

Minutes from the 2021-04-07 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting

Participants: Zach Fleagle, Phil Harris, Phil LeBlanc, Katherine Esposito, Pat Miglio, Peter Blood, Stephanie Peters, Linda Coyle, Deborah Moran, Jack Fritz, John Kinnaird

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion by Deborah Moran to approve the March minutes.

All in favor of the motion.

Membership recommendation, Phil LeBlanc.

Motion by John A. Kinnaird to approve the application from Phil LeBlanc

Second by Peter Blood all in favor of the motion.

Division update, Phil Harris

Residential Hazardous Waste Event will be held on June 12th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at the parking lot in front of Harry Grove Stadium, Frederick. A list of accepted materials will be released.

The Yard Waste site, which is located on top of a capped Rubble Landfill will be repaved. It will have a hot asphalt overlay and work will be scheduled during the usual lull in yard waste during the summer.

Division employees are currently receiving Covid-19 vaccinations under the continuity of government plan. There is no idea when offices will reopen to the public.

The Solid Waste Plan Amendment is being finalized at this time and will be presented to SWAC during an upcoming meeting.

New asset management software, called Cartegraph is being brought online. This will help track and better manage division assets.

Outreach virtual events are ongoing. Annmarie does a good job planning and hosting the outreach events. Check online for details of upcoming outreach programs and help spread the word.

The Lake Linganore dredging project will be wrapping up in the next couple of months. The stockpile of dredged material at the landfill will be used as cover material for the landfill and will save the County millions of dollars.

Phil is looking forward to in-person meetings possibly starting in July.

When will the hazardous waste info be sent, Phil will send a copy out in a few days.

Jack says that if an item is not on the list to please call the division to see how to dispose of it. He fears that there may be an increase in illegal dumping, and it is hard to control illegal dumping.

Deborah has a waste disposal chart she will share. The chart shows what can be recycled and what goes in the trash.

Zach asked if future meetings will allow for both in-person and virtual participation. Phil will consult with the county video technicians. Zach indicates that he would like to see hybrid meetings and asked if we will be required to allow public in-person participation at our meetings.

Phil LeBlanc asked about using the permeable asphalt with glass in place of the concrete pad over the rubble fill. Phil said no, the surface must be impermeable to keep water from entering the rubble cell and causing a need to recompact the cell.

Old and New Business

Zach read the instructions for residents to participate in this discussion.

There were several member questions regarding glass recycling. The recycling contract has been renewed and glass is still being picked up as part of Frederick County's recycling program. Residents will see no change in recycling at this time.

Phil L. we need to keep up with current changes in recycling especially if there is an opportunity for residents to drop items such as glass off. Phil H. reminded us that there is a glass drop-off at the Recycling Center.

Phil H. mentioned that glass is still allowed in our single-stream recycling. He hopes that the issues with China taking recycling will encourage more domestic recycling innovations.

Deborah said she took a class on recycling plastics from Annmarie and it was very informative. She said a video presentation on glass recycling would be helpful for residents, Phil will look into a glass recycling video with staff. Phil H again spoke about the difficulties in recycling glass for uses other than the road cover the landfill uses in-house and he noted that it can only be recycled a limited number of times.

Zach encouraged Phil to keep the message about glass simple. 'Nothing has changed' is a simple and easily understood message for residents.

Phil H. spoke about composting and recycling at home. Recycling depends on the commodity market to make ends meet. The county needs to have more interest in purchasing the compost and mulch products sold by the landfill. Deborah asked how much mulch is purchased by the county. Phil H. said that there are several things the mulch can be used for in road and park work.

Linda Coyle asked if SWAC could take a position regarding county roads utilizing the mulch at the landfill. Phil noted that SWAC could petition the Executive to encourage this. She also mentioned that the available mulch is loose and can be problematic for many volunteers to handle.

Public Comment

There was no public comment,

Next meeting date, May 5, 2021

Motion to adjourn.

All in favor of the motion.

These minutes were recorded and submitted by John A. Kinnaird