

Borough of Crafton
Thursday, August 22, 2024

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Oliverio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 7:02 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Manager Price recorded seven (7) Members of Council present as follows: Ms. Bollenbacher, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Compitello, Mr. Hough, Mr. Oliverio, Ms. Pulkownik and Mr. Ridilla*. Also present were Mayor Perry (Via Zoom), Solicitor Korbel and Engineer Keenan. **Mr. Ridilla arrived at 7:05 PM.*

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda for August 22, 2024, including:

1. Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2024
2. Bill List – August 22, 2024
3. Monthly Reports: Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, JTS Tax Reports, Police Report, EMS Report, Community & Economic Development Report, Building Inspection Report, and Library Report.

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Compitello*) to approve the August 22, 2024, Consent Agenda, pending the bill list approval by the President, Manager, and Treasurer.

MOTION #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0)

**Mr. Ridilla was not in attendance for this vote, he arrived at 7:05 PM.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Gagel, 264 Noble Avenue, spoke regarding the Rental Inspection Ordinance update and noted that there is some clarification needed on the time length between inspections, the insurance requirements, the registration requirements, occupancy limits and inspection fees.

Robert Wolbert, 1 E. Steuben Street, spoke regarding the design for Crafton Boulevard Ext. to Baldwick Road and expressed concerns about the Baldwick Road and Sterrett Street intersections.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Karen Benton and Mary Luxbacher of the Shade Tree Commission presented to Council on the Giving Grove Project. The Shade Tree Commission is seeking approval to move forward with the planting of an orchard near the Community Garden in Crafton Park.

- **Giving Grove** – Tree Pittsburgh has offered Crafton Borough a 100% grant funded program to plant fruit trees in Crafton Park. The fruit produced from this orchard will be used for the Crafton-Ingram Food Pantry. Karen Benton presented the location layout, tree species, timing and history of the project. *See attached, Meeting Minutes Appendix A.*

Mary Luxbacher stated that any residents who would like to have a tree planted in the tree lawn or front lawn this fall can submit the form online on the Borough's website.

Mr. Oliverio added that this program is fully funded through Giving Grove Grant by Tree Pittsburgh.

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded (*Ridilla/Chandler*) to approve the Fruit Tree Orchard in Crafton Park through the Giving Grove program from Tree Pittsburgh.

Council discussed the use of pesticides and whom would be able to benefit from these trees.

MOTION #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perry had nothing to report.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Price spoke on the following items.

- **Waste Collection RFP** – Crafton signed a 5-year contract in 2013 with Waste Management, with 5 additional option years. Crafton is required to competitively bid and choose the lowest bid Crafton received. Waste removal costs have increased dramatically in the past years. There have been multiple economic changes causing the rise in this market. Crafton solicited the five primary hauling services, including Big Sanitation, Republic Services, County Hauling, Waste Management, and Valley Waste. County Hauling did not have the lowest bid on any of the options requested. Valley Waste was the lowest bid for Single Axel and Dual Axel manual collection and Waste Management

was the low bid for semi-automatic collection. Several concessions were made to keep the cost low such as a limit on the number of bags, mutual agreement for optional year extensions and variable day collections. See attached, *Meeting Minutes – Appendix B*. Manual Collection is what Crafton is currently contracted with Waste Management to provide. Valley Waste will have a 5-bag limit under the new contract if selected. Semi-automatic collection is when the sanitation workers move the cart to the truck arm to then dump the container into the truck. Yard Waste and Limbs and Branches can be collected by the Public Works Department and does not need to be considered in the five-bag limit.

Mr. Oliverio opened the floor to public comment.

