

**Minutes**  
**Township of Bloomfield Recycling Committee**  
**January 13, 2010**  
**Submitted by Jane Califf**

**Attendance:** Claire Anderson, Gerald (Jerry) MacIntyre, Mark Stulbaum, Trish Comstock, Jane Califf

**Absent:** Nicholas Joanow, Town Council liaison and Mary Shaughnessey, newly appointed Board of Education liaison: Both had meeting conflicts.

**Guest:** Bob Nighland, Bloomfield resident

- A. **Minutes** of last meeting accepted.
- B. **Municipal Recycling Bins:** 15 of the 26 bins are now installed and have advertising space for local businesses and organizations. The Recycling Committee will receive 5% of the profits from these ads to further our efforts to educate about the importance of recycling and to expand the program. These bins have been installed by Creative Outdoor Advertising which will collect the recyclables and the trash once a week and take them to the Grove St./Recycling Drop Off Center.

There was an article and a photo about these new bins in the Bloomfield Life and a photo with a caption in the Independent Press.

- C. **Forest Hills and Brookdale Gardens:** These two housing complexes are out of compliance with recycling. Unfortunately, our code enforcer retired and there is a hiring freeze. Therefore, Trish Comstock, who lives in Forest Hills, will monitor violations at certain recycling stations and submit a report to Jerry. Jane Califf has a contact at Brookdale Gardens who will be asked to do the same. Jerry will check these reports and forward them to the managers of the two complexes warning them that unless corrected, these violations will lead to fines.
- D. **Christmas trees are being collected, shredded and recycled.** The Township collects, shreds at location (homes) and Reliable is the company that hauls away the chips. The DPW has no where to store these chips which is why Reliable takes them. Reliable has a contract to take away all of Bloomfield's vegetative waste.
- E. **High School recycling to be expanded:** Eight containers will be put out in the cafeteria to collect cans and bottles. The custodian will deliver these to the Grove St. Drop Off Center once a week.

**Ongoing:** The high school has 10 pushcarts for collecting mixed paper. Green Skies, the Clifton-based company that takes Bloomfield's recyclables from

outside residences, collects mixed paper from the high school, the Board of Education and Town Hall once a week.

All of Bloomfield's municipal buildings, including the Police and Fire Depts., have a complete recycling program in place. What Green Skies does not take, the DPW takes to the Grove St. Drop Off Center.

Our own DPW workers collect the mixed paper from all of the 12 elementary schools and bring it to Grove St.

**Jerry Perisi**, manager of custodians, will come to the next Recycling Committee meeting to report on how recycling is going in Bloomfield schools.

- F. **Encouraging use of cloth bags by Bloomfield citizens:** **Jerry** will find out what company made recycling shopping bags for Glen Ridge. Then he will ask Green Skies if they will partner with us to pay for these bags and then to give them out for free to people.

**Jane** will continue to research the dangers of plastic bags to the environment and alternatives in order to see how to best to cut down on their usage by residents and businesses.

- G. **Updating the green recycling brochure to put up on the Township website:** **Jane** will continue to contact the Bloomfield College Green Hearts Environmental Movement to see if they can help us with this project.

- H. **The Township recycling website:** Committee members will look over this website by the next meeting to see how it can be improved.

**The next meeting of the Bloomfield Recycling Committee will be held on Wed., February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the Law Enforcement Building on Montgomery St.**