

Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council

**Minutes
March 11, 2019**

Members Present: David Kotwick, Melissa Zelenak, Heather Butler, Bob Ricksgers, Joel Fredette, Terry VanAlstine
Members Absent: Kathleen Peterson
Others present: Mathew Cooke, Dale DeKraker

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Mathew Cooke, Deputy Administrator.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Organizational Meeting

Election of Officers

Chairman:

Melissa Zelenak was nominated for Chairman by Dave Kotwick.

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Heather Butler, to close nominations for Chairman of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC) and to cast a unanimous ballot for Melissa Zelenak.

Motion carried - unanimous.

Vice-Chairman:

Dave Kotwick was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Melissa Zelenak.

Motion by Melissa Zelenak, seconded by Heather Butler, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman of the SWRC and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Kotwick.

Motion carried - unanimous.

Selection of meeting dates/times:

Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Terry Van Alstine, to set the SWRC 2019 meeting dates and times as the 4th Monday of July and October at 2:00 pm in Room 211.

Motion carried - unanimous.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Melissa Zelenak.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Melissa Zelenak, seconded by David Kotwick, to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2018 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

Terry Van Alstine - Abstained

5. Antrim Conservation District (ACD)

Review of Regional SWAC Meeting

Wendy Warren, ACD Manager, provided an update on the on goings of the regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). She indicated SWAC board is:

- Reviewing their bylaws;
- considering releasing a public service announcement regarding backyard burning;
- met with Rhonda Oyer, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to review the State's requirements in the 5-year update to solid waste plans across the State;
- received information on electronic recycling and recycling infrastructure grants.

Ms. Warren asked if anyone had any ideas for the grant opportunities, and, if so, to contact her with those ideas.

Scrap Tire Grant Award

Ms. Warren announced that ACD has been awarded the DEQ Scrap Tire Disposal Grant. This award will cover all the costs related to recycling scrap tires. Scrap tires will be taken at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) days, except for the HHW event in Elk Rapids. Scrap tires will be taken during the Elk Rapids Super Recycling Day on May 18.

Recycling Totals Comparison: 2016-2018

The Committee reviewed the recycling data. They discussed increasing engagement to get the word out that recycling is available.

Household Hazardous Waste

Ms. Warren said while observing last year's HHW events, she identified some opportunities to improve. She proposed an increase to the allowable pounds per person from thirty (30) pounds to one hundred (100) pounds. Additionally, the cost per pound exceeding 100 pounds would be \$1.00, and latex paint would be accepted for a cost of \$1.00 per gallon. Ms. Warren indicated there were approximately forty people with weights exceeding 100 pounds and eighteen that exceeded 150 pounds. She believed that there would be little difference by allowing a higher poundage and implementing a \$1.00 per pound over 100 pounds.

Motion by Melissa Zelenak, seconded by Terry Van Alstine, to recommend the Board of Commissioners to adjust the Household Hazardous Waste Fee Schedule to allow up to 100 pounds free of charge, \$1.00 per pound over 100 pounds, and \$1.00 per pound of latex paint. Motion Carries - Unanimous

2019 HHW Schedule of Events

- May 18 (Tires Only) – Elk Rapids
- June 15 (All HHW except tires) – Elk Rapids
- August 3 – Bellaire
- September 14 – Mancelona

6. Approved SWRC Procedures (Information Only)

The Council reviewed the Board of Commissioners approved Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council Procedures for Conducting Council Activity. It was discussed that having a minimum attendance of 2/3 of meetings did not make sense. The Council felt that it should be 3/4.

Motion by Melissa Zelenak, seconded by Heather Butler to recommend the Board of Commissioners amend the Antrim County Solid Waste and Recycling Council Procedures for Conducting Council Activity Article 5.4 to read: “Members shall attend a minimum of three-quarters (3/4) of the regular meetings per year unless ill or unusual circumstances occur as determined by the Chairperson of the Council.”

Motion Carries – Unanimous

Terry VanAlstine asked that this be placed on the April 4, 2019 Board of Commissioners agenda.

7. Various Matters

None.

8. Public / Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.