

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Township Recycling Commission came to order at 7:05 via Zoom.

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

Announcements

Molly announced that this will be her last meeting. We all wish her well on her new position on the Planning Commission.

Old Business

- Minutes from November 10 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Briefly discussed Ordinance review and need to define our future role better before updating that Ordinance.
- Further discussion of expanded role. It was decided that Susan as Chairperson would put together a memo to Jennifer and Sally with some ideas and also requesting some direction from Township administration and Supervisors regarding our role and how we may assist with matters related to the environment and sustainability. Based on questions, Sally may refer Susan to Bill Christman (Solicitor) for further advice.
- Bruce and Susan update the group about how neighboring townships handle environmental matters/recycling:
 - Tredyffrin:
 - Has composting site available to residents; residents can also pick up compost. That site also takes branches up to 6" diameter. There are fees.
 - Piloting Retrievr—residents can text for pickup of electronics and clothing. No cost to township and counts in tonnage, which may increase grant money from DEP.
 - Has Environmental Advisory Commission...volunteers with liaisons from Supervisor, Park/Rec, Planning, and Engineer.
 - Started Environmental Resource Fund to support initiatives. Accept donations.
 - EAC has Facebook page to showcase their work
 - Radnor
 - Trash and recycling done by township public works department
 - Have and EAC with 5 volunteers and liaisons from Park/Rec, Shade Tree, Planning
 - Have a link to Green Radnor which leads to their Sustainability Series with links to videos of various presentations related to the environment, sustainability and conservation.
 - Charlestown:
 - Environmental Advisory Committee (No Recycling Commission)
 - Formed in 2019 to advise the Board of Supervisors on:

- Environmental issues
 - The protection and preservation of natural resources
 - The use of open land
 - Creating inventories of natural areas with unique features
- This entity also sponsors public educational forums for township citizens
- E Goshen
 - Sustainability Advisory Committee (No Recycling Commission but they have a Recycling Coordinator)
 - Mission is to develop, in partnership with the Board of Supervisors, residents and businesses, a culture of (environmental, economic, and social) sustainability
 - This is to be done by utilizing innovation, education, communication, and comprehensive and strategic planning

New Business

- Discussed trip to CC Solid Waste facility in Lanchester. Will pick a date at January meeting
- There was further discussion of the Retrievr program and how effective it would be as a replacement and supplement to recycling events. Karl to investigate further and if it checks out we will prepare written recommendation to Sally and the Supervisors.
- There are two potential applicants to fill Molly's position on the Commission. Susan and Molly to follow up.
- No constituent correspondence in past month.

Citizen's Comments

Zachary Leahan recommended Retrievr and thinks it would be a good program for the Township. Zachary also discussed his trip to Lanchester. He took some great video footage which he previously shared with the group.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Recycling Commission will be held on January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at location to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary