



## Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 4 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting



### Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
<b>PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)</b>		
	Steve Clark	
X	David Director	
	Carol Martsolf	
X	Julie Prey	
X	Jaclyn Rhoads	
X	Michael Schneller	
	Joi Washington	
X	Justin Tibbels	
	Mike Fuller	
<b>GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)</b>		
X	Lesley Klawitter (DCSWA)	Elaine Schaefer, County Council
X	Anne Stauffer	Barbara O'Malley, Executive Director
	Jonathan Coret	
X	Gina Burritt	
	Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
X	Sue DePompeo	

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
X	Karen Wilwol	
X	Becca Yurkovich	

# 1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Becca Yurkovich

- Quorum Achieved
- Member Sharing - Favorite Bird for World Migratory Bird Day

# 2. Instructions for Public Comment - Becca Yurkovich

# 3. Public Comment (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)

No public comments

# 4. Subcommittee Updates

**Climate Resilience:** Jaclyn Rhoads -

- Would like to revisit the Plan to look at opportunities for further actions that a subcommittee could get behind.

**Energy:** Michael Schneller.

- Currently working on updating the Energy information on the County website. They are going to update this information and bring it back to the Commission for review. The breakdown of information would be by sector, so community members can find applicable information for their situation.

# 5. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich

- Staffing Updates - Sustainability Coordinator position hiring currently underway. The process was very competitive with 65 applicants.
  - Sustainability Intern starting May 27th - Josh Mintzer, University of Delaware
- Zero Waste Plan
  - Updates currently underway.
    - Public Comments
    - Sources
    - Graphics
    - Draft in the July Meeting
- Community Engagement
  - 6 Public Events and 5 events or changes for county staff (mostly surrounding recycling education and).
  - 5 Upcoming events throughout May to get involved with - Delco Gives, Chester RiverFront, Campaign Sign Recycling, PA Native Species Day
- Grants
  - EECBG is moving forward with LED Replacement in Government Center
  - LSA Tree Canopy Study Wrapping Up
  - Shared Energy Manager still underway
- Conference Coming Up

- Looking for help for volunteers, meeting hosts, and attendance at Saturday Meet and Greet
- Taiwan Visit - Sister County Agreement with Pingtung County, Taiwan

#### **6. Public Comment (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)**

- **Olivia Sansone, Claymont, DE** - Asked if Taiwan Session would be available to the public and shared that she was one of the applicants for the Sustainability Coordinator position.

#### **7. Review and Approval of April Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Jaclyn Rhoads

Second : David Director

Motion approved unanimously.

#### **8. Review Action Items from Last Meeting**

- **Roberta Winters, Chair of the Delaware County League of Women Voters**, presented a resolution for adoption to further describe Climate Change as a Climate Emergency to emphasize the urgency of this issue.
  - a. Motion to adopt this resolution - Jaclyn Rhoads
  - b. Seconded by David Director
  - c. Motion passed unanimously.
    - i. It was noted that this action does not require follow-up action, but serves as an important educational tool.

#### **8. Grant Discussion - Jaclyn Rhoads**

- Karen Wilwol shared the PA DEP Growing Greener Grant is open from April - June 20th for Green Stormwater Projects, Design, Education, etc.

#### **9. Member Roundtable**

- Gina Burritt shared News from the Planning Department:
  - a. Air Quality Monitoring Funding from the EPA was frozen. The project with PA DEP is still moving forward with a mimized scope.
  - b. Direct technical assistance from FEMA to look at flooding in the county has been stunted. PEMA is stepping up to assist in absence of funding.
  - c. Kicking off a master plan for the former Little Flower Manor site.
  - d. Currently doing outreach for Vision Zero Plan to try to get municipalities to sign on.
- Julie Prey shared that she works for the Sisters of St. Francis in Aston. They have a 46 acre forest, and they have initiated a relationship with a forester to learn more about making the forest healthy.
- Elaine Schaefer encouraged all members to participate in Delco Gives.
- Lesley Klawitter from the DCSWA shared that the Household Hazardous Waste event will be taking place on Saturday. She is also planning a recycling event for bicycles and sewing machines for the fall.

#### **10. New Business**

- David Director recognized that the Commission is in transition since finishing off the Sustainability Plan. He noted that work of the Commission is shifting from as a whole to subcommittees. He recommended that the Commission could do research on different examples of great Zero Waste practices around the country to help inspire municipalities to take action.

- Jaclyn Rhoads added that the Commission is not strictly advisory, but a working board.

**11. Set Action Items for Next Meeting**

- A. Check out Delco Gives
- B. Sign Up for HHW Event
- C. Sign up to volunteer for conference

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

No additional public comment.

**13. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: David Director

Second: Jaclyn Rhoads

Motion passes unanimously.

**14. Adjourn (4:55 PM)**