

Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost
Processing Board Minutes
October 16, 2023



The regular meeting of the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Board was held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11am at the Schoonover Municipal Building.

Members present: Mike Dwyer, Aaron Springs, Annette Atkinson, Tim Rohner, Robert Lovenheim & Julia Heilaka. Oak Grove Liaison Rachel Heller

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Facilities Report

Mike Dwyer: we are now done with Saturday staffing for the year of 2023 and Tuesday clean out days went well. Cory Lyon spoke with Berit Case regarding the next grant round and we are cleared for the payment distribution from the last grant. Time Rohner asked if there was going to be another clean out day on October 17th. Mike Dwyer stated yes, we will have a clean out day tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Lovenheim, please see attached

Solicitor's Report

None

Engineer's Report

None

Old Business

- Food Waste Composting

Robert Lovenheim: he reached out to resorts about composting waste and received no reply. See the attached article regarding a compost plant in Washington. He suggested reaching out to COG or the Monroe County Commissioners to encourage composting food waste. Aaron

Springs, believes according to the article we will eventually be seeing this in our area. Annette Atkinson asked if we could accept the food waste at the Community gardens. Robert Lovenheim suggested reaching out to Jim Lambert to get the weight of what is discarded from resorts and grocery stores and we could then figure out an average of what would be saved if they did a food waste compost. He noted that Waste Management in New Jersey has a “slurry” pilot program that goes into a waste water plant. Mike Dwyer, stated it would be interesting to find out where they found the figures or if they have a basic calculation. Aaron Springs, do we know how the local stores get rid of their waste? Mike Dwyer reached out to Foodtown and received no response. Mike Dwyer, suggested us creating a model. Robert Lovenheim was going to reach out to Washington for their specs and Mike Dwyer was also going to reach out to PSATS to see if they have any information on such a program.

New Business

- Facility Procedures

Mike Dwyer: we went over new facility procedures; please make sure all monies have receipts attached and Bonnie Winters will be collecting all monies from the Oak Grove trailer. Annette Atkinson asked if we can look into electronic payments through municipay. Mike Dwyer also stated that we are having issues again with commercial permit accounts dropping off every large logs and stumps.

- 2024 Meeting Dates:
January 9, 2024
April 9, 2024
July 9, 2024
October 15, 2024
- Budget: Mike Dwyer, will circulate the budget by year end.

- Planting at the OGMMCPB Facility

Annette Atkinson, there is a program called 10 million trees that we could use to get trees to put along the fence. I can order them, but will need to know when it will be scheduled to be planted. Annette has some plants now if we could schedule to plant where we had a few years ago. Mike Dwyer stated we are planning to also install 150’ of additional mesh fencing in the Spring. We will have our first site clean out and fence hanging on April 2, 2024 and will plan to do planting on May 14, 2024.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

April 9, 2024

Adjournment

Robert Lovenheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am. Annette Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Heller