

Unapproved minutes

STERLING HEIGHTS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
March 16, 2022 2:30 PM
D.P.W. FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
7200 18 MILE ROAD - STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48314

Members present: Mccoy, Kesek, Baczewski, Smith, Overman

Members absent: None

Also in attendance: Erik Skurda, DPW Operations Manager

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: March 3, 2020

Moved: *Christine Kesek*

Support: *Henrietta Baczewski*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 2:30 pm

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COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS: *None*

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AGENDA

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Spring Collection Events – Volumes from 2021

E. Skurda described each of the 5 events in detail and explaining the order, their significance, and dates for each event. 27,000 lbs paper, 125,000 lbs of hazardous waste, and 83,000 lbs of electronics were collected.

B. GFL to Resume separate yard waste collection – April 4th

C. Cell Phones for Soldiers

E. Skurda stated collection numbers of 2020 and 2021 (58) were lower due to COVID. 2022 numbers are increasing already (64). Will make a push at the electronics recycling event.

D. Refuse Awareness Initiative

E. Skurda presented tag line or slogans for the refuse awareness initiative slated to start at the beginning of April and run for 2 solid weeks. This initiative is designed to target the highest collection volumes of the season. This happens when separate yard waste is reinstated after the 3.5 month hiatus. With growing and varying cultures in the city, campaigns that can speak to all the residents must be delivered in a way that everyone can understand simple rules that allow the refuse contractor to effectively complete their routs with little interruption. Code Enforcement has a robust workforce that should effectuate this initiative through a “boots on the ground” technique. Commission voted on naming of the campaign and they agreed “Know what to throw” and “Trash Cans, Trash Cant’s” should be used as the tag line.

E. Commission member comments

Mccoy commented: would like to see all residents provided with curbside recycling carts. Eskurda commented: that participation is at 25% of the community already through the subscription based service provided by GFL. Eskurda explained that subscribers are more effective than just giving it to the residents, because it is actually something that they want to do. Subscription based is only \$57 annually right now. If recycling is added as a line of service through taxes, a millage increase would be needed. E.Skurda stated now that we have a manned recycle center, the city is actually collecting revenue on the clean paper produced from the site. There is no cost to recycle the glass and plastics are taken to MRF's for processing by GFL at no cost to the city.

ADJOURN 4:00 pm

Moved: Overman

Supported: Mccoy