill Gadwau, Jim Palmer, Leonard Klein and Gene Dawson.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Valerie Craft

Others Present: None.

I. Call to Order

Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Janet Person joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Minutes of September 27, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Bill Gadwau, seconded by Leonard Klein, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2004 meeting. Motion carried - unanimous.

IV. Plan Update and Ordinance Drafting Proposal

Janet Person, Antrim Conservation District (ACD), informed the committee, that if ACD is contracted by the County for the implementation of the plan and the drafting of the Solid Waste Ordinance, the cost will be \$10,000 total.

Julie Mathiesen commented that she is not sure of a plan update. She suggested that changes could be made to the timeline and issues the Commissioners do not support (based on the survey). Julie has contacted the DEQ inquiring if changing the timelines is actually considered a plan update.

Bob Peterson remarked that it would be advisable to have the Commissioners pass a resolution in support of adhering to the existing plan to remain in effect until mandated by the DNR to update. Janet Person, Julie Mathiesen and Bob Peterson will draft a resolution, based on the answer Julie receives from the state, and have it available for the SWRC's review.

V. Other Matters

Julie Mathiesen recommended requesting the DEQ to give a presentation for the SWRC and the Commissioners, at the beginning of the year, regarding solid waste. Julie will call and see what type of presentation DEQ offers (photos, video).

Janet Person distributed information concerning the EPA Solid Waste Program Grant that the Conservation District has applied for (due January 14). The grant is intended for the pilot program in Bellaire. Janet has requested a letter of support from the SWRC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.
Next Meeting: Monday, December 27, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
(unless specified otherwise)