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**GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Thursday, September 23, 2021  
8:30 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Eric Gustad (on-line, Filer Twp.), Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Twp.) and Margaret Batzer, Chairperson (on-line, City of Manistee)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists; Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Bruce Schimke, Maintenance Supervisor; Renee Mallison, Conservation District; Julie Schmeling, Administrative Assistant and Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

**NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD**

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under the Manistee County Board of Commissioners Resolution #2020-17, which declared a Local State of Emergency through December 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **P.A. 69 RECYCLING UPDATE**

Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, reported that she has been attending local municipality meetings for renewal of PA 69 Interlocal Agreements. Townships including, Arcadia, Cleon, Dickson, Maple Grove, Marilla, Onekama, and Springdale Townships, have signed the renewal of the PA 69 Interlocal Agreement for 2022. Springdale Township renewed their participation but has requested removal of the recycling bin from the Township Hall at the end of the year. Ms. Archer will be attending the Brown Township meeting in October to request renewal.

Ms. Archer reviewed the volume statistics (Appendix A), it was noted there was a 29% increase in volume for August 2021 compared to August 2020. The total program cost through August is \$8,827.73 higher than this time in 2020. The one extra weekly pickup costs for Memorial Day through Labor Day will now be ending at the Onekama site. There have been six (6) occurrences of oil contamination this year at a cost of \$4,850. Ms. Archer was just informed of another contamination in Springdale and Brown Township recently. It was suggested Townships send an educational letter to residents about contamination, maybe mention it on the Facebook page and also include using the Waste Advisor Tool.

The Scrap Tire Event will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) in Kaleva.

No news on the EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant which would help fund the Onekama site relocation project. Ms. Archer attended the Onekama Township Meeting recently to discuss the project, but they had a very full agenda, and she will return to the October meeting.

Ms. Archer has been renewing business sponsorships. So far two (2) of the three (3) have renewed (Tosebo Clubhouse and Iron Fish Distillery). The business sponsorships can recycle at any of the PA 69 sites. These businesses are recognized in numerous venues. The new County logo will replace the old County logo on recycling information for consistency throughout the County. Ms. Archer also announced that the Michigan Recycling Coalition, which the County is a member of, has a conference on October 28 & 29, 2021 at the Double Tree Conference Center in Bay City. Information can be gotten at [michiganrecycles.org](http://michiganrecycles.org). Ms. Archer is making a list and organizing information for the transition of her departure.

Discussion regarding contamination took place. It would be hard to charge townships for the contamination because anyone from any township could be doing the contamination. This may also deter townships from participating in the PA 69 program. More controlled sites would help, which is one of the ideas of the Onekama Township site being relocated. Some sites have cameras, and some don't. The location of the camera is important. However, prosecution has not been pursued on the violations in the past.

## **RFP FOR RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

Ms. Sagala spoke briefly with the County Board about issuing an RFP for a Recycling Coordinator. Possibilities are hiring a Recycling Coordinator through an RFP or have the Conservation District conduct the program. After discussion, the Committee liked the idea of

the Conservation District being involved for collaboration of the service. Renee Mallison, Conservation District asked for a copy of Sarah's contract and any financials that may give the Conservation Board an idea of what the program entails and the costs. Ms. Archer offered to stay until the end of January if that would allow more time for research and decisions. Ms. Mallison will call a Special Meeting of the Conservation District Board because of time constraints. The Conservation District meeting will include Ms. Archer, County Administration and a member(s) of the Green Team Committee.

**OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 9:20 a.m.

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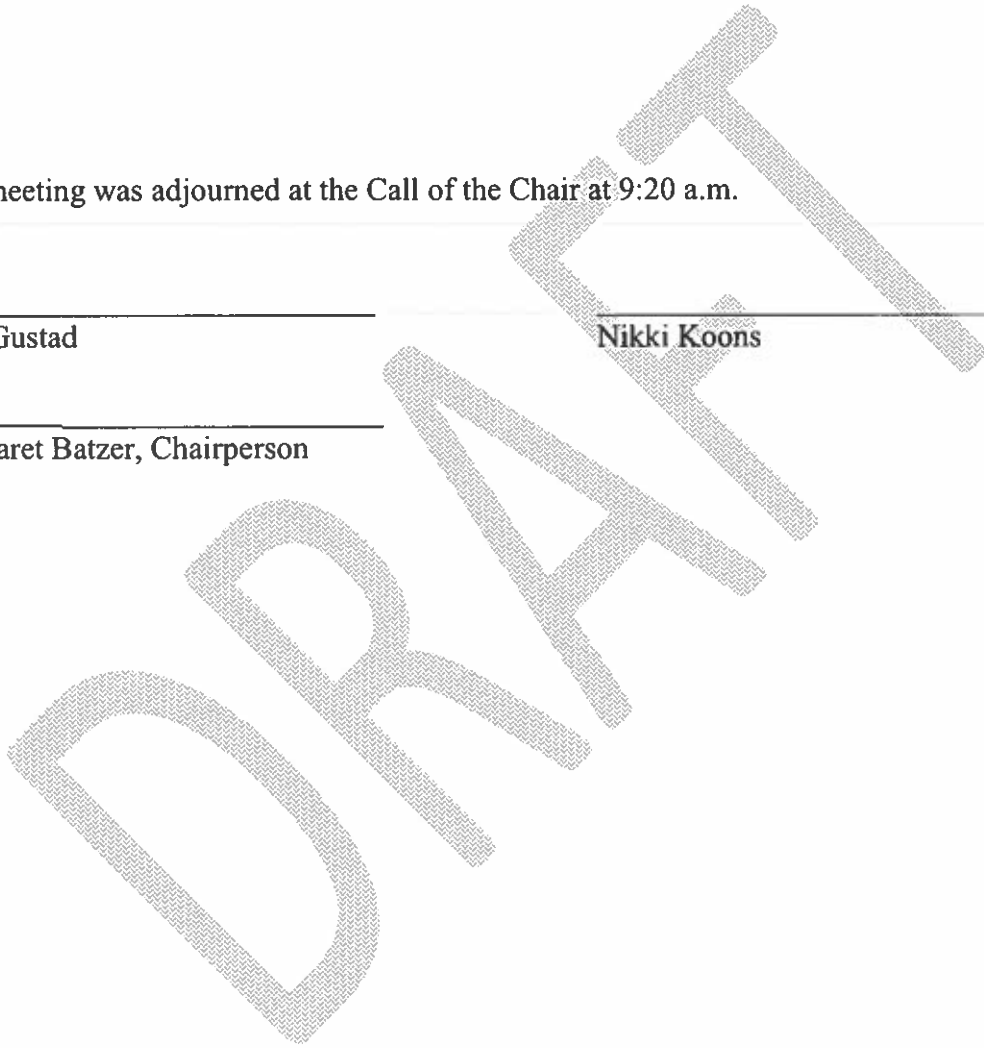
Eric Gustad

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Nikki Koons

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Margaret Batzer, Chairperson



# APPENDIX A

## Manistee County Green Team Recycling Program Report – September 21, 2021 Sarah Archer, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.

The following is a summary of Recycling Program activity since August 24, 2021.

### Meeting Attendance

- Green Team – August 26, 2021 - virtual
- Onekama Township Board – September 8, 2021
- Dickson Township Board – September 8, 2021
- Cleon Township Board – September 8, 2021
- Arcadia Township Board – September 9, 2021
- Springdale Township Board – September 13, 2021
- Marilla Township Board – September 14, 2021
- Regional Summit – September 16, 2021
- Maple Grove Township – September 20, 2021

### Current Volume Report

Total weight (pounds) of materials collected from 7 PA69 Recycling Program drop-off sites.

January	41,876	April	17,236	July	51,706	October	
February	26,602	May	35,030	August	60,172	November	
March	39,720	June	34,391	September		December	
Total To-Date							306,733

- There was a 29% increase in volume for August 2021 compared to August 2020.
- Total program costs through August are \$8,827.73 higher than this time in 2020. \*

\*Collection costs are higher to-date due to six occurrences of oil contaminated loads that required landfill disposal, equipment cleanup costs, and extra trips to complete the collection route at a cost to-date of \$4,850.00. One day per week of additional service is provided to the Onekama site during peak months, Memorial Day through Labor Day at an extra charge which is reflected in the higher costs through August.

### Education

- Monthly e-newsletter sent.
- Waste Advisor online search tool promotional flyer distributed at Regional Summit

### Grant Projects

- EGLE SCRAP TIRE GRANT
  - Upcoming events – Saturday, September 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Bay Area Recycling for Charities, Kaleva.
- EGLE RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
  - Awaiting award notification for application submitted on August 18, 2021, for funding to make site improvements to Onekama recycling site relocation.

Operations

- Archer provided an update on the status of the relocation of the recycling site to the Onekama Township Board on September 8 and the availability of the property on 8 Mile Road for use as a recycling drop-off site. A discussion about the recycling site and the 8 Mile Road property was tabled until the October 13 Board meeting.
- Two incidents of oil contamination were reported in September by Area 31 Recycling at Brown Township and Springdale Township.
- September 3 is last extra collection service day for Onekama Township recycling site

Other

- 2022 PA69 Recycling Program Interlocal Agreement
  - Archer has attended all but one Township Board meeting to renew the PA69 Recycling program Interlocal agreements for calendar year 2022. Signed Interlocal Agreements have been received by Arcadia, Cleon, Dickson, Maple Grove, Marilla, Onekama, and Springdale Townships. Archer will attend the Brown Township Board meeting on October 13 to request a renewal. Springdale Township renewed their participation but has requested removal of the recycling bin from the Township Hall at the end of the year.
- Business Sponsorships
  - \$250 Go Green Sponsorships received from renewing sponsors:
    - Tosebo Clubhouse
    - Iron Fish Distillery
  - Business sponsors can recycle at any of the PA69 Recycling sites
  - Business is recognized in the message kiosks at the sites, in the Recycling e-newsletter, and on the Recycling web page
- Manistee County Recycles logo
  - A recycling logo was designed with the previous County logo theme. Can a recycling logo be designed using new County logo?
- Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference
  - October 28 & 29, 2021
  - DoubleTree Conference Center – Bay City
  - Learn more at [www.michiganrecycles.org](http://www.michiganrecycles.org)



