



# Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2023  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

## 1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question

Commission Members	Public
Francine Locke	Becca Yurkovich
Carol Martsof	Howard Sherman
Jaclyn Rhodes	James McLaughlin
Jennie Saxe	Gina Burritt
Scott Sidlow	Stephen DiDonato
David Director	Dale Harris
Steve Clark	Liz Compitello
Krystal Gauld	Ruth Abbe
Julie Prey	Mike Ewall
Ed Orner	
Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
Jim Warner	
Marc Manfre	
Ed Magargee	
Shawn Stancill	

Interactive Question: Name one new thing you learned about sustainability since last month.

2. Instructions for Public Comment – Comments can be submitted via email ([SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us)), via chat, or by being called on.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December – meeting minute approval will be postponed until next month.
4. DVRPC Energy Update – Presented by Liz Compitello:
  - a. Sustainable Energy Partnership of SE PA (formerly the Regional Solar PPA Partnership) – to date evaluated feasibility of three energy procurement options. Going forward pitch to elected officials in all four counties for a managed portfolio subaccount.
  - b. Regional Energy Benchmarking – to date monthly meeting with county and municipal representatives to develop the approach. Going forward funding is being sought for a 2023 launch.
  - c. Regional Streetlight Procurement Program – to date 77 municipalities and 45k streetlight retrofitted over 4 rounds of the program. Going forward, launching 5<sup>th</sup> round to bring on 5 – 10 additional municipalities in summer 2023
  - d. Solar Energy Guidebook – aiming to launch by summer 2023 to provide model ordinance for municipalities when planning future land use and solar projects.
  - e. Developing a regional energy transition plan and may issue an RFP for a feasibility study in February.

Public Comment ([SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us) and from Zoom chat) – Howard Sherman submitted a request to hire a county level grant writer to research funding opportunities and support for

*sustainability initiatives. An email question was submitted asking if the Commission was familiar with the community choice aggregation.*

5. Chief Sustainability Officer Update
  - a. Reviewed 2023 goals
  - b. Provided January highlights including:
    - i. Receipt of 29 new EVs for DCHD
    - ii. Outsourcing EV charging stations along
    - iii. EV charging station study from Public Works
    - iv. Seeking funding for public EV charging stations
    - v. IJJA EPA SWIFR Grant composting application, due 2/15
    - vi. Keep PA Beautiful Affiliate moving forward
6. Sustainability Plan Update
  - a. Reviewed overall process and action item review
  - b. Detailed the Draft Plan progress to date
  - c. Public engagement progress update
7. 10-year Municipal Solid Waste Plan Update
  - a. Draft plan has been submitted and comments have been received and are being incorporated for the resubmission.
  - b. Solid Resource Management is leveraging their Measuring Enviro Lifecycle for updated the total lifetime of waste model
8. Delaware County Solid Waste Authority 2023 Update
  - a. 2022 Recap was presented, including the addition of additional personnel and reorganization
    - i. Built new 14 acre disposal cell and hired a consultant to analyze leachate, landfill gas management and ash reuse. Expanded availability and schedules and renewed Covanta agreement for 3-5 years
  - b. 2023 Expectations: reviewed governance plan including the placement of a permanent CEO, operations update regarding waste transfer and worker safety training. The financial update was provided with expected revenue and expenditures.
  - c. Provided an overview of the 10-year MWMP & Zero Waste Plan
9. Review Action Items from Last Meeting
  - a. Conservation Board Nominating Organization – the state approved the sustainability commission as being a nominating organization
  - b. CCA organization – Becca reached out for an update and a future presentation will try to be scheduled.
10. New Business
  - a. 2023 In-Person Meeting Dates – target to have the April meeting in-person
11. Set Action Items for Next Meeting
  - a. Discussion about EV charging stations

*Public Comment – no comments*

12. Adjourned