Solid Waste & Recycle Collection Bid – Resident Comments

1. **Michael Gagel, 265 Noble Avenue** – inquired about any possible cost breaks on multi-unit dwellings with the new larger carts provided by Waste Management, what will happen with resident's current containers, and how additional bag tags would work under the Valley Waste contract. Mr. Gagel was in favor of option 3.
2. **Jane Boyer, 28 Duncan Avenue** – spoke regarding concerns with monthly bulk pickup, continuation of the at your door service, and payment options.
3. **Lisa Smith, 50 Walnut Street** – also spoke regarding bulk pickup. Ms. Smith stated that she prefers option 3.
4. **Jeff Castello, 31 Harrison Street** – expressed his concerns about Valley Wastes service based off his previous experiences in other municipalities. Mr. Castello was in favor of option 1.
5. **Justin Marks, 31 Oregon Avenue** – spoke regarding the process of billing for residents that need additional cans and the reason behind the extreme price increase for Waste Management. Mr. Marks was in favor of option 1, or option 3.
6. **Richard Suchant, 67 Duncan Avenue** – inquired about the hours of operations due to concerns with dumpster services at nearby rental and commercial properties. Mr. Suchant was in favor of option 1, or option 3.
7. **Katie Killen, 15 N. Linwood Avenue** – expressed concern about the Waste Management cart requirement stating that many residents have already purchased their own containers. Ms. Killen prefers option 1.
8. **Ray Murrman, 110 Haldane Street** – inquired about the reputation of Valley Waste in other municipalities. Mr. Murrman favors option 1.
9. **AJ Pescuric, 75 Bradford Avenue** – inquired if the Borough could speak with Waste Management regarding the concerns raised by the residents. Ms. Pescuric prefers option 1.
10. **Michelle Weaver, 537 Willard Avenue** – suggested that Crafton limit the options for bidding and send out a new RFP.
11. **Krista Young, 50 Rodgers Avenue** – stated that she has had multiple issues with Waste Management, specifically with her recycling. She also inquired about disposal of kitty litter and bulk items.
12. **David Killen, 15 N. Linwood Avenue** – stated that a single day Borough wide collection would be best for Crafton, specifically during snow removal. Mr. Killen prefers option 1.

13. **Nancy Reagan, 84 Duncan Avenue** – expressed concerns of the limiting of Bulk Pickup and inquired if the Borough would consider having a bulk pickup day organized and facilitated by the Borough. Ms. Reagan feels there is not enough information to decide which provider would be best.
14. **Mary Luxbacher, 71 McMunn Avenue** – inquired if residents can use leaf bags as opposed to kitchen bags. Ms. Luxbacher prefers option 1.
15. **Stephanie Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street** – inquired if the lid of the carts must be closed for pickup and if residents will be able to mark their cans if they are provided by Waste Management. Ms. Mangan favors option 1.
16. **Sandy Morris, 1781 Barr Avenue** – suggested that Crafton only choose a 3-year contract and stated that they prefer option 1.
17. **Michael Trask, 126 E. Steuben Street** – stated that the annual cost between Waste Management and Valley Waste would be similar considering that residents will need to purchase extra bag tags from Valley Waste. Mr. Trask also inquired about how Waste Management would deal with a damaged cart. Mr. Trask favors option 1.
18. **Tara Fox, 17 S. Linwood Avenue** – inquired if residents who requested the smaller cart due to physical handicap would be provided an additional cart. She stated that it would be difficult to conceal the larger carts. Ms. Fox preferred option 1.
19. **Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue** – also inquired if those who require a smaller cart would be provided with an additional cart. Mr. Wozniak favors option 1.
20. **Justin Marks, 31 Oregon Avenue** – inquired about how this decision could potentially impact the budget and taxes.
21. **Bob Wolbert, 1 E. Steuben Street** – inquired about replacement of the cart if it is stolen or damaged, any changes with parking requirements, and if the ordinance can be revised to allow smaller rental units to provide their own dumpster rather than being required to follow the Borough's contract. Mr. Wolbert prefers option 1.
22. **Greg Wolbert, 37 Noble Avenue** – inquired about the rental unit requirement for dumpsters and asked if Crafton would consider changing it. Mr. Wolbert favors option 1.
23. **Michelle Weaver, 537 Willard Avenue** – asked if the representatives from each Waste Management and Valley Waste would speak.

