

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 19,2023, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Lauren Smith, Evan Pratt, Gary McCririe, Andrew Schmidt, Molly Maciejewski

Members Absent: Kathleen Root, Bryan Weinert

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Public Present: Sean Adams, Operations Manager Recycle Ann Arbor

Presentation Guests: Debora Marsh, Dexter High School
Andrew Betz, Dexter High School

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Angela Porta, Environmental Education/Outreach Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by G. McCririe, supported by L. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- March 15, 2023

Motion by G. McCririe, supported by M. Maciejewski to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2023.
Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

Sean Adams, Operations Manager, Recycle Ann Arbor- No Comments

5. Reports/Program Update

A) School Program Update with Guest, Debora Marsh, Andrew Betz

Andrew Betz, student and member of the National Honor Society from Dexter High School provided presentation of the current recycling program at the school, providing the challenges, data tracking, program processes and educational direction to students and staff. Andrew Betz also mentioned future recycling expansion efforts that included composting, worm farm, Styrofoam, printer ink, batteries, and electronics.

The BPW members thanked Andrew for his presentation and information he provided to them with regards to the recycling program.

McCririe mentioned he was impressed with the initiatives to compost the food waste.

Schmidt asked if they could possibly consult with other schools to help in their recycling initiatives as well as why this is a student driven program.

Debora Marsh, explained how the recycling program began with the National Honor Society members providing the support and facility management has not managed this program. Smith was wondering about any metrics being collected. Betz mentioned they have not collected metrics with regards to engagements with students. He mentioned this could be a future project for them to begin.

Eggermont provided report on the School Recycling Program Report overall, providing the goals, metrics, communication, outreach, and budget impacts. He also reported on future considerations for the program.

B) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported she recently attended MAPMS conference. She learned about the aquatic plants and the science upcoming. She mentioned the impacts of treatments for milfoil and the positive results of this science.

She also reported the permits are all in for the 2023 treatment season. Koloski also reported there have been reports of algae in the canals in LHRCOL and expect surveys to begin in May for treatment plan to also begin.

Eggermont reported the proposed Silver Lake Lake Improvement project is going to the BOC for 2nd reading for approval. Once resolution is passed by the BOC, he expects the meetings to be scheduled in June and July and will be in the BPW packets next month. He reported that the DNR on this lake owns 58% of the shoreline and is working with them for assessing amounts for this portion of the lake.

Eggermont mentioned there is a delay with Joslin Lake for treatment contracts, but it should be on track for treatment season.

C) PIAC Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 1/23/23

File & Receive Approved Minutes

Eggermont mentioned there is a resolution for Sponsorship Support request for Recycle Ann Arbor for consideration in the Action items of this meeting. He is recommendation is to support this initiative to sponsor the solid waste plan goals.

Eggermont also mentioned there will be a tour scheduled at Arbor Hills Landfill in May with the PIAC committee members. He reported that the BOC will be reviewing resolution for approval at their meeting tonight to support the HHW Facility at the landfill.

D) WRRMA Update

Eggermont reported at the meeting Monday there was a presentation by Prairie Robotics that covered their artificial intelligence (AI) camera system that detects contaminants in curbside recycling carts. This automatically sends a postcard to residents with an image of their contamination. There are some challenges with data security. However, they do an outreach campaign before the program starts and the municipalities or authority own the data that Prairie Robotics uses. The data is then also used to train the (AI) system and does not sell to third parties. J. Maciejewski asked about the impacts of people reducing their recycling efforts due to the AI system. Eggermont mentioned that once it goes to the curb it becomes public information of those contents. Smith suggested maybe sending postcards by neighborhood instead of individual residents may be more accepted method by residents to this type of AI.

E) Directors Report

Eggermont reported the 2023 County Clean-Up days are scheduled and will have a pre-registration process for residents attending to help even out the flow of traffic for these events. The first event is in Northfield Township June 24th and they will review the new registration process after the event to ensure the other scheduled events go smoothly. Porta did mention they do have accommodation efforts in place for those residents that show up for the event without pre-registration.

7. Action Items

- A) Voucher Debt Retirement Claims \$50,001.00 and Over (April 2023) Attachment A

Motion by E. Pratt, supported by M. Maciejewski to approve the Debt Retirement Voucher for WWRA Debt Principal and Interest Payment. Motion Carried.

- B) Resolution to approve Recycle Ann Arbor Sponsorship
Motion by E. Pratt supported by L. Smith to approve Recycle Ann Arbor Sponsorship. Roll call vote.
Motion Carried
- C) Resolution to approve Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Lake Improvement Project Lake Harvester Contract
Motion by M. Maciejewski, supported by L. Smith to approve a Resolution for Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Lake Improvement Project Lake Harvester Contract
Roll call vote. Motion Carried

8. Financial Reports

Received and filed.

9. Other Business

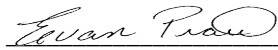
None

10. Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

Sean Adams, Recycle Ann Arbor, thanked the Board of Public works or their support in the Recycle Ann Arbor Sponsorship.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Evan Pratt, Secretary

5/17/2023