

Willistown Recycling Commission

Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014

Attendees: Mark Bem, Brian St. Clair, Karl Malessa & Jim Tate. Absent: Ken Lehr

Current Business

I. Shoe Recycling

Aspects of collecting used shoes via a drop box or boxes that can be recycled by the Shoe Box Co. were discussed and it was agreed that such a program would require constant oversight and have to also deal with shoes dropped in a collection box that are clearly beyond their useful life. Previous experience with a sneaker recycling program indicated that the public didn't just drop off sneakers. All sorts of clothing were stuffed in collection boxes, disposing of which becomes another issue. Members of the Commission voted unanimously to not proceed with a used shoe recycling program.

II. Fall Drug Take Back Program

Resident participation was modest at best, and much lower than in the Spring Drug Take Back. The difference appears to be in the amount of promotion. A postcard or letter mailed to all residences in the township generates response. Posting an announcement on the township's website is no substitute for a postcard or letter. The results of active vs passive publicity have been observed with other recycling events over the years.

We discussed the very successful State-sponsored program of placing secure, metal, drop-boxes for used/unused drugs in township police buildings throughout the Commonwealth. Tate will speak to Chief Narcise in 2015 about the potential for having a state-supplied drop box in the new police building.

III. Name Deletion from Recycling Commission

Remove Jeff Scutt's name from the list of members. He has not been on the commission for at least five years and is moving out of the township. His home has been sold.

New Business – 2015

I. Recycling Ordinance

Tate and Burman will work on this in January.

II. HOAs

The director of each HOA in the township needs to be sent a letter clarifying the recycling regulations of the township. This will be done after the ordinance is revised.

III. Recycling Haulers

All haulers need to be sent a letter describing the items that they can expect to see in recycling bins once the recycling regulations are revised.

IV. Tonnage Reports for 2014

Tate will send a letter requesting the 2014 report from each hauler.

V. Township Website

Bem is continuing his work of a type of posting about recycling for use on the township's website. The goal is to make it easy for residents to open the website, click recycling and, ta-da, all of the items that may be recycled are listed. Radnor Township has such a post. It works. It is anticipated that this could become effective on the Willistown website once the revised ordinance has been approved.

Jim Tate
Chairman, Recycling Commission