Manager Price stated that there would be no impact on the budget or tax rates.

Following the resident comments, Crafton Council gave both Waste Management and Valley Waste representatives a few minutes to follow up on the frequently asked questions.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Joseph Walker, District Manager and Terri Fischer, Account Manager – provided the following information as a follow up to the resident questions.

- A price will be provided for residents who require additional recycling cans.
- There would be no need for changes in parking regulations with the semi-automatic collection.
- Bulk collection will occur on the same week each month and will be noted on the collection calendar.

- The at your door service has no limit on the number of times a resident can request pickup of hard to recycle items.
- Waste Management will repair and maintain carts if there is damage. Residents can report damaged carts on their website. However, stolen carts would need to be replaced at the homeowner's expense.
- Each cart has a printed serial number and is registered to a specific address.
- Drivers will collect carts even if the lid is not completely closed.
- Residents can mark their cans but must use tape or water-based paint.
- Waste Management will take old cans during the transition period and delivery of carts.

VALLEY WASTE

Joseph McWilliams, General Manager, stated that they are currently collecting locally in Rosslyn Farms, Thornburg, Pennsbury, and Kennedy Township. He provided a follow up on the specific questions asked regarding the Valley Waste bid.

- Kitty Litter can be placed out in its original container with the lid. It would not need to be bagged but would count as one bag.
- Hard-To-Recycle items can be scheduled for pick up on a quarterly basis.
- Residents may use their current containers for trash and recycling.

Ms. Pulkownik suggested that Crafton consider a bulk disposal day for residents who need to dispose of old cans if Waste Management is awarded the contract.

Mr. Hough noted that the larger cart is 37.25 pounds, and the dimensions are 46" height, 26" wide, and 34" deep. He also asked if there are individuals who cannot handle moving the larger cart would be provided with two smaller carts.

Ms. Compitello inquired about the transition process of providing the new carts to residents. Ms. Fischer noted that Waste Management can work with Crafton to organize a recycling day for disposal of the old cans.

Mr. Walker stated that if it is requested by Crafton, and under special circumstance, they can provide two smaller carts in place of the large cart. He added that the transition will take place over several weeks with educational materials sent out well before the intended delivery.

Mr. Oliverio urged the public to continue to provide comments in the upcoming weeks and stated that Council will hold off on making a decision at this time.

- ***Zoning Ordinance Update*** – Zoning Ordinances are established to protect public health and safety. Zoning Codes are rules and regulations outlining use and building permissions on private property. The process to update Crafton's Zoning Ordinance began in 2021. Crafton has held four public meetings, regular public Planning Commission meetings and Steering Committee meetings. The draft ordinance is available

to the public on the Borough's website. Conversion Apartments will not be allowed in the residential districts under the new code. Accessory Dwelling Units will be permitted under Conditional Use only and will require to be owner occupied. Airbnb's, or short-term rentals, will be permitted under a Conditional Use in residential districts where the structure is owner occupied and the space can only be rented 25% of the year. Next Steps - Council Discussion and Public Input (Tonight) – Planning Commission for possible final Review and Recommendation (August 27th at 6:30 pm) – Submit draft ordinance to the County for a 45-day review (if approved by Planning Commission) – Submit draft ordinance to Council for final approval. There will be several opportunities for public input prior to the final vote by Council.

Ms. Compitello stated that the RFP process for this project started in 2019.

Mr. Oliverio opened the floor to public comment.

