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GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 25, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Eric Gustad (on-line, Filer Twp.), Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Twp.) and Margaret Batzer (on-line, City of Manistee)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists; Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Julie Schmeling, Administrative Secretary; Renee Mallison, Conservation District; Todd Gerardot and Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under PA 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

P.A. 69 RECYCLING UPDATE

Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, reviewed the Manistee County Green Team Recycling Program Report dated March 22, 2021 and the Monthly Volume Data Report for January 2021. (Appendix A) Ms. Archer reported that she had attended numerous meetings throughout the month. The Networks Northwest Materials Management Advisory Committee

included the review of legislation to change solid waste laws. The funding is there but the legislation is on its third go-around and hasn't made it through legislature yet. Once the legislation passes, it will put this money in the hands of the Counties. A regional approach is important as well. A meeting for the Northwest Michigan Organics Diversion Project was held. The group is working from a research grant to assess where organics are currently being processed. This is a new project that just got started. Arcadia Township has had issues with a neighbor adjacent to the Township recycling center concerning the location of the site. There was some legal action taken and it was found that the township has a legal right to have the recycling site there. The Township has created a recycling committee to evaluate and possibly find another site and to address some complaints they have received. They asked Sarah to advise them on the County's opinion on moving a site. Ms. Archer noted the requirements i.e. accessible, platform for the bins, be available year round etc. Ms. Archer has let the Township know that any improvements to the site would be their responsibility. Another option is for them to shut down the site and use another recycling location. Commissioner Batzer suggested a policy be created to address the re-location of a recycling site as it can be pricey. It was also suggested language could be added to the contract to address this issue.

Other recycling site news is a sign was ordered for the Kaleva site to direct people to recycle cardboard at Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) (during business hours) when trailer is full. A Recycle Right banner was installed at the Dickson Township recycling site.

Ms. Archer has numerous grants in the works. The EGLE Recycling Quality Improvement Grant on-line directory launch will take place on April 22, Earth Day and remaining monies to the improvement of the Fairgrounds site. For the Manistee Community Foundation Limitless Fund Grant, a decision is expected April 30, 2021 which would be used for the costs of fencing at the Fairgrounds. The EGLE Electronics Recycling Grant has a 25% local match. The EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant will be used for the fairgrounds as well along with contributions for local match from MCCF, Conservation District, Onekama Schools and possibly the Township. The matching funds and grants are being used because Onekama has outgrown their location and needs a larger area because of its success. This larger site will also enable other types of recycling for the entire County, i.e. electronic recycling, gated use for neighboring areas to use for a fee.

OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Koons would like to invite Ms. Archer to the Norman Township Board meeting to discuss recycling and recycling site location requirements. Ms. Koons will communicate with Ms. Archer.

The Tire Recycling Grant will fund two (2) events at BARC. The events will be held the last Saturday in June and September. There is also a grant that can be applied for Sportsman's Club cleanup that could also fund tire cleanup.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 9:03 a.m.

Eric Gustad

Nikki Koons

Margaret Batzer, Chairperson

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**Manistee County Green Team
Recycling Program Report – March 22, 2021
Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.**

The following is a summary of Recycling Program activity since February 23, 2020.

Meeting Attendance

- Green Team – February 25, 2021 virtual
- Michigan Recycling Coalition – Northwest Michigan Regional Meeting – February 25, 2021 virtual
- Networks Northwest Materials Management Advisory Committee – February 26, 2021 virtual
- Northwest Michigan Organics Diversion Project – March 1, 2021 virtual
- Arcadia Recycling Committee – March 5, 2021 – in person

Current Volume Report

Total weight (pounds) of materials collected from 7 PA69 Recycling Program drop-off sites. See attached Volume Report for site specific data.

January	41,876	April		July		October	
February		May		August		November	
March		June		September		December	
						Total To-Date	41,876

Education

- Monthly e-newsletter sent.
- Educational signage was ordered for the Kaleva site PCA trailer to direct people to recycle cardboard at Bay Area Recycling for Charities (during business hours) when trailer is full. This sign along with signs purchased through EGLE Recycling Quality Improvement grant will be provided to Kaleva DPW for installation.
- A Recycle Right banner was ordered and put up at the Dickson Township recycling site.

