

Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost
Processing Board Minutes
November 9, 2020



The regular meeting of the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Board was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 11am at the Schoonover Municipal Building.

Members present: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson, Cory Lyon, Robert Lovenheim, Tim Rohner, and Aaron Springs. Also present; MST Public Works Administrator Rachel Heller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Tim Rohner made a motion to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes. Aaron Springs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Facilities Report

Cory Lyon- the facility is still unbelievably busy and it is hard to get through at points. Twin Borough is looking to schedule the grinder again for the fall. Compost doesn't last long and mulch is moving good also. Mulch takes roughly a year to get a good color. Cory talked to Beritt about the grinder and the grinder grant was approved on his end. It is now in Harrisburg waiting on final approval and monies. The cost of the new grinder would be \$700k.

Robert Lovenheim- can we talk to HOAs about hauling materials to the facility for them. Tim Rohner said that Lehman currently does that with their HOAs and it is a full time job running material.

Total Commercial Vendors– 33

2020 Incoming Product

Leaves– 2,886 yards

Brush– 10,256 yards

Woodchips– 1,936 yards

2020 Outgoing Product (non vendor)

Compost– 189 yards

Mulch– 922 yards

Treasurers Report

Mike Dwyer stated that he spoke with Ray Wolfe and we are ahead of budget and will be fine on finances for the remainder of 2020.

Mike Dwyer presented a 2021 draft budget (see attached). There is more income than what is on the budget sheet. Twin Boroughs and Delaware Water Gap were not counted. This will total roughly \$7,500.00. 2021 budget will be approved at January meeting, for now these should be accurate numbers to take back to your respective BOS for budget reasons.

Cory Lyon- currently there have been \$350k submitted in grants.

Bills paid since the last meeting:

7/27/2020	Grinder teeth	King Kong	\$839.00
8/20/2020	Bolts & nuts for grinder	Fastenal	\$41.12
9/28/2020	Cylinder-2" bore x 8" stroke	SEI	\$381.42
10/1/2020	Cylinder for grinder	SEI	\$381.42
10/6/2020	Inspection for KW	Ace Trucking	\$80.00
10/13/2020	Hydraulic oil & coupling	CAT	\$330.18
10/26/2020	Teeth for grinder	King Kong	\$664.20

Solicitor

None

Old Business

Mike Dwyer- waiting on grant money for grinder

Aaron Springs- have we made a decision on staffing?

Cory Lyon- if either Lehman or Smithfield have anyone available please send them our way. It is tough to stay on top of the facility when we are in peak times with other projects.

Tim Rohner- I worked several Saturday's this season and moving material plus loading residents is difficult. I propose that we look into closing the facility one day during the week to so that we can work together to move material to the bottom and then bring material to the top for the week. This will help with keeping the bins clean and the facility not so congested.

Mike Dwyer- I think that that is a great idea, if we could close it on a Tuesday that would be best for us as we are short staffed on Monday's with our alternate scheduled guys.

New Business

Nature Conservatory

Cory- they are doing a project in Cherry Valley at the Blakeslee Farm and need logs to

Help with erosion in the water ways. They came through and marked several logs already with blue paint, but could really use logs with root balls still attached as they will help with their project more.

Mike Dwyer made a motion that was seconded by Aaron Springs and passed that we donate the logs and once they have a site set up for the drop off we could haul them out for them.

Linda McKenney

Annette Atkinson- Linda called and expressed some concerns regarding the noise and appearance of the facility. Her property is close and she gets dust and garbage that blows over.

Robert Lovenheim- maybe we could look into plants or vines that can grow up the fence over time or at vinyl that would help to control the dust, garbage as well as insulate for the noise.

Cory Lyon- he is going to contact Mount Vista campground about the clip on ivy that they have on their fence to see about cost.

Mike Dwyer- the facility was started in 2014 and it could use some landscaping and attention to other aspects. We will look into this in the 2021 season. For now hopefully have one main work day will help with the noise and dust issues that she expressed.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

January 11, 2021 @ 11am

Adjournment

Robert Lovenheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00pm. Tim Rohner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Heller