Portage County Solid Waste Management

Policy Committee Meeting

June 16, 2022

Roll Call

Tony Badalamenti

Melanie Knowles

Tracy Wallach

John Kovacich

Absent

Joseph Diorio

Pat McCon

Also Present

Michelle Crombie

Dawn Collins

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 by Tracy Wallach.

John Kovacich made a motion to appoint Melanie Knowles as a member. Tony Badalamenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melanie Knowles made a motion to appoint Pat McCon as a member. John Kovacich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Kovacich made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 23, 2019. Melanie Knowles seconded the motion. Tony Badalamenti abstained. Motion carried.

Dawn Collins-District update

At the start of 2021, the District had 21 employees, a projection to borrow an additional 400k from the general fund, and not enough trucks to run routes. The District ended with 10 employees and ended routes in Aurora, Hiram, Streetsboro, and Sugarbush Knolls. Recycling would still be provided by private haulers to those areas. The District was not covering the cost of salaries and did not cover trucks, fuel, maintenance carts, etc. All remaining agreements were converted to every other week service at $5.50 a month starting January 1st, 2022.

The District merged under the Board of Commissioners instead of the District Board of Commissioners. Two trucks were purchased with ARPA funds from the BOC in 2022, and the District was just awarded a grant totaling $174k towards the purchase of a truck this fall. The District has had two recent public auctions. One in December 2021, and one that ended June 1st, 2022. The June auction sold the 5 non-working Parker Runwise trucks. The District is also participating in events in Portage County again. The District held its first scrap tire event this year, along with electronics, shredding and participated in multiple touch a truck events. All the drop off’s have been repainted and relabeled.

Tracy Wallach- Are we still doing drop offs? I know for a while the District thought about not doing drop offs.

Dawn Collins- If we closed our drop offs, we would not hit our access goals.

Tony Badalamenti made a motion to adopt the rule for notice of meeting. John Kovacich seconded the motion. Motion carried. All meetings of the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee will be deemed special meetings.

Tracy Wallach made a motion to nominate Melanie Knowles as Chairperson. Tony Badalamenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony Badalamenti made a motion to elect Tracy Wallach as Vice-Chair. John Kovacich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dawn Collins- A third public position is still open that can be appointed by the 4 standing members since only two applied. This is what the Ohio EPA stated when I spoke with them today.

Tony and John are going to check with a few people to see if they would be interested in service on the policy committee.

Tracy Wallach: Why did Pat McCon congratulate you on with Franklin Township?

Dawn Collins- The 2019 leaf collection was amended.

John Kovacich- Is there a possibility of some help for townships for tire collections? I understand there is a cost associated with it.

Dawn Collins-This is something for both the District and the townships to look into.

Tony Badalamenti made a motion to adjourn. John Kovacich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26pm

Minutes by:

Dawn M. Collins