

EARTH ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 1, 2010

The Earth Energy Environment Committee meeting was held on November 1, 2010, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Present: Committee: Chair Vince Gentile, Vice Chair Dan Kasaris, Paul Marnecheck; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Gary Petrusky; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Service Director Kris Kamps; Other Attendees: Nick Cinquepalmi, Dan Langshaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck **to approve the October 4, 2010 Minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recycling Program

Mr. Kamps said the recycling program is continuing to move forward.

Mr. Kamps said Ace Hardware still does not have the blue bins in stock. Mr. Kamps said he called the company that we order the bins from and discovered that Ace Hardware did not place the order until October 15th. He said the bins will probably not be here until November 15th. Mr. Kamps said he has had calls from residents asking if they can purchase bins somewhere else. Mr. Kamps said he would like residents to purchase the bins from Ace Hardware since they are a local business, but since the bins are not available and will not be available for a couple of weeks he gave the residents the bin size so they could purchase from other locations if they choose to do so.

Mr. Kamps said he has had a lot of calls from residents asking about leaf pickup. He said a lot of cities that do provide this service are going to do only one leaf pickup this year sometime during the month of November. He said his thought process on leaf pickup is that this is part of North Royalton's recycling program. Mr. Kamps said residents can also do composting with their leaves.

2. North Royalton Schools Recycling

Mr. Langshaw said last month he attended the Northeast Ohio Green Government Caucus meeting. He said the main focus of the caucus is for local governments to explore ways to work together on green issues. He said it was interesting but also disappointing as there was not a large turnout for the meeting. He said based on what he heard from other communities, North Royalton is ahead in the process.

Mr. Langshaw said the School's Green Team met on October 6th to discuss several district wide initiatives that are occurring or are in the planning stages including a wind turbine project as well as other department items. He said the school's Food Service Department is recycling food containers, reducing the printing of menus and having a different apple every week on the lunch menus which will come from local farms.

Mr. Langshaw said the Maintenance Department has placed aerators on the majority of the water faucets along with energy saving motors and watering the athletic fields using well water. He said the Technical Department is purchasing more energy efficient monitors to cut down on the energy costs.

Mr. Langshaw said the Middle School recently received a \$750 grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District which will be used to purchase recycling containers for the Middle School.

Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Langshaw how the recycling at the Middle School has been affected by the recycling that the city is doing. Mr. Langshaw said he believes the program at the Middle School is still going well, however he does not have exact numbers.

Mr. Gentile asked Mr. Langshaw if the Green Government Caucus meeting that he attended last month would be willing to move their meetings to another date to accommodate cities who hold Council meetings on the evenings they currently hold their meetings. Mr. Langshaw said he did mention this during the meeting and said he is hopeful that they will work it out so they can possibly get increased attendance.

3. Recycling Calendar

Mr. Kamps said he spoke with Mr. Harris from the Towne Planner this morning and Mr. Harris told him that due to some untimely deaths in his family he does not feel he will be able to produce the calendar this year. Mr. Kamps said he was very apologetic.

Mr. Kamps said he and Joyce Deacon have put together a brochure similar to the one that was distributed in the past. He said Ms. Deacon is making all of the necessary changes/updates. Mr. Kasaris asked if the grant will cover the cost of this brochure. Mr. Kamps said he is waiting for a final price, but believes the grant will fully cover the cost.

Mr. Gentile asked Mr. Kamps if he will be able to start running recycling numbers. Mr. Kamps said he will review this information with Mr. Suhodolsky tomorrow.

Mr. Langshaw asked when the recycling brochure will be distributed. Mr. Kamps said it will be distributed sometime in December.

Mayor Stefanik said he spoke to Marie at the Royalton Recorder about possibly placing the recycling brochure/pamphlet in the Royalton Recorder at the end of the year.

Mr. Kamps expressed his disappointment in not being able to produce a recycling calendar this year. Mr. Gentile said he would like to see the city use a portion of the savings from the recycling program to put together a calendar for 2012.

4. LEED for YMCA

Mr. Marnecheck said that Mr. Jordan received an answer back to some of the questions that he asked regarding the LEED Program. Mr. Marnecheck said this will probably not be a full LEED project due to the cost for this type of project.

5. Energy Audit Updates by the Administration

Mayor Stefanik said we received approximately \$287,000 in grant money from NOPEC. He said approximately \$172,000 of this money was approved for improvements to the Police Department building. He said this grant is split up into three parts including light fixtures, bulbs and sensors for the entire facility, high efficiency gas heating coils, and rooftop HVAC units which comes to approximately \$172,000. Mayor Stefanik said additionally, through the county we received a grant where each light bulb in the city will get an energy audit. He said with this program the city will have to put in a 20 percent match. He said we will be getting information from the ball fields first to see how many lights we would need and can then use the extra \$117,000 from the NOPEC grant for our 20 percent match. Mayor Stefanik said the people from the audit company have been out to look at the ball fields this past week and we are hoping to get the information from that audit back soon. Mr. Gentile asked if they will be auditing City Hall. Mayor Stefanik said yes. He said we do not yet know what will happen with this building, but if nothing else we will have a good audit to use as a baseline if we want to do something with this building in the future.

6. Energy Special Improvement District

Mr. Jordan was not in attendance for comment.

Mr. Gentile said Mr. Jordan does not feel we should get involved with this however he said he would like to continue to look into this.

Mr. Gentile said he is going to contact the gentleman who contacted Mr. Jordan regarding a community outreach program and see if he might be able to make the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Kasaris to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.