

prosecuted the owner of the adjacent property, which has been owned by Conely's family.

Livingston County will be filing civil charges against Superior Sanitation/Pat Conely for establishing/operating a solid waste facility without approval and without being in the Solid Waste Management Plan. The complaint was drafted by Cohl, Stoker & Toskey and should be filed soon.

In addition, Jennifer indicated that Patrick Conely filed a lawsuit against her and various other government agencies and individuals for unnecessarily targeting unlicensed transfer stations. Mr. Conely believes that he has a Federal Land Tract and should be able to use his property for whatever purpose he chooses. The case was filed in the US District of Washington DC and was referred to Livingston County's risk management group for further action.

6. Solid Waste Challenge Grant Program

- a. Tyrone Township
- b. Gleaner's Community Food Bank
- c. Deerfield Township
- d. Putnam Township/Village of Pinckney
- e. Handy Township/Howell Township/Village of Fowlerville
- f. Cochoctah Township
- g. Pregnancy Helpline
- h. Recycle Livingston/City of Howell
- i. Livingston County Habitat for Humanity
- j. The Salvation Army

Jennifer explained that a review committee consisting of herself, Ted Westmeier, and Lori Cowan. Jennifer explained that there were a few questions from the review committee regarding a few of the proposals. There was some concern that the Gleaner's Community Food Bank project would only benefit their organization. However, Jennifer explained that they intend to include at least 20 member agencies and open the project up to local businesses and other groups. They intend to recycle 25,000 pounds of cardboard annually.

There was also some concern that the Pregnancy Helpline would refurbish baby equipment that did not meet certain codes or standards and that their advertising costs were high. The Pregnancy Helpline indicated that they are all educated in the current rules and regulations concerning baby equipment. Notices of Recalls are posted and they all have a book of the codes. In addition, a repair person reviews all donations prior to making repairs. Outdated items are not accepted or repaired.

Habitat for Humanity has requested funding for postage and insurance. Since it is such a small amount requested, Jennifer contacted Habitat to find out if they would accept the full amount they requested, but to be used for education/promotion rather than insurance. Jennifer indicated that it should include a focus on waste reduction and reuse.

It was there consensus of the review committee that the local units of governments clean-ups should all be funded in whole with the exception of Oceola Township, since the application was late. Jennifer indicated that their proposal seemed high compared to previous years and compared to other local units' clean-up costs. Jennifer indicated that she took the figure from last year and took 25%, and recommended that amount for approval.

The review committee agreed that the Salvation Army's project was incomplete, and did not really apply to solid waste, and therefore, should not be funded.

MOTION made by Ted Westmeier, supported by Donna Waldock to approve the following applications

Jennifer requested that each organization contact her when they have the bucket all set up so that she can begin telling people where to take their batteries. Barbara Buit from Recycle Livingston indicated that they have several 5 gallon buckets that anyone can take. Jim Germane asked if Jennifer could create a large sign for them to place on the buckets that would be similar for all participating agencies. Jennifer agreed.

8. Illegal Dumping Task Force

- a. Copy of Letter Sent to Prosecutor's Office

Receive and File.

- b. Copy of Response Letter from the Prosecutor's Office

Receive and File

9. Earth Day

- a. Ideas, Suggestions, Volunteers?

Jennifer indicated that Earth Day is next week and asked if anyone had any suggestions for activities for Earth Day. Barbara Buit indicated that a mill in Argentine Township will be having an open house and invited Recycle Livingston to bring materials for display. Recycle Livingston is also selling tee-shirts for \$10.00 each.

Jennifer indicated that if anyone has any ideas to contact her.

10. Solid Waste Planning Committee

- a. Copy of Letter from MDEQ regarding delay in Solid Waste Plan Update cycle

Receive and File

11. Other Matters that May Appear Before the Committee

- a. Republic Services of Michigan - may site transfer station in county

Jennifer Melcher, Rich Andersen, Stephanie Glyson and another representative of Republic met last week to discuss the possibility of siting a transfer station in Livingston County. Jennifer indicated that, currently, Republic does not service Livingston County but would like to. They have two nearby landfills that could guarantee capacity for the county. At the meeting, we discussed possible locations for a transfer station and decided that we would continue to seek out possible locations and plan to meet in about a month.

- b. Request 2 volunteers to review the draft Waste Reduction Guide

Don Tinson and Donna Waldock volunteered.

12. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Robert Block requested to say a few words. He expressed concern over the HHW program, stating that he believed that it would take up too much of Jennifer's time and would divert her time from other issues, such as meeting the goals of the Solid Waste Plan. He believes that the committee and

