



## Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

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



**Attendees:**

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
<b>PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)</b>		
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	
<b>GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)</b>		
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 19<sup>th</sup> 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)