

**Ionia County Solid Waste Planning Committee  
101 West Main Street, Ionia, Michigan 48846**

**February 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jack Shattuck, Clare Colwell, Gary Pitsch, Melissa Eldridge, Al Almy, Lynn Mason, George Chickering, Mark Novak, Sarah Osburn, John Vriese, John Feuerstein, Roger Rockburn.

**Members Absent:** Rob Weick, Jorel Davis

**Other Present:** County Clerk Greg Geiger

**I. Call to Order**

Shattuck called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Board discussed agenda.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Colwell*

*Supported by Pitsch*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Board discussed minutes of previous meeting.

*Motion to Approve*

*Moved by Mason*

*Supported by Colwell*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

**IV. Public Comment**

Andy Vredenburg commented on participating as attorney representing Pitch Landfill as process moves forward.

Sherry Valentine commented on meeting minutes.

**V. Business**

Committee discussed logistics related to recycling as discussed in subcommittee. Committee discussed possible enforcement provisions. Committee discussed regulation and enforcement.

Committee discussed preparation of plan and the use of the subcommittee to prepare such document.

Committee discussed the role of Otisco township, volatile organic compounds and plumes.

Committee discussed host community agreements, usage in other counties, binding versus non-binding agreements, recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Committee discussed recycling and process used in Montcalm County and Kent County. Discussed cost and economics of recycling.

Committee discussed reporting requirements, state requirements of reporting yards versus tons.

Committee discussed calculation and reporting strategies and local practices regarding limitation of importing and exporting solid waste.

Committee discussed upgrading of Johnson Road.

Committee discussed establishment of site review board, role of solid waste committee.

Committee discussed future subcommittee meetings.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Kristie Warner-Walls commented on a variety of issues.

Sherry Valentine commented on a variety of issues.

Gary Smith commented on a variety of issues.

## **VII. Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Pitsch*

*Supported by Rockburn*

*Motion carried by voice vote*