

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2016
Attendees: Karl Malessa, Bruce Hartlein & Jim Tate

1. Minutes of October 11th meeting.
2. Atria of Willistown senior community – Tate has not met with manager, yet.
3. 904 Performance Grant application for the year 2015 was received by PADEP on October 4th.
4. Required wood chipping event in the fall went well. Amount of wood received from residents seemed to be lighter than in previous wood chipping events.
5. Coat collection went very well. 365 coats were dropped off. Cub packs 98 & 76 helped sort and bag coats. Coats were delivered to Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, which, in turn, distributed them to six different charitable organizations. The church is thrilled with being a participant in this program.

New Business

1. J-Dog Removal and 1-800-Got-Junk removal companies. What happens to the junk they remove from residential and commercial homes and businesses, respectively? Do TVs and computers just end up in a landfill? The same with toxic chemicals? Hartlein will research this subject.
2. Tipping fee. This is a fee/ton of landfill-type waste delivered to a landfill that is paid by waste haulers. It will be \$66.00/ton in 2017. \$2.00/ton of the tipping-fee revenue is allocated to the PADEP 904/902 grant program distributed to municipalities. The tipping fee/grant program will sunset (expire!) in 2020. The recycling commission recommends that the township write both Representative Milne and Senator McGarrigle to urge them to be proactive about renewing this program in 2020, beginning this year. Reason: There is a contingent of legislators in Harrisburg who think recycling is a lot of nonsense that inconveniences the public and business establishments. They are very much in favor of seeing the performance grant program disappear, and they work persistently at disparaging recycling. It is therefore necessary for our legislators to counter this current of negativity starting this year and up until the renewal vote comes up in 2020.
3. Annual April drop-off recycling. The recycling commission voted to recommend to the BOA and township manager that the township continue with free recycling of TV and computer monitors, including small screen items and laptops. The amount of the annual 904 grant “awarded” Willistown far exceeds the cost of our April drop-off program. (It’s recycling money being recycled for recycling!)
4. Lanchester Landfill. No decision on whether it will renew acceptance of TVs and computers at no charge in 2017. Tate will follow up in early January.
5. “Ascension to the throne.” Tate asked members in attendance who would like to become chairman. Under discussion.

Next meeting: January 17th, 7:00PM.

Jim Tate, Chairman, Willistown Recycling Commission