



Delaware County Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes
 Friday, June 14, 2024
 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff	
PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)		X	Sue DePompeo
X	Steve Clark	X	Elaine Schaefer
X	David Director	X	Ron Aquilino
X	Krystl Gauld	X	Anne Stauffer
	Cephus Hales-Richardson	X	Barbara O'Malley
X	Carol Martsof	X	Michelle Wheeler
X	Julie Prey	X	Yamel Padella
	Jaclyn Rhoads	X	Christine Reuther
	Shawn Stancill	X	Monica Taylor
	Grace Venit	X	Mackenzie Everett
	Joi Washington		
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)			
X	Gina Burritt		
X	Laura Goodrich-Cairns		
	Francine Locke		
X	Karen Wilwol		
X	Marc Manfre		
	Ed Orner		
X	John Bosche (Representing DCSWA)		
X	Becca Yurkovich		

1. Welcome & Roll Call – Jaclyn Rhoads - (2:00 PM)
 - a. Interactive Question - How do you implement sustainability on your summer vacations?
 - i. Swapping plastic water bottles for glasses of water
 - ii. Using public transit to travel for vacation
 - iii. Biking/Walking to locations rather than driving
 - iv. Selecting lodging that have has environmental certifications (Can find these by Googling “Eco-lodges” or something similar)
2. Instructions for Public Comment (2:07 - 2:10 PM)
3. Discussion of July Attendance (2:10 - 2:15 PM)
 - a. Polling the membership to see if we will have enough people in attendance for July meeting due to vacations

4. Update from Michael Leventry (Delaware County Planning Department) Regarding County Act 167 Plan
 - a. Delaware County received a grant to do a Phase I Planning for County Act 167
 - b. Act 167 Plan is an intense analysis of a watershed, including modeling and evaluating development patterns. Plan must also address:
 - i. Water quality
 - ii. Groundwater recharge
 - iii. Stream Bank Erosion
 - iv. And Flooding from Extreme Events
 - c. This is the first time Delaware County is doing a full-County Act 167 Plan, as previous plans have been separated by subwatershed groups.
 - d. Updating these plans to regain compliance with the PA DEP, to streamline compliance for the future, and have consistent recommendations across the County.
 - i. Will be applying for Phase II funding in August.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May - Jaclyn Rhoads (2:10 PM - 2:15 PM)
 - i. Motion by: David Director
 - ii. Seconded by: Krystl Gauld
 - iii. Outcome: Passed Unanimously
6. Designation of County Alternates - Jaclyn Rhoads (2:20 - 2:35 PM)
 - a. Delaware County Commerce Center
 - b. Delaware County Conservation District - (Michelle Wheeler)
 - c. Delaware County Facilities Department
 - d. Delaware County Parks and Recreation Department - (Anne Stauffer)
 - e. Delaware County Solid Waste Authority- (John Bosch)
 - f. Delaware County Office of Sustainability - (Sue DePompeo)
 - i. Motion to accept the presented members as Alternates to County Staff.
 1. Motion by: David Director
 2. Seconded by: Krystl Gauld
 3. Outcome: Passed Unanimously
7. *Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat) –*
8. Delaware County Office of Sustainability Update (DCOS) - Becca Yurkovich (2:35 - 2:50 PM)
 - a. Conference Recap
 - i. Over 300 in-person participants and 55 virtual participants
 - ii. What people loved
 1. Speakers in Morning Sessions, Networking with Exhibitors, informal networking time over lunch, opportunity to pick interactive sessions
 - iii. Participants felt more equipped to implement sustainability in everyday life and community following conference
 - iv. Lessons Learned
 1. More time for breakout sessions and have them recorded
 2. Accurate descriptions of breakout sessions including if it is basic, intermediate, or advanced
 3. Format didn't cater to students
 4. Would like more time with exhibitors
 - v. Discussion of having a potential virtual option
 1. Not preferred by the group
 2. felt that a virtual option would have to be a different program
 - b. Updates on Sustainability Plan Progress to date

- i. Three projects or actions taken in each focus area
- ii. Actions in the works
 1. Climate Vulnerability Tool
 2. Open Space Criteria with Green Space Task Force
 - a. Councilwoman Christine Reuther shared that County Open Space Referendum is currently on pause
 - b. Characteristics Commission Members would Like to have considered
 - i. Historical/Environmental Context/Potential
 - ii. Improve Quality of Life for the residents of Delaware County
 - iii. Watershed Preservation
 - iv. Don't need to currently be green space
 - c. Decision Matrix or Prioritization Matrix
 3. Creation of NMS Watershed Group
 4. Municipal Litter and Illegal Dumping Ordinance Inventory

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

10. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Jaclyn Rhoads (2:55 - 3:00 PM)

- a. Links for Conference
- b. Consider Moving Sustainability Commission Meetings Around
 - i. Maybe have another in-person location by the end of the year which also serves as a review of the Sustainability Plan

11. New Business –Jaclyn Rhoads asked the group for new business

- a. Becca Yurkovich - Concord Township hosting a Race for the Watershed at the Newlin Grist Mill

12. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Jaclyn Rhoads

- a. Poll for July Attendance
- b. Resend the Zero Waste Plan Draft for Review in the Next Meeting
- c. Consideration of Criteria for Open Space
- d. Select another location for an in-person meeting in Delaware County by the end of the year

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

14. Adjourn (3:15 PM)

- a. Motion by: Krysl Gauld
- b. Seconded by: David Director
- c. Outcome: Passed Unanimously