

Sustainable Poolesville

Approved – May 25, 2022

April 27th, 2022

Members present: Ed Reed, Joyce, Thomas, Don and Jane(via Zoom)

Guests - Erika Reed, Megan Woodman, and Jason Woodman (Scout)

Call to order

Announcements: The next meeting will be May 25th, 2022

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve March 25, 2022, meeting minutes, passed unanimously.

Composting presentation - Mr. Alan Van Order (Compost Crew)

Compost crew - Established in 2007

Food waste is inefficient and becomes methane. Supporting and enhancing infrastructure.

Explains the benefits of composting.

3 Ways to compost -

Backyard - 2/3 leaves remainder is food. Adoption rates are low. Hard to get sources coming is challenging. Wood chips are important.

Curbside collection - Large part of program. Residential density helps keep costs low. Most effective way to go about composting.

Thomas asks if smell is an issue from home. Alan explains if done properly it will not be problem.

Temperature can have an impact on composting.

Drop off - Much lower cost of entry. Possible locations include farmers markets. Best to have a set weekly drop off location. Through discussion on drop off locations and different storage strategies to simplify peoples' efforts.

Don asks about costs to town for drop off. Cost formula is based on weight and time to service.

\$200 - \$300 monthly cost priced based on 2, 64-gallon containers

Ed asks questions about cost and how it may change over time.

Alan explains that cost is going to be somewhat fixed and it would be 1yr contract to start.

New Business: Resumes for candidate positions. Commissioners absolutely want our input. Don asks that each of us email our vote.

Old Business:

- **Spring Fest May 21st, 2022** - We will be given a table at no cost for this event. We are going to create a flyer that outlines all that we have done. Thomas is going to draft a poster that bullet points our mission statement, our current business and future goals with a QR code to direct it to our website on bottom. Awareness, things you can do and challenge to get involved. We need two volunteers to participate at our booth. Joyce will send out a signup genius.
- We are going to table **Maryland Sierra Club** until future meeting.
- **Recycling Bins for Parks** - Don will talk to Wade about expanding the number of recycling bins in town/parks.
- **Littering initiative** - Picking up Poolesville. Erika Reed will head the littering initiative. Suggestion to engage high school/middle school kids to participate for SSL hours.
- **Tree City** - application has been submitted.
- **Comprehensive Plan** - The town has hired a third-party consultant firm for this comp plan update. Ed will talk to Wade about giving us the opportunity to meet with the consultant group.

Other - We gave Jason (Scout) the opportunity to ask questions and cause for coming to our meeting.

Adjournment at 830pm.

Danny J. Embrey