



**SAUGATUCK
TOWNSHIP**

**2020 ADVISORY TRI-COMMUNITY RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – 11:00 A.M.**

This public meeting will be held using Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participants screen in the Zoom interface or enter *9 if you are calling in by phone to raise hand.*
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discuss Recycling Survey with Jack Brown, Republic Services**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **NEXT STEPS**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participants screen in the Zoom interface or enter *9 if you are calling in by phone to raise hand.*
10. **ADJOURN**

PROPOSED Minutes
2020 Advisory Tri-Community Recycling
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
October 27, 2020

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Lewis at 3:08 p.m. via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

2. Attendance

Present – Saugatuck Township: Daniel DeFranco, Patrick Stewart, Mark Epstein
Saugatuck City: Garnet Lewis, Linda Escott, Barry Johnson
Douglas City: Ronna Alexander, Cathy North, Demetrhea Terrien

Absent: none

3. Public Comments:

Ken Freestone: new cart program (City of Holland) hoped to kick off in November but now delayed until April due to Covid. Education to begin shortly. Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore will feature a discussion on recycling on 11/10. With a session entitled “Stump the Chump” on commonly asked recycling questions.

John Cannasara: We won't be able to make it today, but I'm sure I'm not alone in my thinking that the current system is flawed and actually discourages recycling in my opinion. Now that I'm paying for a second bin, I'm not having to haul my extra to other places or resist the temptation of putting recyclables in my normal trash. I'd love to be kept in the loop about decisions and issues.

4. Approval of minutes from 8.12. Moved by Therrien, second by DeFranco. All yea.

5. Approval of Agenda. Moved by Alexander, second by Escott. All yea.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

a. Garnet Lewis, Chair provided following information:

- 1) Thanks to Ronna Alexander and Daniel DeFranco for their help to organize data for the draft report. Initial survey information was presented to all 3 municipalities (8/17 to Douglas, 8/12 to the Township and 8/21 to Saugatuck city). Each municipality was appreciative and complimentary of the process and looked forward to results. The survey was distributed 8/9 and 8/10; all three managers were helpful in distribution. There were no requests for hard copy. There was zero cost to municipalities.
- 2) The survey did what we wanted it to do, the data provided good support and justified an action plan. Most comments were positive. Survey shut down 10/7 and data pulled out and presented in draft form.

Next Steps:

- Alexander suggests “Back to Basics” approach, best through a simple mailer which includes links to webpages (Cities/Township/Republic etc) which outline current items to recycle.
- Educate communities on buying choices (pre-recycle)
- Bi-Monthly series in the Commercial Record on recycling issues
- Compost video demos with various community experts
- Connect with Garden Club (Therrin)
- Garn/Mark to work with local condo associations.
- Ronna will create an outline so committee members can volunteer for tasks

- Garn to present survey data to local municipalities (Douglas 11/2, Saugatuck 11/11, Township TBA). Data results will also be shared with the Commercial Record.
- Steward suggests committee members send 2-3 action items to Garn.
- Johnson recommends creating sub-groups to deal with restaurants/grocery&convenience stores with suggestions on recycling and purchasing suggestions on which items best for recycling and decomposition.
- Lewis will take lead with business owners.
- DeFranco suggests communication with private vendors to set up hazardous waste collection dates twice per year.
- Kelly will work with community group in a branding effort and will determine methods to best get in the hands of renters.
- DeFranco suggest we reach out to other municipalities to explore how their drop off sites work.
- Garn will send rough draft to Jack Brown at Republic and follow up on “yellow bag” distribution and use.
- Is there a “ban of ban on bagging bags”? Freestone reports the bill is still in committee and probably not going anywhere. It can’t be made mandatory. Many plastic bags are recyclable (bread wrap, zip lock bags, dry cleaning bags). Ken will send a list.
- If we are going to recycle we need to do it right.

8. Public Comments: none. Another meeting will be set for 2-3 weeks from now on Doodle.

9. Adjournment at 4:11pm: moved by Escot; 2nd by DeFranco. All yea.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy North