

Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost  
Processing Board Minutes  
July 10, 2023



The regular meeting of the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Board was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 11am at the Schoonover Municipal Building.

Members present: Mike Dwyer, Cory Lyon, Aaron Springs, & Robert Lovenheim. Oak Grove Liaison Rachel Heller

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

Aaron Springs made a motion to approve the April 2023 minutes. Robert Lovenheim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Facilities Report**

Cory Lyon: we are continuing to get a lot of material in and we are using lots of mulch for different amended soils projects. The new grant round should be opening in August and we plan to go for the grinder balance and a new wheel loader for the facility. There was an additional 300' of screen put up on the fence. The commercial permits payment structure is working well to get everyone to a January to December permit cycle.

**Treasurer's Report**

There is roughly a \$40,000.00 balance on the grinder and we are waiting for the second grant payment to come in.

**Solicitor's Report**

None

**Engineer's Report**

None

**Old Business**

Mike Dwyer: Rachel is working with Bruce Kern from PennDot on the lease renewal paperwork.

Robert Lovenheim: I reached out to Berit and he put me contact with a few different people in the region for the food waste processing. Waste Management has a prototype slurry machine

for paper/plastic and food waste which produces solid waste and a liquid is then potable water. I gave the information to Jim Lambert for the area resorts to see if it would make economic sense. As a second step I would reach out to area grocery stores. Mike Dwyer asked if there is a mini system out like the ones in Elizabeth, NJ or Boston, MA? Robert Lovenheim stated that yes, most are foreign made and our role would be set to an advisory board at this point. Mike Dwyer suggested contacting Foodtown to see if this is something that would seem feasible. We could meet with them to see what the process would look like. We can also talk to Middle Smithfield Township Supervisor Mark Oney about what Weis Markets does.

**New Business**

Aaron Springs: Lehman Township Supervisors are not in favor of the guys needing to work the facility on Holiday weekends. Can we leave the gate open, but don't offer loading on those dates?

**Public Comment**

None

**Next Meeting**

October 16, 2023

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Heller