

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2020**

Committee Attendance: Lynn Wiles, Joy Muller, John Mahon, Duane Himes, and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Laura Hajjar

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Agenda: March 9, 2020

- Acceptance of February 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Beautify Londonderry Status
- 2019 Annual Report
- 2020 Committee Goals
  - SWEC Website Content
  - SWEC Website Format
  - Use of Social Media to spread the word
  - Adopt a Road Implementation
- Action Item Status
- Round Table Discussion
- Next Meeting: April 13

Acceptance of February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes were accepted by the committee unanimously

Agenda items discussion:

- Lynn started the discussion talking about Beautify Londonderry (BL). Bob said that he had received confirmation from Renee Williams that she was going to be stepping down as chairperson of BL. She indicated that she would be willing to help out but did not want to be the chairperson. The committee had a discussion on what should be done. There was talk of stopping the program or downsizing the effort. The committee decided that they did not want to see BL end so a scaled down version will be implemented. The board discussed the options and Joy volunteered to coordinate a shortened effort running from 4-18-20 thru 5-4-20. Joy will also check in with Mack's to see if they would honor a token for a free ice cream cone. The token would be handed out to all participants for working one of the days to help clean up the trash along the designated cleanup areas. Bob gave a talk on the history of BL to the new members and how it came around. Joy and Laura will check into the ice cream cone token idea to see if that might be a possibility. BL will be advertised through an event page on Facebook announcing when the BL weekends will be and where gloved and bags can be picked up. The weekend before and the two after Earth Day were chosen as the dates for BL.
- Lynn went over the agenda items stating that the rest of the evening would be spent going over the goals for 2020.
- The committee discussed the possible goals for 2020.

- Lynn stated that he wanted the committee to review SWEC website and to look for areas where we could make improvements or provide more information.
- The committee discussed the Adopt a Road clean up sponsorship program implementation. Bob said that he is working on getting the loose ends brought together and is hoping that by the April meeting he has something to tell the committee regarding the final aspects of the program
- There was discussion on the possibility of starting a Londonderry Facebook page on recycling. There was additional discussion on how to get the word out to residents regarding recycling.
- Bob stated that the drop off center would be open starting April 4<sup>th</sup> provided that the weather cooperates. Otherwise, it will open on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, the drop off center will be starting a program for paying by credit card for dropping off of the items for disposal.
- Bob said that he did contact Waste Management to get an answer for the committee about the worst contamination items placed in the recycle bins that would cause a load of recyclables to be rejected or cause a problem at the single stream recycling plant. Those items are:
  - Plastic bags and/or plastic film
  - Food Waste
  - Scrap Metal/Aerosol cans
  - Lithium batteries

Bob said that it costs Waste Management about \$500 to \$700 per hour when the single stream recycling equipment is down due to contamination.

#### **Actions (Updated from meeting)**

**Bob:**

- 1. Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center – still working**

**Lynn: 1. Contact Bosch Thermontronics regarding “Adopt -a-Road” – still working**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.**

**Next meeting on April 13, 2020.**