

PROPOSED Minutes  
2020 Advisory Tri-Community Recycling  
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting  
January 13, 2021

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Lewis at 2:05 via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.
2. Attendance  
Present – Saugatuck Township: Daniel DeFranco, Mark Epstein  
Saugatuck City: Garnet Lewis, Linda Escott, Barry Johnson  
Douglas City: Ronna Alexander, Cathy North, Demetrhea Terrien  
Absent: Patrick Stewart
3. Chair Lewis announces meeting dates for 2021 will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm.
4. Public Comment - none
5. Approval of minutes from 11/23/20 – moved by Escott, second by Alexander with correction to change “bi-monthly” to “every other week” to clarify recycle collection under letter J. Motion approved.
6. Approval of Agenda – moved by Terrien, second by Escott. Motion approved
7. Unfinished Business – none
8. New Business – Election of Officers
  - A. Election of Chair of Committee for 2021: Moved by Escott, second by Johnson to nominate Garnet Lewis. All approve, motion carries.
  - B. Election of Co-Chairs for Vice President for 2021: Moved by Terrien, second by North to nominate Ronna Alexander and Daniel DeFranco. All approve, motion carries.
  - C. Election of Secretary for 2021: Alexander moves, Escott seconds. All approve, motion carries.

Review of 2020

Alexander: Pleasantly surprised with number of accomplishments, input from those and field and community members. Ground work in place, momentum going forward. Grateful to be part of the group.

DeFranco: Impressed with accomplishments, happy that we got to bottom of certain issues, especially “yellow bags”. Pleased Township is part of group meeting with Republic to provide “a leg to stand on” and gives Township a voice. Proud of “back to basics” initiative which is spot on.

Escott: Year of learning so “back to basics” resonates well. Great to work in a group with enthusiasm and appreciates knowledge base.

Johnson: great example of Tri-community collaboration, all working towards same goal. This year, the more we learned the more we need to learn.

North: Pleased with progress made and move in positive direction. Survey was great, able to get citizen feedback. Re-established our partnership with Republic to work together rather than in opposition. Ken Freestone was a great resource and inspired by things accomplished in Holland.

Terrien: Good experience, love the Tri-community outreach work to lay groundwork for collaboration. Recycling now in forefront.

Lewis:

- First meeting – April 16, 2020
- Community-wide survey administered – September, 2020
- Survey results shared – October, 2020
- Presentations, to the committee, by:

1. Ken Freestone, Holland
2. Rosemary Graham, The Allegan County Recovery & Recycling Program
3. Cassandra Ford, The Recycling Partnership
4. Kerry Rattinger and Jack Brown, Republic Services
  - Reviewed the Republic Services contracts (City of Saugatuck, City of Douglas)
  - Attended and presented at each municipality, twice
  - Posting of the recycling calendar, on each municipality's webpage
  - Yellow Bag PSA
  - Commercial Record articles
  - Facebook Page
  - Other:
    1. General collegiality
    2. Linda Escott & Barry Johnson – kudos for instigating this committee
    3. Mark Epstein – instigating the survey
    4. HUGE thank you to Elizabeth Estes for her help getting the survey out electronically
    5. Regular attendees – Kelly Roche and Jim Yost

### **2021 goals**

Recycling audit – Barry Johnson & Ronna Alexander  
 Flier – Garn (bulk mailer info) & Ronna (graphics)  
 Medical waste pickup – Demethrea  
 Hazardous waste pickup – Daniel, Demethrea, Barry & Cathy  
 Junk pick-up week – Cathy North  
 Group buy (of recyclable utensils, etc.) – Ronna, Lucy & Elizabeth  
 Composting – Jim Yost, Kelly Roche & Demethrea  
 Battery recycling – Garn  
 FAQ piece – Daniel  
 Single-hauler contract (Saugatuck Township) – Daniel & Mark

Garn will check back with Battery Solutions (Andre Brown) regarding a possible subscription (approx.. \$70/year) to place a tube receptacle in each municipality for the collection of used batteries. Battery Plus will accept recyclable batteries. Lowe's will also take recyclable batteries. Comprenew in Holland will take electronics (for a fee).

Garn contacted Jack Brown at Republic for estimated costs for twice monthly recycling pick up: \$2.50/month or \$30/year, all residents must participate.

Next steps:

Barry requests we develop committee assignments.

Linda suggests Daniel and Ronna as co-vice chairs go on Greg Muncey's Sunday Morning radio show and present overview of the committee's accomplishments and direction for 2021. Will also reach out to Mike Johnson to get on the Morning Grind.

9. Public Comments: none

10. Adjournment: moved by Epstein, second by Escott. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Cathy North

