

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2020**

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

Others: Paul Margolin

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Agenda: October 19, 2020

- **Acceptance of September 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- **Paul Margolin- Londonderry Rail Trails**
- **SWEC Website**
 - **Content update discussion**
- **Action Item Status**
- **Round Table Discussion**
- **Next Meeting: November 9**

Acceptance of September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes were accepted by the committee unanimously.

Agenda items discussion:

- Paul Margolin from the Trails Committee came in to give the committee an update on their committee's activities as well as to get some information on our activities as they related to issues Paul had left in the committee's hands when he stepped down from being chairmen.
 - The major issue that the trails committee was dealing with is horse manure left by residents riding horses on the rail trail. There was a committee discussion on possible solutions to how to handle the manure. The horse riders are very adamant in feeling they have as much right to use the trail as anyone else and that horse manure is completely different than other pet wastes.
 - Paul discussed the Going Green columns and possibly having them available on the website for the residents to use. There was a committee discussion on ways to get this done.
 - Paul called Bob Saur to have Bob explain what he knew about ways to possibly complete this task and get the columns organized. Bob Saur also introduced the committee to the idea of using an app to communicate trash and recycling days and other information to residents. He suggested that the SWEC look at programs from Sacramento County, CA and Plano, TX and also at an ad-supported app called Garbageday.com.
 - Paul asked about the sign at the drop off center which was supposed to be replaced with a new sign. Bob said that the DPW has a new sign for the drop off center which will be replaced as soon as possible in the spring, but may require the possibility of having to remove a tree or two to

- assure adequate site distance to allow vehicles to safely exit the driveway onto West Road.
- Paul wanted to know about the status of Beautify Londonderry (BL). John Mahon explained what BL was doing and some possible changes that might be made.
 - Paul talked about waste oil collection and was wondering when they might start it again. Bob said that waste oil will be collected during the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) day. After that will depend on the status of the pandemic and if the attendants feel comfortable with manning the facility.
 - Paul said that he had out together a video of the gathering of all of the original members of the solid waste committee.
 - Bob discussed some statistical data he had received from the IT Department regarding what information on the website received the most views. It would appear that the DPW website receives about ten times the views than the information on the solid waste committee page. The committee had a discussion on this information and decided that the committee needed to evaluate the information and possibly make some changes in the plans to revamp the SWEC website. John suggested that it might be worth consideration to move all or most of the SWEC content over to the more frequently visited DPW website.
 - Lynn indicated that he would like to look at items that need to be eliminated from the solid waste committee web page plus making changes to outdated information.
 - Bob talked about HHW day issues such as the residents bringing latex paint which is the one item they cannot take.
 - Bob stated that Waste Management has noted that they have recently been finding a lot of plastic bags in the recycling materials thus contaminating the recycling loads.

Actions (Updated from meeting)

Bob:

1. Investigate and advise as to format editing of SWEC website including the best non-alphabetical way to resort links.

Lynn:

1. Assign SWEC website content editing to the committee based on priorities identified by analytics.
2. Contact Paul Margolin regarding source documents for SWEC PDF content to facilitate editing. Also, invite Paul to a future SWEC meeting to discuss SWEC-related issues on the Rail Trail
3. Contact Bosch Thermontronics regarding "Adopt-a-Road"

Joy:

1. Contact Finance Department as to funds available to Beautify Londonderry.
2. Report to SWEC interaction with garden group as to pollinator pathway as needed

Gary:

1. Provide Joy with files of past private donors to Beautify Londonderry.

All:

1. Provide Bob with content on how to identify and dispose of latex paint and also how to publicize not bringing latex paint and waste oil to HHW collection day.

Meeting was adjourned at about 9:05.

Next meeting on November 9, 2020.

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