

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.79 Subcommittee on Market Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 2020

LOCATION: Conference call

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Molly Lynyak, ASTM (Organizer)

Ben Favret, Performance Excellence Development, LLC (Host)

Robyn Weitknecht, Reedy Creek Improvement District

Suzanne Woodward, American Holtzkraft

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This is the first meeting since becoming an F15 subcommittee (after meeting as a task group this past year). There was an introduction of Subcommittee members that were present, and the leader confirmed that the Subcommittee is “in balance” – Official Voting Members (3 Producers/ 1 User/ 1 Consumer/ 2 General Interest). Andy Newens represents CPSC as a “non-official voting member.”

The Subcommittee currently has three draft standards:

1. “Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas” is the only one of the three to be fully developed so far. It was decided by group consensus today to be sent for subcommittee vote. Plan for balloting is to start this week (Nov. 20) and be out for 30 days.
2. “Umbrella Manufacturer Installation, Care, and Maintenance Instructions” is the one which the group chose to focus on next to fully develop, beginning in January 2021.
3. “Umbrella Consumer/End-User Selection, Use, and Maintenance” hasn’t been fully developed yet by the group, and will be revisited in 2021.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 11:00am

The Subcommittee will review ballot results for #1 above and begin looking at developing the standard #2 above.