

# Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee (SWPC)



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**Rosemary Graham,**  
**Resource Recovery Coordinator**

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## **SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – AGENDA**

Vacant  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting – Connectivity instructions to be provided.

Vacant  
General Public  
Representative

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** *Kent County Memo.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**RECYCLE COORDINATOR REPORT: See Attached.**

Vacant  
Township  
Representative

Vacant  
Industrial Waste  
Generator  
Representative

Vacant  
City Government  
Representative

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### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Denise Webster  
General Public  
Representative

Garth Llewellyn  
General Public  
Representative

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### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Tom Jessup  
County  
Commissioner

1. SWPC membership applications
2. Materials Management Plan Update
  - a. Where are we now? *Summary of current status.*

Jack Brown  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

Daniel DeFranco  
Environmental  
Representative

Randy Rapp  
Environmental  
Representative

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **ROUND TABLE:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.**

Matt Rosser  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

Gale Dugan  
Regional Solid Waste  
Planning  
Representative

Vacant  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

#### **Mission Statement**


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



**KENT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS**

# Memo

To: Rosemary Graham, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator, Allegan County HD - EHD

From: Darwin Baas, Kent County DPW Director 

Date: August 17, 2021

Re: Sustainable Business Park (SBP) Update

As requested, below is a short summary regarding the status of the planning, approval and development of the SBP on 250 acres of property owned by Kent County in Dorr Township, Allegan County immediately south of the existing South Kent Landfill.

In June 2020, the Kent County Purchasing Department issued a request for proposals seeking an “anchor” tenant company who would commit to divert at least 50% of the existing landfill content. Nine proposals were received in September and since then DPW narrowed a select to two company proposals. Since September, DPW staff and a consultant team have analyzed the validity of the two company proposals, they have submitted revised proposals with more detail and site visits to facilities developed and operated by the companies has been completed.

A work session with the Kent County Board of Commissioners regarding the status of the SBP project will take place on Thursday, August 26. Starting in September similar sessions will occur with the Dorr Township Board of Trustees, Allegan County, its solid waste planning committee, as well as Byron Township, and the many stakeholder committees we’ve been using to help guide us through this process.

DPW staff and the business/infrastructure consultant team will present an anchor tenant recommendation to the Kent County Board of Public works at its September 2 board meeting. It is anticipated the anchor tenant will invest at least \$150 million and employ around 100 people to operate a state-of-the-art municipal solid waste sorting facility and for the creation of products which use these feedstocks. Securing the investment and job creation of the anchor tenant is dependent upon Kent County securing approvals and to construct necessary infrastructure to the SBP site.

We’re anticipating requesting approval from the BPW in October to negotiate a project development agreement that will provide a 30-month timeline to work with all stakeholders for

the approvals needed to break ground and move into a construction phase. As planned now, all infrastructure municipal and private utility provider approvals need to be secured between now and mid-2022 with final design and construction occurring in 2023. We expect the anchor tenant to commence operation not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

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## SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Vacant  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting – Connectivity instructions to be provided.

Vacant  
General Public  
Representative

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**

### **ROLL CALL:**

*Present: Llewellyn, Jessup, Brown, Rapp, Rosser, Dugan*

*Absent:*

Vacant  
Township  
Representative

**COMMUNICATIONS:** *Kent County Media Release; Casco Twp.*

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Generator  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion made by Brown, supported by Dugan. All in favor, motion carried.*

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *Allan Overheiser, Supervisor, Casco Township presented information regarding recycling container concrete pad, capital site improvement at transfer station.*

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Representative

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion made by Dugan to approve the agenda with the deletion of Casco Township request as a discussion item moved to action item. Supported by Rosser. All in favor, motion carried.*

Garth Llewellyn  
General Public  
Representative

**PRESENTATIONS:** *None.*

**RECYCLE COORDINATOR REPORT:** *See attached agenda packet.*

Tom Jessup  
County  
Commissioner

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## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Jack Brown  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

### **1. Casco Township Transfer Station Improvements**

*a. Review Bids and Township Request*

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*b. Motion made by Jessup to approve Casco Township's request to the Solid Waste Planning Committee to approve the use of Casco Township's recycling surcharge funds for recycling container concrete pad capital project at the Casco Township Transfer Station and that Olsen Brothers be awarded the contract. Motion to amend made by Dugan requesting that this be for immediate action. Motion supported by Rosser. All in favor, motion carried.*

Randy Rapp  
Environmental  
Representative

Matt Rosser  
Solid Waste Industry  
Representative

### **2. SWPC membership applications**

*a. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners attached*

Gale Dugan  
Regional Solid Waste  
Planning  
Representative

*b. Motion to approve [attached recommendation] made by Brown, supported by Rosser.*

Vacant  
Solid Waste Industry  
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*yea's: Llewellyn, Jessup, Brown, Rapp, Rosser, Dugan*  
*nay's: none*

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *None.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** *Dugan asked for additional information regarding Kent County Sustainable Business Park; Graham agreed to provide information regarding anchor tenants to members by email.*

**ROUND TABLE:** *Llewellyn and Dugan recognized program coordinator. Rapp asked for an update regarding future recycling surcharge voting; Graham plans to update packet for voting in 2022.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion made by Llewellyn, supported by Dugan. All in favor, motion carried. 6:39 PM.*

**NEXT MEETING:** **August 24, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.**

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## SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Coordinators Report

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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General Public  
Representative

### RECYCLING COORDINATOR REPORT:

Vacant  
Township  
Representative

#### 1. Legislative Update

- i. Eight bill package (HB 4454-4461) passed the House of Representatives on 4/22/21. Referred to Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform on 4/27/21.

- ii. <https://www.michiganrecycles.org/part-115-update/>

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#### 2. Resource Recovery Program

##### a. Collection events - 2021

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General Public  
Representative

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General Public  
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- i. **May 1, 2021** — HHW/Electronics Collection

1. Wayland/Harding's

- ii. **June 5, 2021** — HHW/Electronics Collection

1. Republic/Hamilton

- iii. **August 7, 2021** (tentative) — Scrap Tire Collections

1. Salem & Trowbridge Townships

- iv. **August 14, 2021** (tentative) — Scrap Tire Collection

1. Otsego Township

- v. **October 2, 2021** – HHW/Electronics Collection

1. City of Otsego DPW

#### 3. Michigan Recycling Coalition

- a. **Fall conference scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Bay City. The MRC will offer registration for in-person and virtual attendance. Cost and agenda information has not been released.**

#### 4. Sustainable Business Park

- a. **Two companies are being considered, Madrid-based Urbaser (which was recently acquired by Beverly Hills, California-based Platinum Equity) and Philadelphia-based Continuous Materials.**

- b. **Both companies offer mixed-waste sorting and processing, converting organic and inorganic materials into new products.**

- i. **Continuous Materials proposes to establish a manufacturing plant that makes roofing boards**

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**from thin-film plastics and, co-locate a biodigester on-site that would generate renewable natural gas from compost and fertilizer with its partner, Energia.**

- ii. Urbaser has proposed to make renewable natural gas in a plastic-to-oil processing facility and large-scale enclosed composting operation.**

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**APPOINTMENTS - SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Solid Waste Planning Committee to fill the remainder of a 2-year term; term to expire 12/31/2022.

Denise Webster, 6546 Sanctuary Tr, Saugatuck (General Public Rep.)

Daniel DeFranco, 6122 Old Allegan Rd., Saugatuck (Environmental Interest Group Rep.)

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Cain to approve the appointments as made. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY



\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: May 27, 2021

cc: Admin. - Finance - Human Resources