

Bloomfield Recycling Committee Minutes
July 9, 2025
Submitted by Claire Anderson

Attendance: Claire Anderson, Louise Palagano, Michael Heller, Nick Joanow, Michael Giuseffi, Brie Seferian, Mark Stulbaum, Norm Sutaria, Joyce Hilton

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting on June 11, 2025 were approved. Mark Stulbaum made a motion to approve and Joyce Hilton seconded it.

Recycle Coach

Last month users were up and the most common material to be asked about was balloons. Under Learning Activities the number of residents who just looked at the questions was up, but the number of residents who actually engaged was down, the number of users who answered questions correctly was up.

Bloomfield Schools

Louise sent an email to Vicki in the Bloomfield Schools administration regarding the possibility of placing a Turnkey clothing bin at Brookdale School; she hasn't received a reply. Michael H advised the school administration about the educational event on August 13.

Old Business

The Recycling Education Program on August 13 is being planned. Brie watched the available videos and recommended the one on Mazza, which is in South Jersey. It is about 6 minutes long, a good length and informative. Brie sent an email to Wayne DeFeo, copying Louise and Norm, regarding the format of the program. She suggested that she introduce the Recycling Committee members, then Louise and Nick make some remarks. After that Norm would speak about the Recycle Coach statistics and introduce Wayne. Louise requested an estimate for videotaping a 1.5 hour program since it is not included in the contract. Nick is pushing to have a video made, saying it would be educational for new residents to see; maybe Nick can contact Bob Duthaler, the Director of WMBA. Louise received an email from a resident regarding the disposal of a large amount of wood. She referred her to ECUA which suggested contacting the Advanced Disposal company. Louise thought this would be a good topic to discuss at the program. All members should reach out to encourage others to attend and also think of questions to ask during the Q & A period. Louise thinks Ed has put in the order for the Bloomfield Recycling Committee t-shirts; hopefully they will be ready by August 13.

New Business

Several events were scheduled for the Fall. Big Truck Day and Electronic Recycling for the north end of town was set for September 13, 9am - noon at Universal Technical Institute Parking Lot, 1515 Broad St. The next Shredding Day will be October 25, 9a - noon at Pulaski Park. A Girl Scout troop of 8th graders will be visiting the Public Works Yard to see the recycling done there; they are working on a badge. It will be on August 2 at 10am; Louise will give a short introduction, committee members are also invited. Norm suggested that the Girl Scouts should be invited to attend the Educational Program on August 13. Brie said that Kaitlyn from the Environmental Commission contacted her about a "Repair Clinic" they are having at Oakside; the Recycling Committee was invited to participate. Claire brought up "Community Solar" which was mentioned in the Bloomfield Buzz. Nick said if she sent him an email he would put her in touch with the

Environmental Commission. Several members reported seeing some new clothing bins in town and wondered if they had filled out an application as required, maybe Nick can find out.

Brookdale Gardens

Joyce said that the town sent a letter telling the complex to purchase additional bins, but so far they have not complied. The current bins are overflowing; Joyce has been taking pictures. Louise will call the Health Department to follow up, Joyce will give her the name of the person who sent the email to Brookdale Gardens.

Pumpkin Smash

Norm sent an email to Michelle Bradley at JAVA Compost asking for specifics about composting the smashed pumpkins. He also plans to reach out to the schools about possibly doing the event at an elementary school.

Adjournment: 7:58pm

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Recycling Committee will be the Recycling Education Program on Wed., August 13, 2025 at 7pm at the Civic Center.