Manistee County PA 69 Recycling Program Monthly Volume Data Report

August 2021

JANUARY			JULY		
	LBS	% Change from Previous Month		LBS	% Change from Previous Month
Arcadia Twp	9,128.0	-35%	Arcadia Twp	10,470.0	38%
Brown Twp	5,079.0	0%	Brown Twp	3,487.0	27%
Cleon Twp	3,807.0	0%	Cleon Twp	2,513.0	15%
Dickson Twp	1,119.0	N/A	Dickson Twp	981.0	33%
Maple Grove Twp	7,617.0	0%	Maple Grove Twp	6,614.0	60%
Onokama Twp	12,171.0	-26%	Onokama Twp	24,384.0	65%
Springdale Twp	2,955.0	-29%	Springdale Twp	3,257.0	49%
<b>JANUARY TOTALS</b>	<b>41,876.0</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>JULY TOTAL</b>	<b>51,766.0</b>	<b>50%</b>
FEBRUARY			AUGUST		
Arcadia Twp	5,431.0	-68%	Arcadia Twp	14,497.0	38%
Brown Twp	3,076.0	-65%	Brown Twp	5,443.0	56%
Cleon Twp	1,987.0	-92%	Cleon Twp	3,227.0	28%
Dickson Twp	604.0	-85%	Dickson Twp	2,126.0	117%
Maple Grove Twp	3,973.0	-92%	Maple Grove Twp	7,587.0	15%
Onokama Twp	9,225.0	-32%	Onokama Twp	23,949.0	-2%
Springdale Twp	2,306.0	-28%	Springdale Twp	3,343.0	3%
<b>FEBRUARY TOTALS</b>	<b>26,602.0</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>AUGUST TOTAL</b>	<b>60,172.0</b>	<b>16%</b>
MARCH			SEPTEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	9,341.0	72%	Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	4,152.0	35%	Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	3,116.0	57%	Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	1,316.0	118%	Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	6,227.0	57%	Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onokama Twp	12,452.0	35%	Onokama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	3,116.0	35%	Springdale Twp	0.0	
<b>MARCH TOTALS</b>	<b>39,720.0</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
APRIL			OCTOBER		
Arcadia Twp	3,741.0	-60%	Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	2,795.0	-33%	Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	1,026.0	-67%	Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	945.0	-28%	Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	2,494.0	-60%	Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onokama Twp	4,987.0	-60%	Onokama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	1,248.0	-60%	Springdale Twp	0.0	
<b>APRIL TOTALS</b>	<b>17,236.0</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>OCTOBER TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
MAY			NOVEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	8,459.0	126%	Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	3,760.0	35%	Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	2,820.0	175%	Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	951.0	1%	Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	4,940.0	98%	Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onokama Twp	11,280.0	126%	Onokama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	2,820.0	126%	Springdale Twp	0.0	
<b>MAY TOTALS</b>	<b>35,030.0</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>NOVEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
JUNE			DECEMBER		
Arcadia Twp	7,570.0	-11%	Arcadia Twp	0.0	
Brown Twp	2,753.0	-27%	Brown Twp	0.0	
Cleon Twp	2,192.0	-22%	Cleon Twp	0.0	
Dickson Twp	738.0	-22%	Dickson Twp	0.0	
Maple Grove Twp	4,129.0	-16%	Maple Grove Twp	0.0	
Onokama Twp	14,817.3	31%	Onokama Twp	0.0	
Springdale Twp	2,192.0	-22%	Springdale Twp	0.0	
<b>JUNE TOTALS</b>	<b>34,391.3</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>DECEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	

<b>YEAR TO DATE (In lbs.)</b>	<b>306,733.3</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE (tons)</b>	<b>153.4</b>

Year to date comparison by site

Totals in pounds	Aug-20	Aug-21	Totals in tons	Aug-20	Aug-21
Arcadia Twp	16,266.0	14,497.0	Arcadia Twp	8.1	7.2
Brown Twp	3,312.0	5,443.0	Brown Twp	1.7	2.7
Cleon Twp	2,583.0	3,227.0	Cleon Twp	1.3	1.6
Dickson Twp	N/A	2,126.0	Dickson Twp	N/A	1.1
Maple Grove Twp	4,936.0	7,587.0	Maple Grove Twp	2.5	3.8
Onokama Twp	17,141.0	23,949.0	Onokama Twp	8.6	12.0
Springdale Twp	2,583.0	3,343.0	Springdale Twp	1.3	1.7
<b>Totals in pounds</b>	<b>46,821</b>	<b>60,172</b>	<b>Totals in Tons</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>30.1</b>