



**5. Introduction of Barbara Buit - Executive Director and President of Recycle Livingston**

a. Brief Summary of Current Operations and Ideas for Future Improvements

Barbara introduced herself and explained what Recycle Livingston (RL) is. She passed out a handout that summarized the number of cars that (RL) has served in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Barbara indicated that RL is growing - they diverted 510 tons of material from landfills in 2001 and are projecting approximately 600 tons for 2002. The process is extremely labor intensive - all the site workers are volunteer. The materials are collected from vehicles, sorted, and placed into containers. After hours, material is transported to markets and the site is cleaned. The organization is funded by annual memberships, \$2.00 per car for non-members, fund raisers, and some recyclable materials. The City of Howell has been very supportive of their effort - providing two cardboard dumpsters, plowing parking area, allowing use of property for free. Recently, RL has developed a strategic plan, shifted much of their focus toward safety, and made numerous improvements to the site. Visions for the future include self serve bins so that they do not need to be staffed, and satellite locations across the county.

Terry Wilson asked about the number of volunteers. Barbara indicated that it varies from about 3 to 10. They have some community groups that help out. Lori Cowan asked about the membership fees and Barbara explained the fees for individual, senior and corporate memberships. Steve Dawdy asked for the number of members and Barbara said that they have over 660, which has almost doubled since Mister Rubbish changed their recycling system and closed their transfer station. Don Tinson said that our Solid Waste Plan states that recycling is a goal of the plan to reduce dependency on landfills. We should show that we are serious about recycling by supporting RL.

**6. Superior Sanitation Site - Brighton Township**

- a. Letter dated 11/5/01 from Cohl, Stoker & Toskey summarizing meeting with Superior
- b. Letter dated 12/12/01 from Chol, Stoker & Toskey reiterating requirements of compliance.
- c. Letter dated 12/14/01 from Superior's attorney responding to our letter
- d. Verbal summary of intentions for compliance - Mr. Pat Conely (tentative)  
*\*\* Note: Mr. Pat Conely did not appear at the meeting.*

Jennifer summarized the previous letters that were sent to Mr. Conely and the meeting between Mr. Conely, his attorney, Jennifer and Naomi Gaynor (Cohl, Stoker & Toskey). Since Mr. Conely has not complied and shown us that he is making an effort toward cleaning up the site, and being in compliance with the Solid Waste Plan, Livingston County will be proceeding with legal action. At this point, it is not know what charges will be filed. Naomi has requested help from an attorney that is more familiar with litigation, and he has agreed to help. Also, the MDEQ has filed criminal charges for constructing and operating a solid waste facility without a permit and without a license. At this point, it is not known where that case stands.

**7. Solid Waste Challenge Grant Program**

- a. Copy of Rough Draft of Revised Program Description (**please review prior to meeting to be prepared to approve as is or suggest changes**).

Don Tinson and Steve Dawdy made a few recommendations for changes to the amount to be reimbursed for one time projects and other minor wording changes. Everyone agreed that the application looked good and would simplify the process. Also, the division of the two groups of one-time projects and permanent projects and the amount to be reimbursed was acceptable to everyone.



