

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2011**

Committee Attendance: P. Margolin, G. Moretti, D. Himes, B. Kerry (DPW Liaison),

Others: B. Labrecque, (Litter Subcommittee Liaison)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping Issues (10)

Acceptance of minutes

Last month's actions

BL 2011 planning (25) – BL volunteers

Small propane tank status (5) - Bob

Poster Contest (5) - Gail

Littering Subcommittee (35) - presentation

Drop Off Center status (10) - Bob

- Housekeeping issues:
 - Minutes from March meeting were accepted unanimously
 - Paul talked about the condition of the Welcome to Londonderry signs along with the sponsors' signs and how they fared over the winter. Duane said he would look into each sign's condition and report back.
 - Bob Kerry led a discussion about what to do with the 1 lb. propane tanks. He is still trying to nail down what to do with the tanks. Can they be recycled?
 - Bob said that the textiles, electronics, scrap metals, and tire recycling contracts are up and have to be renegotiated.
 - Bob talked about the status of the work being done at the drop-off center. The drop-off center should reopen about mid-May.
 - Bob said that he got a phone call from a resident regarding the red recycling bins and he had a problem with them because of the amount of recyclables that get blown out of them on a windy day.
 - Gail showed the committee the posters that had been created by the students to announce the re-opening of the drop-off center. The committee voted on the winners of each age group. Three winners were chosen.

- BL2011 – Due to a very recent Beautify Londonderry meeting, there was no discussion among the SWAC regarding BL 2011. Things appear to be running as expected.

- Litter Subcommittee – Ben Labrecque from the litter subcommittee attended the meeting to discuss the progress that the subcommittee was making. He said that the subcommittee had several discussions and came up with two main points for the subcommittee to focus on: Those points were:
 - Signage along roadways
 - Public education

There was some discussion on how to determine which areas should receive the first round of signs. A suggestion was made to take before and after pictures of those areas where the signs would be located to see if they would make a difference. Paul made a few suggestions for the subcommittee to ponder:

- The subcommittee needs to talk with Chief Hart regarding sign locations
- Limit the locations for the signs so more emphasis can be placed on those areas.
- Look into having the local businesses partner up with the subcommittee on to help reduce litter.
- Continue to utilize the local papers and media to get the word out.
- Use ECOSENSE group from the high school to help.

Ben said that they are trying to get into the schools to do a presentation on littering. So far they have received a luke-warm response to this presentation. Gail suggested that it would be better if the presentation would happen in the fall due to the end of year activities that are happening now.

- Meeting ended at 9:20 PM.