

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Township Recycling Commission came to order at 7:05 at Rita Reves Park Pavilion.

Members present: Molly Perrin, Bruce Hartlein, Karl Malessa, Susan Vogel, Ken Lehr
Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Announcements

None

Old Business

- Recap of work session held on Oct 27 via zoom to discuss draft ordinance. Don to take lead on ordinance review.
- Bruce agreed to be responsible for recycling reminders to businesses operating in Willistown. Molly to send Bruce draft letter.
- Don agreed to steer update of hauler recycling information on Township website.

New Business

- The township had no responses to posted vacancy to replace Molly, who recently joined the Township's Planning Commission.
- Additional questions came up about enforcement and to what extent Township can enforce current recycling ordinance. Molly suggested we schedule some time with the Township Solicitor to answer some of those questions (William Christman of Lamb McErlane is the Solicitor). Jennifer suggested we prepare questions in advance of the meeting and coordinate through township staff.
- Susan announced that we received the PA DEP 904 performance grant for 2018 in the amount of \$21,867. The actual distribution of funds is always delayed, that is why we are only now receiving the 2018 grant. We continue to apply for this grant annually.
- We discussed goals for 2021. Goals are (1) to consider expanding the role of the Recycling Commission (Bruce and Susan agreed to talk to neighboring townships to get some ideas. Bruce to talk to Tredyffrin and Radnor. Susan to speak with Charlestown, E Whiteland and E Goshen) and (2) to complete a new Recycling Ordinance. Other goals may be added but those are the major goals for the coming year. Of course we hope to get back on track with our recycling events in 2021 as well.
- Susan reached out to Patti Lynn, the Chester County Recycling Coordinator, to introduce herself as the new chair of the Commission. Patti was very receptive and would like to work on neighborhood collaboratives such as tool sharing that will bring neighborhoods together and emphasize reduction and reuse. Susan will continue discussions.
- Discussed appropriate holiday event. No decision made.

Citizen's Comments

Zachary Leahan had questions about recycling styrofoam and solo cups. He forwarded a response from his hauler, Blosenski.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Recycling Commission will be held on December 8, 2020 at 7:00pm at location to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary