



WCCSWM Meeting

Thursday October 28th, 2010

Tour

Zingerman's, given by Nancy Rucker

422 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, MI

5:00 PM

WCCSWM Meeting Agenda

Zingerman's

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda for September 23rd, 201
3. Approve Minutes from August 26th, 2010
- 4. Elections!**
 - a. Chair-Chris Simmons; Vice Chair-Alex Williams; Treasurer-Jeff Krcmarik; Executive Committee-Nancy Stone & Phil Bolyard
5. Task Force Updates
 - a. Master Composting
 - b. Pharmaceutical Take-Back
 - c. Any other task forces.
6. Legislative Updates
7. Local Community Updates
8. Adjourn

WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 23rd, 2010

Meeting held at Ann Arbor MRF

Attendance:

Alex Williams, Superior Township

Chris Simmons, Ypsilanti City

Noelle Bowman, Washtenaw County

Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County

Nanette Havens, Lima Township

Bruce Bawkon, Scio Township

Phil Bolyard, Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority

Nancy Stone, City of Ann Arbor

Arlene Bareis, Lima Township

1. Call to Order and Introductions (5:48PM).

2. Approve Agenda for September 23rd, 2010.

- a. Agenda approved as printed.

3. Approve Minutes from August 26th, 2010.

- a. Spelling correction: "Senete" → "Senate"
- b. Master Composting correction: Michigan Composting Council (MCC) is a committee of the MRC. MCC sponsored the "train the trainer" workshop.
- c. Minutes approved as amended.

4. Election Nominations

- a. Chair: Chris Simmons, City of Ypsilanti
- b. Vice Chair: Alex Williams, Superior Township
- c. Treasurer: Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County
- d. Executive Committee: Nancy Stone, City of Ann Arbor & Phil Bolyard, Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA)

5. Task Forces

a. Master Composting

- i. (Nancy gives brief overview of Master Composting Program as a refresher and to newer members.)
- ii. Chris: The “Train the Trainer” workshop was held. 15 participants. Very successful. It was held Friday the 17th of Sept.
- iii. Master Composting workbook/manual to be updated.
- iv. Reminder that Master Composting potluck for recently graduated students is being held Nov 9 at Leslie Science & Nature Center.
- v. Facebook page for Master Composting is now active. Please see for updates and other information

b. Pharmaceutical Take-Back

- i. Jeff: This coming Saturday (Sept 25th) is official “Pharmaceutical Take-back Day.” Have alerted local law enforcement offices warning them, and have been informing them of the County’s Take-Back Program, so they are able to direct the public to its use.
- ii. 5% of the waste stream is controlled substances, which affirms that this is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- iii. Jeff is planning on a meeting next week with the Dept of Agriculture to try to get vets included in the Take-Back program. But, cannot sign contract with Dept of Ag until budget is approved. Funding contingent.

c. E-Waste

- i. Jeff: Linda McFarland is trying to get E-Waste Take-Back Programs through the schools. Programs will be subsidized through a program, Nexis, which has a stimulus package. Waiting to hear from her for more information.
- ii. The goal would be to collect 160tons of E-waste through this program. It can be difficult to hold free take-back events AT the schools. It may be better to have event at 1 central location, versus individual events at each school.
- iii. Nancy: Matt Fletcher(M-DEQ) recommended that we started conversation with him regarding computer take-back at schools.

6. Legislative Updates

- a. Jeff: There are major legislative efforts to allow controlled substances/narcotics to be part of take-back programs. Such substances are currently prohibited, and yet are a substantial contributor to the waste stream.

7. Local Community Updates

- a. Jeff: Paper Shredding Events coming up. Zeeb Rd on Sept 25th and Drop-Off Station on Oct 2. All-Shred is the vendor and the event is FREE for the public.
- b. Alex: \$2000 Superior Twp donation for Clean-up Day being Held on Oct 16th.
- c. Nancy: There are monthly open-houses @ the MRF (passes out flier). February is a wormbin workshop!
- d. Nancy: City of Ann Arbor has discontinued bulk leaf collection services. Residents are able to use their composting bins or mulch their leaves. Mulching and leaving leaves on grass DOES NOT KILL GRASS! Also, it lowers pH when there is heavy leaf cover. Look on Master Composting Facebook page for additional information regarding mulching!

8. Adjourn (6:30p).