Grant Projects

- **EGLE 2020 RECYCLING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT**
 - The process began for putting together content to customize the ReCollect online recycling directory for Manistee area recycling and reuse options. Launch of the online directory will coincide with Earth Day, April 22.
- **MANISTEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LIMITLESS FUND GRANT**
 - A funding decision on grant application \$5,000 is expected by April 30, 2021. A \$5,000 request was made which will be applied towards the cost of fencing for the new recycling site at the County Fairgrounds.
- **EGLE RURAL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING GRANT** – application period March 17 – May 14, 2021
 - Maximum request \$15,000 with 25% local match funds required.
 - Funds paid through reimbursement process.
 - Two-year time frame is given preference.
- **EGLE RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT** – release anticipated March-April

Operations

- Archer has received the plat dimensions from Onekama Township Planning Committee and continues to develop a plan for relocation of the recycling site to the County Fairgrounds.

- Arcadia Township has established a Recycling Committee and is looking into alternative options for recycling at the current site which is located at the Township Hall. Archer is attending meetings and advising the committee as requested.
- Illegal dumping of household bedding and appliances occurred at Springdale Township site on March 17, 2021 which required an additional visit by the Site Monitor to clean up the materials.

Manistee County PA 69 Recycling Program

Monthly Volume Data Report

January 2021

JANUARY	LBS	% Change from Previous Month	JULY	LBS	% Change from Previous Month
Arcadia Twp	9,128.0	-35%	Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	5,079.0	0%	Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	3,807.0	0%	Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	1,119.0	N/A	Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	7,617.0	0%	Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	12,171.0	-26%	Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	2,955.0	-29%	Springdale Twp	0.0	
JANUARY TOTALS	41,876.0	-15%	JULY TOTAL	0.0	
FEBRUARY			AUGUST		
Arcadia Twp	0.0		Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	0.0		Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	0.0		Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	0.0		Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	0.0		Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	0.0		Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	0.0		Springdale Twp	0.0	
FEBRUARY TOTALS	0.0		AUGUST TOTAL	0.0	
MARCH			SEPTEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	0.0		Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	0.0		Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	0.0		Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	0.0		Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	0.0		Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	0.0		Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	0.0		Springdale Twp	0.0	
MARCH TOTALS	0.0		SEPTEMBER TOTAL	0.0	
APRIL			OCTOBER		
Arcadia Twp	0.0		Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	0.0		Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	0.0		Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	0.0		Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	0.0		Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	0.0		Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	0.0		Springdale Twp	0.0	
APRIL TOTALS	0.0		OCTOBER TOTAL	0.0	
MAY			NOVEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	0.0		Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	0.0		Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	0.0		Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	0.0		Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	0.0		Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	0.0		Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	0.0		Springdale Twp	0.0	
MAY TOTALS	0.0		NOVEMBER TOTAL	0.0	
JUNE			DECEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	0.0		Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	0.0		Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	0.0		Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	0.0		Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	0.0		Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onekama Twp	0.0		Onekama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	0.0		Springdale Twp	0.0	
JUNE TOTALS	0.0		DECEMBER TOTAL	0.0	

YEAR TO DATE (in lbs.)	41,876.0
YEAR TO DATE (tons)	20.9

Year to date comparison by site

Totals in pounds	Jan-20	Jan-21	Totals in tons	Jan-20	Jan-21
Arcadia Twp	7,480.0	9,128.0	Arcadia Twp	3.7	4.6
Brown Twp	4,176.0	5,079.0	Brown Twp	2.1	2.5
Cleon Twp	2,873.0	3,807.0	Cleon Twp	1.4	1.9
Dickson Twp	N/A	1,119.0	Dickson Twp	N/A	0.6
Maple Grove Twp	5,759.0	7,617.0	Maple Grove Twp	2.9	3.8
Onekama Twp	11,420.0	12,171.0	Onekama Twp	5.7	6.1
Springdale Twp	3,132.0	2,955.0	Springdale Twp	1.6	1.5
Totals in pounds	34,840	41,876	Totals in Tons	17.4	20.9