



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Commission Members		Public	
	Francine Locke	x	Becca Yurkovich
x	Carol Martsof		Elaine Schaefer
	Jaclyn Rhoades	x	Anne Stauffer
x	Jennie Saxe		Gretchen Groebel
x	Scott Sidlow	x	Sue DePompeo
x	David Director	x	Gina Burritt
	Steve Clark		Komeh Lansana
x	Krystal Gauld		
x	Julie Prey		
	Ed Orner		
	Laura Goodrich Cairns		
	Marc Manfre		
x	Ed Magargee		
x	Shawn Stancill		

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Carol Martsof
 - a. Question – Which of the following Sustainability Practices have you done this week?
 - b. Roll Call – attendees listed above
2. Instructions for Public Comment - Carol Martsof
 - a. Comments can be emailed to: SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us
 - b. Zoom Chat in the meeting
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August - Carol Martsof – lack of quorum, so Commission could not vote to approve the August meeting minutes.
4. Food Access in Delaware County - Komeh Lansana
Ms. Lansana reviewed the definition of a food desert and provided an overview of how GIS can be used to identify food deserts for community action.

Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat) – no comments at this time.

5. Office of Sustainability/Sustainability Plan Update - Becca Yurkovich
 - a. Delaware County is seeking affiliation with *Keep PA Beautiful Affiliation*.
 - b. Chester City has been designated as FEMA disaster resilience zone. FEMA, NOAA, and DOT funding will prioritize funding and increase federal cost share on projects benefiting the zone.
 - c. Recent community engagement events were held at Media’s Ecofest and Concord Township Community Day.

- d. Upcoming events were reviewed: Zero Waste on 9/24, Lecture at Widener U. Green Chemistry Course on 9/29, We Conserve PA EAC Network Fall Gathering on 10/21 and Swarthmore Senior Citizen Group
 - e. Grant Updates –awarded for a Tree Canopy Assessment; Reimbursement of 10-Year Muni Solid Waste Plan. The grant for county-wide composting facility was not awarded. An application will be submitted in January of 2024 for a \$400k grant for energy efficiency upgrades.
 - f. Regional sustainability efforts are underway with DVRC.
 - g. Zero Waste Plan Update – Comments from PA DEP were received 8/10. Most of the comments are minor and will be addressed. Next steps include: addressing comments and a 30 – 90 day circulation of draft to all municipalities. It will then be sent for County Council approval.
 - h. Electronics recycling event on 9/19 at Catania County Park from 9am – 1pm.
 - i. Other events and happenings – Delco green ways grant program is open until 9/29. The Planning Department is doing another survey seeking feedback on the design of the Don Guanella
 - j. Sustain Delco – County Council has voted to accept the plan, however is not committing funding to execute the plan. Any expenditure of funds will need to County approval. Implementation of the plan was discussed and a breakdown of the actions that can be completed in-house vs. outside resources (and funding) were reviewed.
6. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Carol Martsolf
 - a. Everyone on the Commission needs to complete the Meet the Members form
 - b. Carol to send around the resolution from the U.S. Council of Mayors referenced under new business
 - c. Distribute list of EAC
 7. New Business – Carol Martsolf
 - a. Potluck gathering to celebrate everyone’s efforts!
 - b. Farewell to Jennie Saxe and Scott Sidlow – thank you both for your contributions!
 - c. David Director discussed the LNG port terminal being proposed in Chester.
 8. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Carol Martsolf
 - a. Becca will look into chain of command for plastic recycling
 - b. Action items and next steps for Sustainability Plan implementation
 - c. Approval of August minutes
 - d. EAC list will be distributed
 - e. Provide a link for ACOE LNG action
 - f. Complete Meet the Members
 - g. Contact Becca if you are interested in being Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary

Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat)

- 1) Recommended locating the community composting site in Swarthmore.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.