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## Shelby finds replacement electronics recycling vendor

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — After Vintage Tech Recycling, Shelby Township's electronics recycling vendor, shuttered its services in Michigan last month, township officials scrambled to subsidize the program for the Jan. 30 event.

On Feb. 3, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a one-year contract with GreenTech Recyclers. The Oak Park-based business was the only company that submitted a bid.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee's monthly electronics recycling event will continue to take place the last Saturday of each month, except December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the municipal grounds, 52700 Van Dyke Ave.

The next event will take place Feb. 27.

Although the January event was restricted to Shelby Township residents, all future electronics recycling events will be open to residents of any community.

The recycling of cathode ray tube monitors and TVs, however, will be limited to Shelby Township residents. CRTs are the older-model box monitors and TVs, and they are costly to recycle because of the processes needed to remove hazardous materials,

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such as removing lead from glass.

Residents from surrounding communities are welcome to bring all electronics besides CRTs.

Trustee Paula Filar, who sits on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, said the township will no longer receive a rebate from the vendor like it has in the past. She proposed a \$1 donation per car to participate in the event to support the township's community giveback program.

"If we suggest a donation of \$1 per car, the charities can still host the program, they can still advertise the program, and they can use it still for their fundraising events," she said. "Actually, they're going to make more money than

they did because, for instance, I think (the January event) had 500 cars."

Filar said that, although GreenTech Recyclers does not have the certifications that the township requires, the suppliers for all of its disbursements do.

"(GreenTech Recyclers is) a small company, which is really great — who does the collection, who sorts it, who uses what they can, and for the disbursements, which are expensive, they use a company with the proper certifications," Filar said. "We are really very happy with this company."

In working to find a last-minute supplier for the January event, Filar said the township discovered that there likely would be a charge for electronics recycling services, so the township put it out to bid. None of the larger recyclers with

the proper certifications or rebates responded to the township's request for proposals, but GreenTech Recyclers' proposal included no charge to the township.

"I just wanted to say thank you for all the homework you did," Supervisor Rick Stathakis told Filar at the Feb. 3 meeting. "We really appreciate that, because this is

a big, big program here in Shelby Township, and also hats off to the Solid Waste (and Recycling) Committee."

For more information, call the Supervisor's Office at (586) 731-5154 or visit [www.shelbytwp.org](http://www.shelbytwp.org).

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