

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

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

Members present: Susan Vogel, Bruce Hartlein (via zoom), Ken Lehr, Karl Malessa, and Jeff Richards

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

### Old Business

- The Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Spring Event dates were confirmed: April 1: chipping, April 15: eWaste, April 29 shredding. Jen to post dates in Crier and provide more information on what is acceptable and unacceptable for each event. All events will be 9am-noon.
- Single Hauler-Susan sent a memo to BOS asking them to consider single hauler. Should be on the agenda for next Monday Jan 17. Susan will let us know if she needs assistance with this. The recent acquisition of the dominant hauler, Blosenski, by Waste Connections is another reason to consider single hauler at this time. Dominic from Republic was in attendance and he said Republic pulled out because it just wasn't profitable for them to serve just a portion of the Township. But they would most likely be a bidder if the Township were to go out to bid. He thinks we would get 2-3 bids.

### New Business

- Zero Waste event:
  - Logistics have changed since Teikoku pulled out. New manager was going to require a \$1,500 fee for the room.
  - Event will take place at Poseidon in Paoli. They have a room for 36 people and equipment for presenting.
  - 200 reusable leftover containers have been ordered, branded with Township logo.
  - Targeted event date is now March 1.
  - The event will be called: Reducing Food Waste: Dining Out Mindfully.
  - Preregistration will be required.
  - Jen will try to get it in the next Crier.
  - Keith will give a 15 minute presentation to the group on food waste and how we can reduce it. Send any relevant ideas or articles to Keith so he can prepare his talk.
  - It was suggested that remaining containers may be used by Poseidon...maybe Earth Day event where they have a special menu and offer the reusable containers for take-out or offer to restaurant diners as part of that event.
  - Also, we may do a second event and see if San Nicola is interested.

- Litter- the Township Manager received a message from a resident about the litter on the Township roads. Susan will respond on behalf of ESC indicating that the update of Act 101 will include litter prevention as part of that ordinance. Also, Jen will put a piece in the Crier. There was also some discussion of “road sponsorship” and/or a clean-up event, but safety is a concern.
- Vision and Mission Statements-Jeff Richards kicked off a discussion about developing Vision and Mission Statements for ESC. Jeff provided an outline to guide us. After a brief round of brainstorming Jeff said he would write up a draft for discussion at the next meeting. All members are asked to come up with ideas for elements to be included in the vision statement.
- Karl reported that he sent back 13 boxes/520 pounds of techno trash from the bin at the Township building.

**Citizens Comments:** None.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on February 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building, unless someone’s Valentine objects.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary