

**Antrim County  
Solid Waste and Recycling Council**

**Minutes  
January 25, 2016**

Members Present: Heather Butler, Dave Kotwick, Mike McPherson, Kathy Peterson, Sue Reck, Bob Wilson  
Members Absent: Mike Domsic, Bob Ricksgers, Sue Schuler  
Others present: Janet Koch, Linda Gallagher

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Janet Koch, Associate Planner.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Organizational Meeting**

**Election of Officers**

Chairman:

Sue Reck was nominated for Chairman by Bob Wilson.

**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 Sue Reck. Motion carried - unanimous.**

Vice-Chairman:

Dave Kotwick was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Sue Reck.

**Motion by Mike McPherson, 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.**

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Sue Reck.

Selection of meeting dates/times:

**Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Mike McPherson, to set the SWRC 2015 meeting dates and times as the 4th Monday of April, July, and October at 3:00 pm in Room 211.**

**Motion carried - unanimous.**

**4. Welcome New Member**

Kathy Peterson was welcomed as a new member of the SWRC.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Dave Kotwick, seconded by Heather Butler to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.**

**6. 2016 Budget**

Janet Koch, Associate Planner, went over the approved 2016 budgets for 101000-719 Resource Recovery and Fund 226000 County-Wide Recycling. She noted that the SWRC's per diem budget (#101000-719-710.001) will cover the cost of four meetings. She also said there are funds budgeted to pay for the Recycling Program through the end of the year (#226000-802.000). Ms. Koch said the budgets are available on the County's website and agreed to email PDF versions to the SWRC members.

**7. Quarterly Recycling Totals**

The SWRC had received a spreadsheet showing the quarterly totals in their agenda packets. Ms. Koch logged into the Re-TRAC website and showed the SWRC graphs of the County's recycling totals by month from October 2009 through December 2015. This clearly showed the peaks of use during the summer season.

**8. Recycling Funding Update**

Ms. Koch talked about her experiences at the various townships to which she'd presented information about the Recycling Program funding. She said of the eight townships that had declined to participate in PA 69 when the surcharge to households was described as up to \$25, six had also declined to participate if the surcharge amount was \$10 per house hold per year. Ms. Koch said she was scheduled to talk to both Chestonia and Warner Townships, who had not yet indicated whether or not they would participate with a \$10 surcharge. Five townships had indicated they would participate in PA 69, two had not yet responded.

The SWRC had a lengthy discussion of recommendations for the Board of Commissioners regarding recycling funding.

**Motion by Mike McPherson, seconded by Kathy Peterson, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners enter into PA 69 agreements with each of the fifteen townships for \$25 surcharge per household per year to fund the recycling program and that the residents of non-participating townships will not have recycling privileges. Motion carried - unanimous.**

**9. Various Matters**

Ms. Koch said she had recently attended the first day of the three-day No Spills conference in Traverse City. One of the presentations dealt with plastics pollution, which stated that plastics breaking down over time are the largest source of plastics pollution in the Great Lakes. The presenter also said that micro-plastics can't be cleaned up as they are too small, too dispersed, and too degraded.

Ms. Koch also told the SWRC they can sign up for an e-newsletter about recycling at [www.resource-recycling.com](http://www.resource-recycling.com).

**10. Public / Member Comment**

The next meeting date will be Monday, April 25, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.