



# Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 11, 2023  
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Attendees:

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

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – What are some effective ways that you try to stay cool in the heat of the summer?
2. Instructions for Public Comment. Comments may be submitted by the following: 1) email [sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us), or 2) written comment in the chat window
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from:
  - a. April 2023 (Motion: Ed Magargee, Second: David Director)
  - b. May 2023 (Motion: David Director, Second: Ed Magargee)
    - i. Approved following amendment of adding Ed Magargee to the attendance log.
  - c. July 2023 (Motion: Ed Magargee, Second: David Director)
4. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich
  - a. Zero Waste Plan
    - i. Comments from the PA DEP received on August 10th. Currently working to address all comments.
    - ii. Steps moving forward
      1. Updated draft for 30-day circulation to Municipalities (no formal action required)
      2. Updated draft based on comments
      3. Council Approval in early fall.
  - b. Community Engagement Events

- i. Representative Lisa Borowski’s Sustainability Information Session - 8/10/23 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
  - ii. Media’s Ecofest - 9/9/23 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Heritage Park
  - iii. Concord Township Community Day - 9/9/23 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Smithbridge Road Park
  - iv. Zero Waste Presentation at St. John Chrysostom - 9/24/23 10:30 AM
  - v. We Conserve PA Fall Gathering at West Chester University - 10/21/23
- c. Upcoming Sustainability Commission Vacancies
  - i. Scott Sidlow and Jennie Saxe not returning
  - ii. Vacancies for a representative with experience in the field of water resource management and municipal manager or staff member from a Delaware County municipality
- d. Sustainability Plan Update
  - i. Presentation of Final Draft of the Sustainability Plan
    - 1. Highlighted elements included:
      - a. Navigation sections allow for increased readability for residents at all stages of their sustainability journeys.
      - b. All photos are from Delaware County, recognizing that climate change is a local issue.
      - c. Six Focus Areas providing background information, goals, and sustainability spotlights highlighting sustainability successes to date.
      - d. Data driven and community informed approach throughout the Plan.
      - e. Implementation matrix outlines over 293 actions for the County and community partners. An applicability section also highlights actions for municipalities and community groups to complete.
    - 2. Conditional approval of the Sustainability Plan, pending the confirmation of correct data in Zero Waste charts on page 58, and recommendation of approval by County Council (Motion: Jennie Saxe, Second: David Director)

*Public Comment – No Public Comments were received.*

- 5. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Carol Martsolf
  - a. Meet the Members – members need to complete the survey!
  - b. Keep Delco Beautiful Subcommittee – targeted outreach will be taking place soon.
- 6. New Business – Carol Martsolf
  - a. Carol Martsolf shared that the U.S. Council of Mayors has issued a Resolution promoting plant-based diets. She then recommended that the Commission work to create a sample resolution for Delaware County municipalities encouraging more plant-based diets.
    - i. It was recommended that the Health Department be included in this effort.
  - b. David Director shared that there is a resolution currently going around local EACs regarding the “Rights of Nature”. David will send the resolution to Becca for distribution.
  - c. David Director also shared PA DEP is offering training sessions for municipal fleet conversion.
- 7. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Carol Martsolf
  - a. Confirm Zero Waste diversion data in Sustainability Plan.
  - b. Complete the Meet the Members form.
  - c. Carol to send around the resolution from the U.S. Council of Mayors referenced under new business.
  - d. Creating list of local EAC contacts

*Public Comment*

- 8. Adjourn – the meeting concluded at 3:09 pm (Motion: Ed Magargee, Second: David Director)

