

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:03 at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

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

Old Business

- The Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Karl and Ken reported that the e-Waste event went very smoothly. Traffic flow was very good..no long lines...and the double line in front of the police building worked well. There was some confusion about what was being accepted because in the past we have accepted metal waste and batteries.
- Susan submitted a draft grant write-up to Patti Lynn for the Zero Waste initiative. Patti likes the food clearinghouse concept and suggested we combine it with the reusable leftover container idea and resubmit. After lengthy discussion it was decided that there were too many questions to take a vote, particularly on how the food clearinghouse would work: where does it get dropped off (public or private property?), what does receptacle look like, do we accept perishables, etc. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. There is a rolling deadline so no time pressure.
- Mark finished his comments to Guidelines for Growth. Susan will add hers. Comments due by end of October.
- Staffing for upcoming events was reviewed. Bruce and Susan will be at the Chipping Event on 10/23. Bill Hagan arranged the vendor and will staff chipping event with Public Works personnel. Mark, Dave (Public Works), Susan, and Ken will work at the Shredding Event on 10/30. A police officer will be at both events. Signs are stored at the Township building. Contact Jennifer in advance of event to pick up signs.

New Business

- Susan announced that Brendan Kay resigned from ESC. Jennifer advertised the opening.
- We started to brainstorm projects for 2022. Most ideas involved educational events such as beekeeping, composting and pollinator pathways. We need to understand budget for these events and more discussion at the next meeting is necessary.
- **Citizen's Comments:** None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on November 9 at 7:00 at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary