



Delaware County Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, July 13, 2023
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Attendees:

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

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – In what ways are you sustainable regarding clothing?
2. Instructions for Public Comment. Comments may be submitted by the following: 1) email sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us, or 2) written comment in the chat window
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April and May – due to a lack of quorum, we are unable to approve the meeting minutes.
4. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich (6:15 PM - 6:45 PM)
 - a. Zero Waste Plan
 - i. Draft circulation now available
 - ii. Steps moving forward
 1. Final comments from Ann Ryan at DEP
 2. Updated draft for 30-day circulation to Municipalities (no formal action required)
 3. Updated draft based on comments
 4. Council Approval in early fall.
 - b. Sustainability Plan Update
 - i. Schedule has been delayed as it is currently in graphic design and needs more time
 - ii. A sample of the layout was shared.
 - iii. Timeline – July to August Graphic Design; Friday 8/11 – Sustainability Commission Final Plan Approval
 - iv. Implementation timeframe and action items were reviewed

- c. Sustainability Commission Member Term Renewals
 - i. Annual reorganizational meeting is in October. Three members are nearing the end of their term limits. Scott Sidlow informed the Commission that he will not be seeking reappointment.
- d. Department Happenings
 - i. Summer Concert Series is underway, with concerts nearly every night
 - ii. Rose Tree playground is set to open next week.
 - iii. Groundbreaking took place 7/13 at Little Flower Manor
 - iv. Recycling program is being rejuvenated at the Government Center. This will serve as a pilot program, with the goal of extending to all other County buildings.

Public Comment – The following comments were received.

- 1) What is the organization doing to improve weatherization in Delco? Delaware County Action Agency has a program in place to support low-income residents. The Action Plan includes information to improve outreach and access to the Action Agency funds.
- 2) How can funds provided by the recent IRA be used to implement more sustainable & affordable housing in Delaware county? Currently, the IRA benefits are direct to customers and not through Counties and Municipalities. PECO customers can take advantage of energy audits for \$50.

- 5. Sustainability Conference Discussion - Becca Yurkovich
 - a. Almost 300 attendees, nearly double last years total.
 - b. A suggestion was made to consider two simultaneous tracks to allow more time to Q&A.
 - c. Discussion took place on how to engage younger demographics.
 - d. In order to reach more people, discussion took place on adjusting the timing of the keynote speakers and tracks.
 - e. Ideas for more press were discussed.

Public Comment – The following comments were received.

- 1) *When is the next meeting. August 11th at 2pm.*

- 6. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Carol Martsolf (7:15 - 7:20 PM)
 - a. Meet the Members – members need to complete the survey!
 - b. Keep Delco Beautiful Subcommittee – targeted outreach will be taking place soon.
- 7. New Business – Carol Martsolf
 - a. Recognition of Aero Aggregates – Thank you to this local firm for the work on I-95!
- 8. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Carol Martsolf
 - a. Two openings on the Commission
 - b. Approve April and May meeting minutes
 - c. Consider feedback from the Conference
 - d. Fill out the Meet the Members
 - e. Approve the Sustainability Plan

Public Comment

- 1) *A member of the public has offered to update the Solid Waste Authority's "Use Less Energy" pdf.*

- 9. Adjourn – the meeting concluded at 7:16pm