Zoning Ordinance & Code Update – Resident Comments

1. **James Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street** – expressed concerns of the impact that ADUs will have on Crafton and asked for clarification on rental of those ADUs once a property is sold.
2. **Michael Trask, 126 E Steuben Street** – asked for clarification on short-term rental and the time period permitted to rent.
3. **Sandy Morris, 1781 Barr Avenue** – spoke regarding ADUs and stated that allowing these will devalue the surrounding properties. Ms. Morris urged Council Members not to make a decision until the citizens' concerns have been addressed.
4. **Linda Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue** – expressed her concern that the increase in rental units and the permitting of ADUs will cause parking issues on streets and alleys.
5. **Steve Crescenzo, 79 Duncan Avenue** – spoke regarding ADUs and conversion apartments and requested more clarification on the citizens' concerns.
6. **Cody Sheets, Promenade Street** – stated that he has filed a freedom of information request and provided a copy to each member of Council.
7. **Barbara Bajcic, 79 Duncan Avenue** – inquired about the possibility of development in the vacant lots on Maxwell Street.
8. **Geri Stewart, 166 Noble Avenue** – asked how high a potential development could be in stories on the Maxwell Street vacant lots.
9. **Justin Marks, 31 Oregon Avenue** – asked for clarification on why the current R2 district was expanded.
10. **Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue** – spoke to clarify information given at the previous Council Meetings and stated that the Planning Commission agreed to proceed without the ADUs in the zoning draft. He added that the consultant hired by the Borough, ZoneCo, polled the results of the Community Engagement event where the community response showed citizens negatively viewed ADUs in the Borough.
11. **Phyllis Barber, 17 Belvidere Street** – expressed concerns with the possibility of development with the Belvidere Street church and how that will affect parking.
12. **John Rago, 51 Dinsmore Avenue** – spoke regarding the preservation of values in the Borough and how they will be affected by this Zoning update.

13. **Cheryl Irwin, 21 Creighton Avenue** – spoke regarding the nuisance Airbnb that has been operating on Creighton and asked if this would be an approved use in the new zoning ordinance.
14. **Stephanie Mangan, 96 Sterrett Street** – spoke regarding ADUs in Crafton and the negative public discussion surrounding the communities’ concerns. Ms. Mangan urged Council to focus on the current issues with landlords and rentals currently in Crafton.
15. **John Meighan, 56 Bradford Avenue** – inquired if there have been any impact studies done on the infrastructure encompassing the pending zoning changes.
16. **Terri Midgley, 84 S. Linwood Avenue** – expressed her concerns about conversion apartments, specifically regarding the Saint Philips school building.
17. **Katie Killen, 15 N. Linwood Avenue** – expressed concern with Council and Staff who are not taking the citizens’ concerns and input into consideration.
18. **Tara Fox, 17 S. Linwood Avenue** – also inquired if there have been any impact studies on how the utilities and infrastructure could be affected by an increase in rentals and Airbnb’s.
19. **Alex Schaffer, 70 N. Emily Street** – spoke regarding an unpermitted auxiliary unit adjacent to his property that is not well maintained. He stated that the requirement of a conditional use permit would be up to the Borough Government to approve.
20. **Michael Trask, 126 E Steuben Street** – inquired about how he could request that his property and his neighbor’s property be included in the residential district.
21. **Greg Wolbert, 37 Noble Avenue** – spoke regarding the notice he received for his commercial property at the previous American Legion and the issues that he encountered when opening the Auto Body in the old Knights of Columbus.
22. **AJ Pescuric, 75 Bradford Avenue** – expressed her appreciation to Council for allowing Crafton’s citizens the time to give the input and state their concerns. She added that she would love to see the Council Members put their efforts toward driving commercial development and to ensure that everyone is paying their taxes.

Mr. Oliverio thanked everyone who spoke and stated that Council will discuss and take into consideration all the comments made this evening.

Mr. Ridilla stated that Council should go forward with the draft with removal of the ADUs and consider removing the Conversion Apartments from both the neighborhood and community residential districts.

Ms. Pulkownik agreed with Mr. Ridilla’s recommendations.

- **Rental Inspection Ordinance Update** – Crafton Borough has updated the Business and Multi-Family Residence Inspection Ordinance to improve the Borough’s rental inspection process. The primary change is moving from inspections that occur when a rental unit changes hands which requires the landlord to contact the Borough, to occurring every three years, where the Borough will be responsible for contacting the landlords.

Mr. Ridilla requested that Council table the discussion on the rental inspection ordinance update to allow for proper time to discuss the issue.

Ms. Compitello added that there were questions on the wording and agreed that the Council would need more time prior to consideration of a vote.

Council agreed to table the discussion on the Rental Inspection Ordinance Update.

- ***Leaf Vac and Chipper Box*** – requesting approval of purchase of a TARCO Windy 100 custom chipper box. There is a grant offset of \$65,000 for this purchase if made in 2024.

MOTION: 3#: It was moved and seconded (*Hough/Chandler*) to approve the purchase of a TARCO Leaf Vac and Chipper Box for a total of \$101,765.

MOTION: 4#: It was moved and seconded (*Hough/Pulkownik*) to table the motion.

MOTION #4 carries by a Voice Vote (6-1).
NO – Mr. Ridilla

- ***2025 Budget Process Schedule***
 - September 12 – Council Budget Workshop – 6:30 pm
 - September 26 – Council Budget Workshop – 6:30 pm
 - October 10 – Council Budget Workshop - 6:30 pm
 - October 24 - Council Budget Workshop – 6:30 pm
 - November 14 - Council Budget Workshop - 6:30 pm
 - November 28 – Thanksgiving (decide on rescheduling Council meeting)
 - December 12 – Council Budget Workshop – 6:30 pm

Council discussed moving the Thanksgiving meeting to November 25, 2024.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Keenan gave an update on the Borough's ongoing projects.

- ***Broadhead Project*** – pending completion of the federal application prior to putting out the bid specifications. Easements have been sent to the property owners.
- ***Stairs Replacement Project*** – Promenade Street to Fountain Street and the Crafton Boulevard to Walnut Street stairs are under construction pending railing installation. The Crafton Boulevard to Clearview Avenue are now under construction.
- ***2024 Road Paving Plan*** – a site meeting was held with the Contractor to coordinate the milling and paving. An updated schedule was requested for the paving.
- ***PAWC Water Main Replacements*** – All streets have been restored except Union Avenue. Service line work has begun.

- ***EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging – Electrify Allegheny Program*** – Crafton will apply for funding through CONNECT.
- ***Trail Feasibility Study*** – The RFP has been reviewed internally and forwarded to the project manager at DCNR. A study committee will need to be put together prior to seeking a consultant.
- ***Public Works Building*** – A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday to discuss the next steps.
- ***C-20 Update*** – separation projects are almost at 100%, infrastructure projects are still pending a few details.
- ***Noble and Linwood Parklets*** – a \$250,000 grant was awarded by DCNR and requires a 50/50 match. There will be a community input meeting in the future.

Mr. Oliverio stated that this grant has been discussed by previous Councils and the grant will only be used for one parklet rather than the initial plan to update both parklets.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & SUSTAINABILITY

Mr. Hough gave an update on the following.

- ***Police Chief Search*** – Requesting a \$1,200 increase of funds, in addition to the \$11,800 approved, to allow the PA Chiefs Association to conduct additional interviews and the cost of travel and accommodations. \$20,000 was originally budgeted for this process.

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded (*Pulkownik/Chandler*) to approve a \$1,200 increase to the current \$11,800 cap for the purpose of conducting additional interviews for the Police Chief Search.

MOTION #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0).

INFRASTRUCTURE & LAND USE

Ms. Compitello gave a quick update on the following.

- ***Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Federal Grant*** – Resolution was approved at the previous meeting and an application is planned for an August 29th submission. Crafton will submit a joint municipal application with Carnegie, Ingram, Rosslyn Farms and Thornburg.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Ridilla announced the following.

- ***Planning Commission Meeting*** – Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:30 PM. This meeting is open to the public.

