

Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee (SWPC)



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SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – AGENDA and Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Avenue, Allegan

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

COMMUNICATIONS: EGLE re: Stoddard and Sons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jeffry Krcmarik (EGLE) presented on grants for municipalities and encouraged SWPC members and resource recovery to consider applying.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Member Gale Dugan and supported by Member Denise Webster and all in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS: Fred Sellers (EGLE) re: Part 115 and Allegan County SWPC (siting process and the definition of “Active Work Area”).

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approve consistency of the siting application Anaegeria/Fishbeck.
 - i. Motion made and approved to move the application to the full Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting, scheduled for February 28, 2023, for further review and vote and requested input from EGLE regarding the definition of “Active Work Area”. The Sub-Committee further determined that according to their determination of the Allegan County Solid Waste Plan’s definition of “Active Work Area” the application does not meet the criteria of the Plan.
 - ii. The Solid Waste Plan has not been updated since 1997 and one objective of having this siting process in place is to ensure that environmental risk is mitigated. EGLE was asked to come and discuss the definition of an “Active Work Area”.
 - iii. Discussion occurred and Fred Sellers was able to answer questions around what an Active Work Area is and that it only related to landfills. SWPC discussed the fact that the proposed transfer station and/or processing facility does not meet criteria 1 and 2 setback requirements listed on page III-28b of the SWP. However, both of these criteria apply only to the “active work area” of a facility. The definition of “active work area” contained in the Part

Mission Statement

“Allegan County shall plan, develop and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper”

115 regulations, appear to apply only to landfills and not to solid waste transfer or processing facilities. In addition, the SWPC understands that the only uses of the term “active work area” in the regulations are contained in the sections regulating Type II and Type III landfills. Consequently, the SWPC agreed that criteria 1 and 2 (as well as criteria 13 and 14) are not applicable to the indoor transfer station and/or processing facility with concrete flooring that you have proposed. The SWPC also determined that this application met criteria 7 due to the location of the proposed facility not located in a wellhead protection area. A motion was made by Gale Dugan and supported by member Denise Webster and all in attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- b. Legislative Update re: Solid Waste Plan- discussed timeline and requested members be prepared to provide feedback on how the SWPC wants to provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on how Allegan County should proceed with updating the Materials Management Plan.
- c. Report
 - i. SWPC membership update & position vacancies and welcome the two members
 - 1. Daniel DeFranco
 - 2. David Redding
 - 1. Update on Participating Governmental Units surcharges for 2023 and 2024- Fillmore-Collected on their 2023 Winter taxes.
 - 2. Cheshire- is currently in the program (has 2023 cards) and will increase in 2023 winter tax bill to \$50.00 (voter approved).
 - 3. Valley- is voter approved. Cannot collect until 2023 winter tax bill and then we will start providing services in 2024.
 - 1.Begin working with them to establish their level of participation.
 - 4. Watson-is voter approved Cannot collect until 2023 winter tax bill and then will start providing services in 2024.
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 - 5. Dorr Township-went to \$50.00.
 - 6. Allegan Township went to \$50.00.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Legislative Timeline and Brainstorming on Options

ROUND TABLE:

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.