

June 2, 2022

The June 2, 2022 meeting of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Ellen Nerbak and was conducted in person at the Warren County Commissioners meeting room. Present were James Banta,, Linda Gabel, Lynn Rutkoski, Joseph Watters, Donald Niece, Robert Finke, James Smith and Ellen Nerbak; also attending were Janice Lee, David Dech, JoAnn Fascenelli and Brendan Bowers. Thomas Fey was excused. The Chair confirmed the presence of a quorum (8).

Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council to the Warren County Clerk and The Star-Ledger and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the Board of Commissioners. Formal action may be taken by the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged. In order to assure public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should submit any requests for special accommodations one week in advance.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the February 3, 2022 and April 7, 2022 were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, it was MOVED by Ms. Gabel to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by Ms. Nerbak. All in favor with four abstentions.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Solid Waste/Recycling

Mr. Dech reported a very informative recycling seminar was held April 12 for coordinators. There was discussion regarding battery recycling and enforcement. A virtual tour of a Class A facility has not yet been scheduled. Questioned about touring facilities, Mr. Dech explained some are not yet open to the public.

Recycling reports were due April 30; reports from four towns are missing information, and they have until June 15 to provide the required information. Ms. Gabel asked if any responses have been received to the letter sent to coordinators; Mr. Dech responded negative.

A paper shredding event will be held June 11 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Dech attended an April 7 White Township Elementary School presentation on the magic of recycling; all students were engaged. Mr. Dech will try to reschedule for the fall.

The food waste composting facility proposed for Mansfield Township remains an open issue; an application is expected and will probably be reviewed at the September meeting. Ms. Nerbak asked for members to serve on a review committee; volunteers are Mr. Finke, Ms. Rutkoski, Ms. Gabel, Ms. Nerbak and Mr. Dech; Mr. Cavotta will be invited to join the committee.

Mr. Finke asked if LMR has built their sorting facilities. Mr. Dech replied the Warren County Planning Board must give approval; one outstanding item remains. LMR is still running their trucks.

REHS: No one present.

PCFA: No one present.

County Commissioners: No one present.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to By-Laws

Mr. Dech has suggested Mr. Bowers be considered as an alternate for Sanico so only he or Mr. Smith can vote at a meeting. A suggested change to the calendar has been made, reducing the number of meetings in a year to four; this would allow additional meetings to be scheduled as needed. Mr. Smith questioned why only four meetings a year, and Ms. Nerbak explained the Chair has the ability to call a special meeting. SWAC business is low at this time. Mr. Smith again questioned lowering the scheduled meetings to four, noting deadlines could be pressing, but Ms. Nerbak again explained the process of calling emergency meetings. All other suggested changes are housekeeping.

Mr. Dech suggested making these changes effective for the 2023-2024 calendar because the meetings have already been scheduled for this year.

Mr. Finke MOVED to approve the revisions to the By-Laws as suggested, seconded by Mr. Niece. With no opposition and no abstentions, all were in favor.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Nerbak offered an enjoyable summer to everyone, with plans for attendance at the September meeting unless an emergency meeting is required.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté, Clerk

**Next meeting date:**  
**September 1, 2022**