COMMUNICATION & RECREATION

Ms. Bollenbacher gave an update on the following events

- ***Upcoming Events – Save the Date***
 - Fall Fest
 - September 28, 2024 – 1PM to 6PM
 - Looking for Food Vendors, Crafters, and Non-Profits.
 - Back Alley Brewing will be participating.
 - Entertainment: Elements Dance Group and Corn Liquor Saints will be performing.
 - Axe Throwing, Balloon House, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Spin Art, Lawn Games.
 - The Pup-Parade & Costume Contest will begin at 1PM. \$10 registration fee will be donated to Cross Your Paws Rescue.
 - Volunteers are always welcome and can sign up at www.craftonborough.com.
 - Trunk or Treat - Kickoff
 - October 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Crafton Park.
 - Haunted Crafton
 - Self-Guided Audio Tour
 - www.craftonborough.com/haunted-crafton-tour to submit your participation interest.
 - October 19, through October 31, 2024
 - Haunted Mini-Golf
 - Fridays & Saturdays – October 4, through October 26.
 - 7PM to 9PM
 - Celebration of Lights
 - December 7, 2024
 - Holiday House Tour
 - December 15, 2024
 - November Senior Dinner has been cancelled.
- ***Newsletter*** – Content for the next newsletter will be due Monday, September 23, 2024.

VACANCY COMMITTEE

Ms. Pulkownik gave an update on the upcoming openings.

- ***Current Open Vacancies*** - None

1. Upcoming Positions

- a. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
- b. Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
- c. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
- d. Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
- e. Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) expiring 12/31/2024

** Interested candidates should apply on the Borough's website at www.craftonborough.com/commissions.*

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Ms. Bollenbacher stated that the COG is currently on summer break and does not meet again until September.

11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00 pm, 6:30 pm Budget workshop.
- **Fall Fest** - Saturday, September 28th in Crafton Park – from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Including a pup fest parade and costume contest, axe throwing, face painting, ballon artist, craft vendors, bubble house, touch a truck, obstacle course, kid's crafts, food and beer vendors and live dance and musical performances!
- **5th Annual Haunted Crafton Driving Tour** – The tour starts on October 19th (Trunk or Treat) and will continue through October 31. Visit the Crafton Borough website for more information.

Manager Price announced the limited hours for the Pool, which will be open Monday-Thursday, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, closed on Fridays, with regular hours on the weekend and Labor Day.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Murrman, 3 Creighton Avenue, spoke regarding the procedure changes that have taken affect and are only being imposed on the Public Works Department Laborers. He also inquired about the recent hiring procedures.

Mona Rush, 794 Clearview Avenue, thanked the Public Works Laborers for their hard work. Ms. Rush spoke regarding emails she has sent that were not returned. Ms. Rush also regarding the home next to her property that is occupied by a hoarder.

Greg Wozniak, 1773 Barr Avenue, also thanked the Public Works Laborers for their efforts in keeping up the Borough.

Greg Wolbert, 1 E. Steuben Street, spoke regarding a potential issue with rats and inquired if the Borough has received an influx of calls. Mr. Wolbert also asked if there was any news regarding the sale of the Athletic Field.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary

