



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 13, 2025 @ 4 p.m.
Zoom Meeting



Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)		
X	Steve Clark	
X	David Director	
	Carol Martsolf	
X	Julie Prey	
X	Jaclyn Rhoads	
X	Michael Schneller	
	Grace Venit	
	Joi Washington	
X	Justin Tibbels	
X	Mike fuller	
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)		
X	John Bosch	X Elaine Schaffer, County Council
	Gina Burritt	X John Bosch
	Anne Stauffer	Michelle Wheeler
	Jonathan Coret	

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
X	Ron Aquilino	
X	Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
	Sue DePompeo	
	Karen Wilwol	
X	Becca Yurkovich	

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Jaclyn Rhodes (4:00 PM - 4:10 PM)
 - a. Quorum achieved
2. Instructions for Public Comment - Jaclyn Rhodes (4:10 - 4:12 PM)
3. Review and Approval of February Meeting Minutes - Jaclyn Rhodes (4:12 - 4:15 PM)

Motion to approve: David Director
 Second : Mike Schneller
 Motion approved.
4. Public Comment (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)

No public comments
5. Subcommittee Updates (4:15 - 4:25 PM)

Climate Resilience: Jaclyn Rhodes-.
 Becca set up meeting with different depts and Natural Lands Trust and Darby Creek Valley Association dealing with flooding- checking for redundancy with Sustainability.
Energy: Michael Schneller.
 Becca set up brainstorming Feb 19th proposed to update county website for energy resources for Residential, Commercial and Municipal. Next call next week. Mike mentioned Simply Solar State grant program <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/solar-for-schools-grant-program-s4s/>
 Education and Outreach: Rebecca. Rebecca discussed potential municipal survey
6. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich (4:25 PM - 4:45 PM)

Staffing update-
 Water resources open position.
 No applicants, Christina had source for new applicants, suggested focusing tole.
 Office of Sustainability Staffing
 Interns: 9 Applicants, hiring for May Start
 Sustainability Coordinator: position open until April 13.

Public Engagement
 Feb 19 Radnor EAC
 March 7: Sustainable Newtown Sq, Green Business Coalition.
 March 15: 11 am- 1:30 pm Sun Village Park Keep Deco Beautiful Community

Sustainability Conference: Committed Speakers presented.
Transportation speaker/topic still needed.
Commission member for zero waste/recycling101?
Commission brief meeting before conference starts? David: focus on engagement, not enough time to cover topics.
Evening/after work preferred.
Mike Fuller: possible shuttle to Little Tinicum Island?
Award subcommittee members needed.
Courthouse/Govt center Sustainability update
5 new EV charger in new parking lot
2 more Ev charger installed in Rose Tree Park
Lighting schedules being fine-tuned for efficiency.
Recycling being revamped.: custodial staff training. Dual cart system carts purchased for waste collection
Toner recycling started
Supply swap between departments

Grants

- EECGC – funding for LEDs through DOE is closed
- LSA Tree Canopy grant moving forward
- Shared Energy Manager through PADEP
 - Focus on location of EV chargers for county and public.
- Keep PPA Beautiful for mini grant- for Saturdays cleanup.
- a. Zero Waste Plan
 - Updated Zero Waste Plan (Ruth Abbey, Rebecca)
 - Focus on residential touch points
 - Timeline for finalization, review and approval in June or July council meeting
- 7. Public Comment (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)
 - No public comment
- 8. Grant Discussion - Jaclyn Rhoads (4:50 - 5:00 PM)
 - HB101 Cumulative Effects Bill hearing. Justin encourages people to reach out to representative.
 - John Bosch: County has reached out to municipalities on grants. Great reception.
- 9. Member Sharing/Roundtable (5:00 - 5:15 PM)
 - Lesley Klawitter- has template for google suvey for that can be shared.
- 10. Review Action Items from Last Meeting – Jacalyn Rhodes (5:15 - 5:20 PM)
 - SEP review- Eliane Schafer and Liz Competello created podcast on SEP Phill
- Podcast on SEP on Planet Philly.
- 11. New Business –
 - Via Roberta Winter request that Commission to review Climate Emergency resolution by League of Womer Voters to be distributed
 - Conservation District Board member needed. Lou Esgrow 12 acre horse farm being turned into flower farm.
 - Julie Prey: nominate
 - David Director : Second
 - Nomination passes.
- 12. Set Action Items for Next Meeting - Commission Chair (5:25 - 5:30 PM)
 - Commission to review Climate Emergency resolution by League of Womer Voter for next meetig
- Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat)
- Motion to Adjourn

First David Director
Second Ron Aquillino
Motion passes
13. Adjourn (5:23 PM)