

**Antrim County
Solid Waste and Recycling Council**

**Minutes
July 18, 2016**

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Sue Reck, Chair of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC).

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Ricksgers, seconded by Dave Kotwick, to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried - unanimous.

4. Quarterly Recycling Totals

The SWRC and Janet Koch, Associate Planner, discussed the recycling data for the second quarter of 2016. Ms. Koch said the June number of tons had significantly decreased from 2015. The SWRC discussed possible reasons.

Ms. Durkin, an Account Executive from American Waste, said their materials recycling facility was not at capacity. She said they are using recycled glass at the American Waste landfill for a roadbed surface and that was working well.

5. August 2 Recycling Millage

The SWRC discussed the ballot language for the upcoming recycling millage. Ms. Koch explained that, by statute, millages are subject to tax capture by Downtown District Authorities (DDAs), even if the ballot language doesn't explicitly state that fact. DDA tax captures include extra voted millages and general operating millages, but not school millages.

The SWRC discussed the possibility of sending out a press release to get more information about the recycling millage to the voters. Linda Gallagher, Associate Editor of the *Antrim Review*, said the only way to guarantee placement in the *Antrim Review* was to pay for a display advertisement. She recommended submitting something to the newspaper by Friday, July 22. Ms. Gallagher advised preparing 2-3 different versions of various sizes.

**Motion by Mike Domsic, seconded by Sue Shuler, to publish an informational display advertisement in the *Antrim Review*, at a not-to-exceed amount of \$200.
Motion carried – unanimous.**

The SWRC asked that Ms. Koch and Ms. Reck prepare the display advertisement, and that it include an explanation of the ballot language regarding DDAs and that it includes a title or subtitle of: "Please know the facts before you vote."

Ms. Gallagher added that that *Review* won't print letters to the editor regarding candidates, but will print letters in favor of or against millages. She said letters to the editor shouldn't be much longer than 350 words.

6. Various Matters

The next meeting date will be Monday, October 24, 2016.

7. Public / Member Comment

Linda Gallagher said she had heard from many people that they are not interested in paying for the recycling program with an additional millage.

Ms. Durkin said curbside recycling isn't cost effective in rural areas.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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