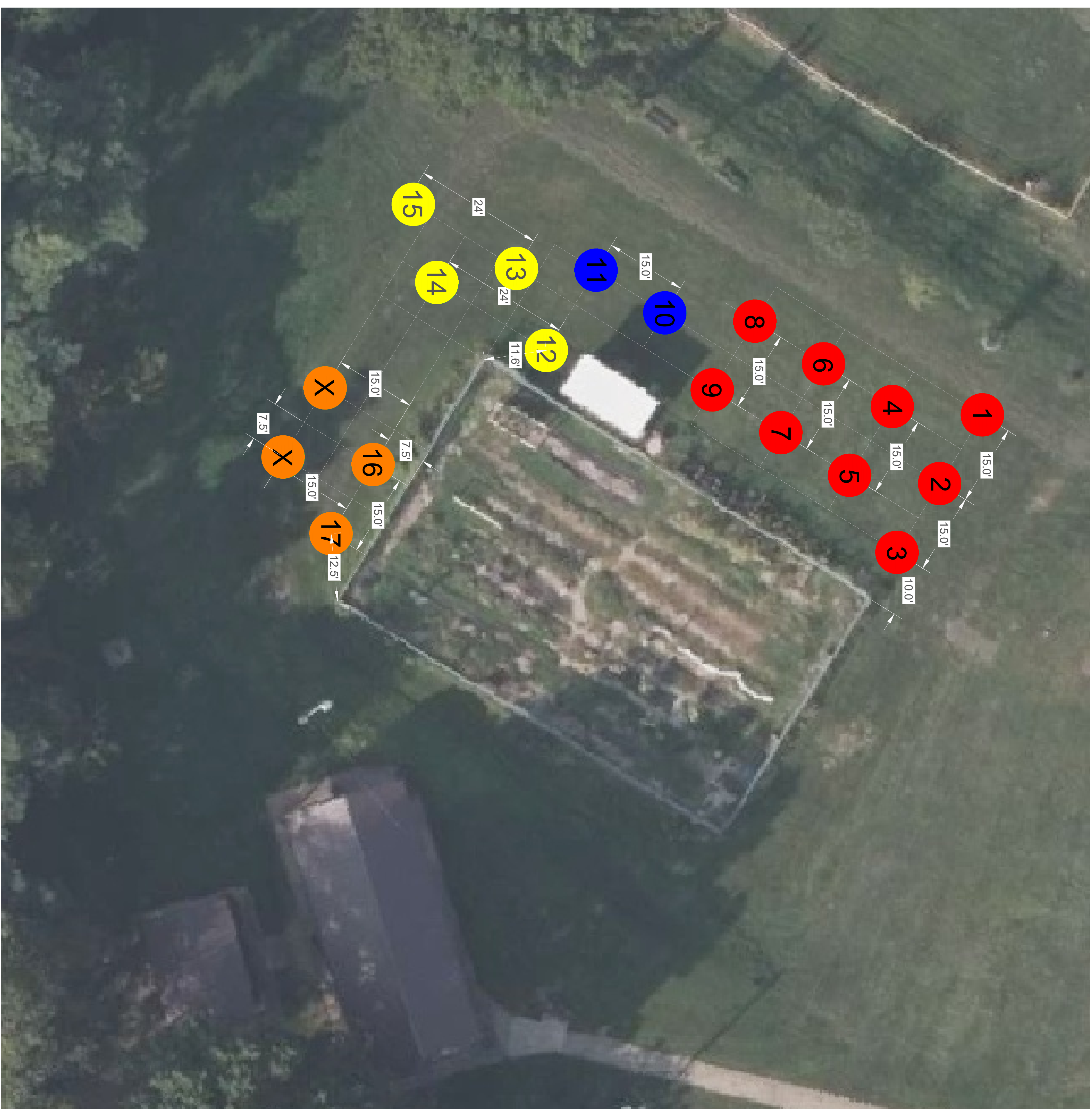
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Crafton Park North Orchard
Tree Pittsburgh
Giving Grove
Fall 2024-11 trees

15 trees already chosen:

- Apple, Galerina (1)
- Apple, Liberty(1)
- Apple, Pristine (1)
- Apple, Crimson Crisp (1)
- Sweet Cherry, Lapins (1)
- Sweet Cherry, Rainier (2)
- Peach, Contender (1)
- Peach, July Elberta (1)
- Pear (1)
- Pear (1)
- Pear (1)
- Pear (1)

Crafton Park South Orchard
Tree Pittsburgh
Giving Grove
Fall 2024- 6 trees



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NORTH AND SOUTH ORCHARD LAYOUT PLAN

FOR

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BOROUGH PARK**

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NORTH AND SOUTH
ORCHARD LAYOUT PLAN

2025 Borough of Crafton - Waste Hauling Bid Comparison

On August 22, 2024 Crafton Borough Council will be considering the following three lowest bid options for waste collection services in the Borough for 2025 and beyond. Crafton's ten year contract with WM ends in December. The Borough received bids from WM, Valley Waste, and County Hauling. County Hauling did not have the lowest bid and cannot be considered for these options. Please review the attached options and if you would like to provide comment please click the link below or come to the August 22nd Council Meeting for the discussion. Regardless of which option is chosen there will be changes in our trash collection services.

To Comment Click Here	Current Service	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	WM - Manual Collection	WM - Semi Automated Collection	Valley Waste w/ Single Axel Alley Pickup	Valley Waste w/ Dual Axel Alley Pickup
What day will be pick up day for the Borough?	Tuesday	Tuesday	Multiple Days	Multiple Days
How will trash be collected?	Manually	Semi-Automated	Manually	Manually
Alley Pickup	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will a Single Axel Truck be used for alley pickup?	No	No	Yes	No
Will Bins, Carts, or Trash Cans be provided?	No	Yes	No	No
Is there a limit to the amount of trash each week?	No	Yes - One Bin (96 gallon) Rated Capacity 300+lbs	Yes - 5 Bags (40lbs each) Total 200 lbs	Yes - 5 bags (40lbs) Total 200 lbs
What if you have more?	n/a	Pay for 2nd Bin (\$117.70 Annually)	Pay \$10 for 5 bag tags	Pay \$10 for 5 bag tags
Glass collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glass Recycled	Yes	Yes	No - repurposed	No-repurposed
Recycling	Sticker on trash can	64 gallon bin (provided in contract price)	Sticker on trash can	Sticker on trash can
Hard to recycle items (electronics, chemicals, etc)	Yes - on demand	Yes - on demand	Yes - quarterly - on demand	Yes - quarterly - on demand
Cardboard	Broken down	Broken down and placed in 64 gallon bin	Broken down	Broken down
Bulk Items	no limit	one item per month (same week each month)	one item per week	one item per week
Annual Cost Increase per Residence	n/a	6.8%	3.8%	3.8%
First year increase from current contract	n/a	20.9%	19.9%	15.6%
Annual Cost per residence year 1*	\$285.00	\$344.68	\$341.60	\$329.60
Annual Cost by year 5	n/a	\$448.72	\$394.52	\$382.52
Annual Cost by year 10	n/a	\$625.36	\$492.80	\$480.08

* costs include \$10 admin charge

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Option Yr 1	Option Yr 2	Option Yr 3	Option Yr 4	Option Yr 5
WM - Semi Automated Collection	\$ 344.68	\$ 368.08	\$ 393.16	\$ 420.04	\$ 448.72	\$ 479.44	\$ 512.32	\$ 547.48	\$ 585.04	\$ 625.36
Valley Waste - Dual Axel Alley	\$ 329.60	\$ 342.08	\$ 355.04	\$ 368.48	\$ 382.52	\$ 413.96	\$ 429.56	\$ 445.76	\$ 462.56	\$ 480.08
Valley Waste - Single Axel Alley	\$ 341.60	\$ 354.08	\$ 367.04	\$ 380.48	\$ 394.52	\$ 425.96	\$ 441.56	\$ 457.76	\$ 474.56	\$ 492.08

Garbage Contract Public Input – Update 8/16/2024

* Corrections and Additions to yesterday's post.

- We are under contract with WM until December 31, 2024. A new contract will start on January 1, 2025.

- As a Municipality in Pennsylvania we have to put services out to bid publicly, and the Borough then has to select the low bidder for any service requested. We received bids from 3 companies, WM, Valley Waste Services, and County Hauling (we sought them from 5 - Republic and Bigs Sanitation did not respond). We are able to choose between the three, because each is a slightly different service. Automated vs Manual and Single Axel vs Dual Axels in the alleys.

- County Hauling did not have the lowest bid on any of the options we are considering, so we can not choose them.

- WM decided not to bid on manual collection, so we cannot continue our current contracted service with WM at any price, because they did not offer it.

- The price for an additional cart from WM would be \$117.70 annually in 2025. That price is currently set to increase 7% a year. They will prorate it, if you return it because you move, or say you have kids move away and no longer need the extra capacity.

- WM is recycling glass at their Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on Neville Island.

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* Corrections and Additions to yesterday's post.

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