

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:02 at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Members present: Bruce Hartlein, Susan Vogel, Mark Angelo, Jeff Richards, Ken Lehr and Karl Malessa

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business

- The Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Susan reported that she received approval from BOS to apply for the \$7,500 DEP grant to have a DEP consultant assist us with editing our Code to comply with Act 101. Jennifer submitted application and told them that we would like to have editing completed by this summer.
- Mark submitted ESC approved language for Guidelines for Growth with respect to deer management within the township. Mark also spoke to a deer management expert who told him that deer management has shifted away from sheer numbers and now involves damage to native vegetation, forests and car accidents. First step is to see if we in fact have a problem within our Township. Mark to check with police on accidents. Natural Lands and others can evaluate damage to vegetation and forests due to overpopulation, but for a fee. If action is necessary, ESC will only make a recommendation and will not administer a program.
- Further discussion of the Zero Waste Initiative was tabled for discussion at April meeting.

New Business

- We set a date for the spring shredding event: confirmed for June 11, 2022. Karl to confirm date and lock in a fall date of October 29, 2022. The spring event will be a single truck, based on demand at last event. The E-Waste event is confirmed for 10/8/22 and there will be no spring event this year. We are planning a chipping event for fall only this year. That date has yet to be determined. Jennifer and Bruce will reach out to Bill Hagan before he retires to get his vendor contact information so we can confirm a date for a fall event.
- ESC reviewed the link related to Safe Cities Policy which was sent to the Township Manager. Much of the recommendations are more applicable to more densely populated urban areas. Susan will invite the person that originally contacted the Township Manager with Safe Cities Policy to attend a future meeting so we can understand and discuss which recommendations are most applicable to the Township.
- Jennifer showed us a PowerPoint presentation prepared by CCSWA that compared single hauler to private hauler advantages/disadvantages. Arguments for single hauler include more control and communication of standards, less heavy traffic on roads, economies of scale. Mark, who works with government contracts, pointed out some pitfalls of bidding and terminating these types of contracts. Karl said in the past some of the larger property owners with long driveways prefer private service because they can have haulers drive into their properties

versus picking up at the curb. Bruce said he would contact some of the surrounding townships that are using single hauler to find out more about their experience and which haulers they are using.

- **Citizen's Comments:** There were none.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on April 12, 2022 at 7:00 at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary