

## **WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMISSION (WRC) MEETING MINUTES**

**April 13, 2021 AT 7:00 PM**

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

Members present: Bruce Hartlein, Karl Malessa, Susan Vogel, Ken Lehr and Don Knapik  
Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

### **Old Business**

- The Minutes from the March 9 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The group discussed the recent trip/tour of Chester County Solid Waste. Members found the trip to be worthwhile and informative. Ken and Jen will produce a write-up for the Crier regarding the various items that CCSWA accepts, and highlight some of the items that surprised us like books (re-use) and certain types of styrofoam.
- The Township Manager approved that recycling letter that will go out to businesses within the Township making them aware that they must comply. Jennifer is working on the mail merge with her database and will get the letters out soon.

### **New Business**

- The electronic waste event was confirmed for October 2 with eForce being the vendor.
- Bill Hagan reported to Bruce after the meeting that the proposed chipping date is October 23. That date still needs to be confirmed. Once that is confirmed Karl will schedule shredding.
- Retrievr will be up and running next week. Can be accessed by residents via an app or by telephone to arrange at home pick-up.
- Township Supervisors to vote on proposed name change to: Environmental Sustainability Commission on April 26.
- WRC has interviewed prospective new members to replace Molly and Don. The openings were advertised by the Township. WRC will recommend two of the candidates to the Supervisors for approval.
- Don Knapik said farewell to the group. Don is moving out of the area. The group expressed their thanks for Don's work on WRC and wished him well. In one of his final gestures as he prepares for his move, Don donated several vases that he no longer needs to Cottage Flowers in Malvern. They will re-use the vases for some of their customers that need vases.
- Karl informed the group about an upcoming shredding event to be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 Lancaster Ave, Fraser on May 1 from 9-12. It is a fundraiser for local charities. Donation \$10 per box.
- Susan will prepare something for Earth Day next week, to be sent out by the Township.

### **Citizen's Comments**

- Regular contributor, Zachary Leahan, made some comments.
  - Zac has made 3 additions to his [malvernrecycling.com](http://malvernrecycling.com) database: book recycling at Better World Books (bin) in Exton, Chester County library and Washington Memorial Chapel (Valley Forge) both take eyeglasses.

- Zac does not produce much waste so he tried to negotiate reduced pickups from his trash vendor, Blosenski. He was not successful. Ken said he has a pay as you go deal with Blosenski for \$4/bag.
- Zac has seen reluctance to fill up his reusable coffee cup due to Covid. He has asked them to pour it into a metal cup and he then pours it into his cup. Problem solved...if you ask.
- Zac has been studying native plants and the disruption caused by non-native invasive plants. He is working on a database of vendors that focus on native plants. Stay tuned.
- Zac had recommended The Genius Life. Bruce read part of it and recommends it. Information on plastics is particularly enlightening.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Recycling Commission will be held on May 11, 2021 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