

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:04 at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Members present: Bruce Hartlein, Susan Vogel, Ken Lehr and Karl Malessa

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business

- The Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Karl reported that the shredding event held on Saturday, June 11 went well, although not as busy as in prior years. 1.46 tons of paper was shredded. Based on the tonnage, the Commission decided to continue with a single truck for the fall event. The Commission has noticed that participation in all of the recycling events has been down over prior years. It could be related to the conversion of the Crier to digital only and the fact that residents have to subscribe via the Township website (the Township does not have personal email addresses unless they are provided by residents). Lower attendance could also be caused by more recycling events available to people at nearby townships or businesses that sponsor such events. Susan suggested sending a reminder postcard to residents at the end of the summer with the dates of our three fall events. Jennifer indicated that it is not in the Township budget for 2022 and that she would make sure it goes into the 2023 budget. It was also suggested that the event dates go up on the public signs at the Township building and township parks. Mary Hundt is responsible for that and Jennifer?/Karl? will speak to her about publicizing the fall events.
- The fall event dates are: Oct 8 eWaste; Oct 22 Chipping; and Oct 29 Shredding.

New Business

- Ordinance revision-The Board of Supervisors (BOS) removed the May 23 agenda item and the issue was directed to the Planning Commission. Apparently even though there is a grant to cover the cost of the recommended consultant, KRF, the Township prefers to use John Gaadt who is also working on the Township's comprehensive plan. Susan contacted John who told her he will be on sabbatical and cannot look at it until the middle or end of July. Susan to attend next Planning Commission meeting to sort through this issue.
- Zero Waste Initiative update. Susan recommended (and Patti Lynn supports) the idea of holding an educational meeting at a local restaurant and providing a leftover box to those who attend. It was suggested that we focus on restaurants within Willistown such as San Nicola, Poseidon, or Teikoku. Again, this will require BOS approval since it involves a grant. Susan will contact Patti Lynn to determine the turnaround time for grant money, and hopefully hold the event in September, provided that the grant money is available by then.
- Susan reported that she received an informal resignation from Mark Angelo. She requested a formal written resignation but she has not heard back from him. He was not in attendance. The Committee also asked for the resignation from Mark Bem, who has not attended a meeting in 15 months. He failed to provide that and allowed the month-long grace period provided by Susan to lapse with no communication. At his request, and without further discussion with the

Commission members, Mark was reinstated by the BOS. Susan is waiting for further explanation from the BOS.

- **Citizen's Comments:** Liz Tankel and Keith Parsons were in attendance. Keith discussed a composting program that Media borough is running along with Linvilla Orchards and Kitchen Harvest. Note, Media provides trash collection and the new composting program through their public works department. You can read more about the program on Media's website (mediaborough.com) Keith also reported that Delaware County is using a zero waste consultant to help them transition to sustainable methods of materials management using zero waste practices. Their next workshop is June 30, in person or on zoom. You can get more information or register at delcopa.gov/workshops.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary