

**IONIA COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 28, 2026

10:00 am

County Administration Building Commissioner's Board Room – 3rd Floor
101 West Main Street
Ionia, Michigan

Call to Order: 10:00am

Present: Dan Schoonmaker (Michigan Sustainable Business Forum), Dan Tietema (Organicycle), Doug Hyland (Village of Muir), Chris Jensen (Portland Township), Melissa Eldridge (Ionia Conservation District), Lynell Wilson (Ionia Chamber of Commerce).

Absent: John Feuerstein (Otisco Twp), Don Johnson (Waste Management), Steven Blayer (Granger), Tonya Tepin (Ionia Conservation District), Gary Pitsch (Pitsch Enterprises), Jack Shattuck (Ionia County)

Guest Present: n/a

Public Comments: n/a

Approval of March Minutes moved to June.

Business

1. Discussion of the Hazardous Waste Section Draft. The following underlined edits were made:
 - a. Ensuring statements include an emphasis on lithium-ion education.
 - i. “Support efforts made by local fire departments to provide public education on hazardous materials and their safe disposal, especially regarding lithium-ion batteries.”
 - ii. “Emphasize public education regarding battery recycling benefits, disposal hazards, and battery type identification, highlighting lithium-ion batteries where applicable.”
 - iii. “Produce physical flyers and posters describing the importance of recycling batteries (including lithium-ion) and other hazardous waste.”

- b. Remove bullet: “Support efforts by Ionia County officials to deter and fine people who negligently dispose of hazardous materials improperly.”
- c. Added “Ensure that all schools have training and infrastructure to recycle batteries successfully.”

Adjournment: motion made by Tietema Supported by Jensen. 11:05pm.

Additions to Materials Management Binder:

I. None

Next Meeting: June 25, 2026, 10:00am – 3rd Floor, 101 West Main Street, Ionia, Michigan