



 **RECYCLING Minutes**

February 13, 2019

Submitted by Claire Anderson

Attendance: Claire Anderson, Edgar Garcia, Mark Stulbaum, Oliver Young, Nick Joanow

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Approval of Minutes-Jan 9, 2018-There were a couple of typos, Claire will correct and re-send to Louise. Otherwise approved.

[Suggested agenda items for next meeting: highlighted in blue.](#)

A. Brookdale Gardens - No report.

B. Recycling at the Schools – Michael Heller was appointed as the liaison to the Recycling Committee on January 22nd; at that meeting he asked about recycling in the schools. He was told that co-mingled pickups need to occur twice a week and need to be early in the morning before children and staff arrive. He was told that recycling was not working well and that there were intermittent pickups. Michael has been trying to find out why they aren't recycling co-mingled at Carteret. Nick went to the meeting at Berkeley School about recycling; he reported that they need more containers and more pickups. Roselle, who does our recycling pickups, says they can't do more. Anthony Nesto, who is head of the DPW, suggested through Nick, that school maintenance staff can bring recyclables to the DPW yard on Grove St and that they should get larger dumpsters. Berkeley has mostly cardboard and paper to recycle because the food is pre-wrapped for the breakfast program; these programs may be increasing because currently NJ receives the lowest funding in the USA. [What items in the lunch and breakfast programs can be recycled?](#) This should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Michael said that Joe Testa had suggested that the High School should get a larger compactor, but Facilities staff at the High School said there wasn't enough space for a larger one. The Roselle contract should be up soon, maybe we can negotiate changes to the recycling pickups.

D. Digester Pilot Project – No change.

E. Other –Nick had an answer about the recycling containers in town owned by Creative Outdoor Advertising. The township receives 5% of the profits, about \$35/month. They are very useful as the company empties and maintains the containers. There will be an Earth Day celebration at Brookside Park from 10 to 1:30pm on Sunday, April 28th. So far Louise and Oliver have committed to being there. On Monday, 3/4/19, Nick will hold his Ward meeting. The mayor, town administrator and Louise will be there to do presentations and answer questions; everyone is invited. Virginia Lamb will do another presentation on composting, probably in March; Oliver will find out the details and communicate them to everyone. [Another agenda item suggested was a discussion about people paying separately for their trash pickup depending on the amount of trash they had.](#) The thought is that would make people more careful about what they threw out and could lead to more recycling. On March 19th the Montclair Fire Dept will sponsor a talk about Green Infrastructure, one thing to be discussed will be rain barrels. New storm water regulations have been passed which effects disposal in our drains.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Recycling Committee will be held on Wed., March 20, 2019 at 7pm on the 2nd floor of the Police Law Enforcement Building.