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SHELBY TOWNSHIP

Township selects new vendor for recycling program

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The Board of Trustees on Feb. 6 voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with GreenTech Recyclers in a move that will allow the township's popular electronics recycling program to continue relatively unchanged.

"I want to thank Trustee Paula Filar for all the homework she did," Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis said. "She never gave up on this, and we really appreciate that because this is a big program in Shelby Township. Also, hats off to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee for their role in this as well."

Vintage Tech Recyclers previously hosted the monthly event, but when

the company announced it would be unable to provide the service to any communities or organizations in Michigan due to changes in compensation from appliance manufacturers in the state, the SWARC partnered with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Stathakis's Macomb Families and Business Coalition to keep it going.

"What we agreed on was a use of \$450 from the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee's fund balance and a donation of \$550 from Supervisor Stathakis's Macomb Families and Business Coalition to fund the lion's share of the program in January," Filar said.

In an effort to find a more permanent solution, the township's SWARC sought bids from companies inter-



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ested in overseeing the program. They received only one response, from GreenTech Recyclers, based in Oak Park.

"However, it appeared that

they did not have the certifications that we needed," Filar said. "But in questioning them further, we found out that even though they are a

smaller company and do not have the certifications (the township requires), they use suppliers for all of their disbursements that do have the

necessary certifications."

According to Filar, the township will enter into a one-year agreement with the company.

"We're very happy to enter into an agreement with this company for a one-year period," she said. "We think it's worth giving them a try."

Under the terms of the agreement, the collection of Cathode Ray Tube monitors and televisions will be limited to Shelby Township residents.

"But anyone from any community can bring in all their other electronics," Filar said.

Electronic recycling events are held the last Saturday of each month, except December.

For more information about the program, visit shelbytwp.org/recycling.