

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:00 pm at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

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

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs and Township Manager Shanna Lodge

Also Present: Supervisor Bill Shoemaker

Old Business

- The Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Bruce and Karl gave recaps of the recent chipping and shredding events. The chipping event was not well attended with probably 20 or so cars handled. Karl reported that the shredding was better attended with about a half a truckload or 1.9 tons collected and shredded. Neither event had the same attendance as pre-Covid events. It is not clear why but some think the fact that there is no longer a paper Crier has made publicity difficult. Karl was advised to lock in shredding dates soon, so it was decided to be either April 22 or 29. Karl to confirm. The chipping event will be either April 1 or 8. Bruce to coordinate with Public Works to nail down the date. Mr Shoemaker and Ms. Lodge said that we are going to budget the return of paper Crier and a few postcards to get people back out to events.
- Zero Waste initiative— We are trying to confirm dates with Teikoku for either Jan 24 or 25 or Jan 31 or Feb1. The reusable containers have been ordered and will have Township logo. Plan to advertise on posters, Township signs, social media and mailers.

New Business

- Lisa Covatta from W Goshen Township attended to discuss their experience with single vendor.
 - They use Republic on a 5-year contract; very satisfied
 - They bill trash with sewer bills
 - Lisa handles most of the customer service issues. Takes her a few hours per week.
 - She shared a copy of their most recent bid that we can use if we decide to move ahead with single vendor.
- Supervisor Bill Shoemaker was very supportive of the single vendor concept. Thinks we need to figure out how to introduce it to residents. Main selling points are: reduced cost, more control over vendor, single point of contact, less truck traffic in neighborhoods, and less wear and tear on roads.

Citizens Comments: Fred ____ was on Zoom and asked why were considering changing to single vendor. The main impetus was the withdrawal of Republic from the Township and the fact that Blosenski now has a dominant share of the business.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on December 13 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary