

PLAINVILLE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2016

7:00 pm

Room 200, Municipal Center

PRESENT: The following members were present: Marie Cassidy, Rebecca Ireland, Richard Ireland and George Fensick

ABSENT: Kathy Cole, Wayne Fish

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Richard Ireland, Chairman.

II. Guest Speaker

None

III. Minutes

Motion to approve January 14, 2016 minutes as written: George Fensick

Second: Marie Cassidy

All in Favor 4 to 0

Minutes Accepted

IV. Bills and Communications

1. Deb Tompkins was present at the meeting. The commission asked her about the proposed budget increase for 2016 – 2017. She reported that it will be April or May before it is approved.
2. Rich shared info on bills the State is working on.
 1. Not using the tire rubber for ball fields in the future. This one is interesting because the new football field is made out of the tire rubber. Rich will continue to check to see why they are suggesting this? Is there a risk to the kids or people that use the field?

V. Old Business

1. Apartment Recycling - The Town sent out letters to business owners. Deb reported that one apartment owner called to complain. The Town provided the owner Town recycling bins for his apartments. Ongoing
2. Park Recycling - Robert Lee to talk to Building and Grounds Department to put recycling bins in at the skate park, basketball courts and volleyball courts at Norton Park. Ongoing

Robert to talk to Superintendent of Schools to ask about putting 2 recycling bins at the new football field at the High School. Ongoing

Robert to ask Buildings and Grounds to have them put 2 recycling bins at Trumbull Park, 2 bins near the swimming pool at Norton and 1 near the splash pad at Paderewski in the spring. Ongoing
3. Battery Recycling - Rich and Becky found a company that will recycle all household batteries. They would provide the container and pay for shipping back to them. The cost for the recycling box is \$70.00. Deb to check with the Town Council to see if they would be willing to pay for one box as a test to see if the Town residents would use it. If the Town Council approves paying for the box, Deb and Rich will contact the Fire Department to see if the box can be placed there for safety purposes in case of a fire. Deb to report at next meeting.
4. Recycling Bins - Center of Town, ongoing
5. Mattress and Paint Recycling - ongoing
6. Kids Earth Day Recycling Contest - To be addressed in late 2016.

VI. New Business

1. Recycling of plastic bags at grocery stores - Rich to talk to Gnazzos and Big Y Managers to see if they would come to a future meeting. They would like to discuss why they eliminated the program that was in place for consumers who bring their own recyclable bags to the grocery store. The incentive was 5 cents per bag. The commission would like to see if it is possible to reinstate that program in Plainville with possibly an increased incentive of at least 10 cents per bag. Rich to contact them and ask them to come to a future meeting.
2. Environmental Club - George suggested having the Environmental Club come to a future meeting to discuss what they are working on. Rich to contact the High School.
3. Composting - Rich is still working on getting someone to come in from the State to talk about composting. ongoing

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by: Marie Cassidy

Second: Rebecca Ireland

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary

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