

Bloomfield Recycling Committee Minutes
February 12, 2025
Submitted by Claire Anderson

Attendance: Claire Anderson, Louise Palagano, Bryan Crawley, Norm Sutaria, Michael Heller, Michael Giuseffi, Mark Stulbaum, Nick Joanow, Joyce Hilton, Ed Garcia, Brie Seferian(new member)

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Introduction of New Member

Brie Seferian was introduced as a new member. Other members also introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes-The minutes for the meeting on December 11, 2024 were approved. Joyce Hilton made a motion to approve and Brie Seferian seconded it with corrections to be made by Claire.

Recycle Coach

Last month users were up and most categories were also up. Louise said that according to the data that Recycle Coach publishes, the Wednesday and Saturday pick-up days, which is the Brookdale area, recycles more. Louise suggested that someone from the committee summarize this data as to monthly searches for recycling specific items, and Norm volunteered to do this.

Bloomfield Schools

The Principals of both Demarest and Forest Glen Schools sent complimentary e-mails to Louise thanking her for bringing the Grand Falloon assemblies to their schools, saying that the shows were very humorous, educational and engaged their students. Michael H. said that the Green Team and the Environmental Committee will be discussing a Climate Change Grant at the next Board of Education meeting on 2/25.

Old Business

Turnkey Enterprises placed 2 bins for recycling clothing in the back of the Fire House on West Passaic Ave and at Felton Field. We received five more checks from Turnkey Enterprises for November 2024 through January 2025. For the Fire House for November -\$77.99, December-\$192.47, January-\$92.83 and for Felton Field for December-\$17.53 and for January-\$46.49; they will be placed in the Recycling Trust Fund account. Turnkey emailed a flyer to our PR person, this will be published in the March E-Buzz along with a flyer for JAVA Compost. The Bloomfield Buzz will no longer be mailed to residents, only e-mailed. Michael Heller says that he saw a possible site at BMS at the edge of the large field behind the school, that might accommodate another clothing bin hosted by Turnkey Enterprises. Louise said she hasn't received any complaints about debris being left near the bins, so Turnkey is fulfilling their promises to keep up with donations. Nick suggested one of the fliers for the Turnkey bins can be attached to a garage sale permit, so sellers can donate any excess clothing they are not able to sell.

New Business

A private company, Green Team Worldwide Environmental Group, requested information about the process for placing a clothing bin in the Brookdale area. They need to complete a COS(Clean & Strong)form in order to get a permit. They were referred to Louise and Andrea Schneider. A resident sent an email asking about the process for recycling for Bloomfield and what companies process it. Sims processes plastic, glass and metal and sells its product to end-market users while Integrity Recycling & Waste

Solutions processes paper and sells it on the open market. Brookdale Gardens is having problems again with recycling paper/cardboard and glass/plastic. There are not enough bins or there are no bins to collect the paper/cardboard and glass/plastic, so when the bins are full or materials are placed on the ground the maintenance people dump them in the dumpsters along with the regular garbage. The Health Department contacted the management who promised to get additional bins. Since Bloomfield doesn't have a Code Enforcer, the Health Department will follow up. Joyce had looked into the process for becoming a Code Enforcer; you have to take classes and then pass an exam to get a license. Mark passed out a flyer from a group called LaptopUpcycle. They refurbish used laptops that are donated and give them to needy students. They especially are looking for large donations from schools or companies. The link is giveget@laptopupcycle.org Brie reported that the NJ Legislature is considering a bill requiring Extended Producer Responsibility; she thinks it is likely to pass. Louise swore in 2 members of the recycling committee whose terms were extended: Bryan Crawley and Mark Stulbaum.

Adjournment: 8:10pm

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Recycling Committee will be held on Wed., March 12, 2025 at 7pm.