

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2023 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, Bruce Hartlein, Karl Malessa, Ken Lehr, and Keith Parsons

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business

- The Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Susan reported that the BOS approved moving ahead with single trash hauler concept. First step is to put together an outline with pros and cons, which Bruce will do and outline/summary based on Susan's presentation at BOS meeting, discussions with surrounding townships, and information from CCSWA. Jennifer suggested that we target public meetings for fall 2023 due to other issues on the agenda earlier this year.
- Vision Statement brainstorming was tabled until the next meeting since Jeff Richards was not in attendance. Members should reference material provided by Jeff previously and be prepared with some ideas to discuss during the March meeting.
- Susan has been receiving more complaints about litter. Members discussed whether the Township Code addresses litter and if there are associated fines. Enforcement is difficult since there are only three officers patrolling at a time. Bruce to look at Code and report. Jennifer to include this issue in future newsletters.

New Business

- Zero Waste event:
 - Event to be held at Poseidon restaurant on March 1, 7pm. Members should plan to attend.
 - The event has been publicized via social media and the electronic newsletter. 10 residents have signed up so far.
 - 200 reusable leftover containers have been ordered, branded with Township logo.
 - The event will be called: Reducing Food Waste: Dining Out Mindfully.
 - Preregistration will be required.
 - 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 we ask attendees what other issues/topics they would like to see in the future.
- Annual Recycling Report is due by February 15. Jen will handle. A few of the haulers have not responded yet. We only get recycling information, not tonnage on regular trash, so it is difficult

to see how trash and recycling are trending. This could be another reason to consider single hauler.

- Karl reported that he sent back 2 boxes of techno trash from the bin at the Township building.
- Karl and Bruce discussed Terracycle. Terracycle works with businesses, government and people to keep trash out of landfills or from incineration. They have various programs that we should consider. See [terracycle.com](https://www.terracycle.com) for more information.

Citizens Comments: Two residents (Julie Frissora And Lewis (Beau) Pettinos) attended. They are concerned about how they might be impacted by moving to a single hauler since they pay relatively low rates, Julie pays per bag with Blosenski and Bo has a senior rate with Opdenaker (\$90 per quarter). They want to make sure that they are not in effect penalized for generating less trash. Henry Yordan attended via zoom and explained that he has a long driveway and uses a Phoenixville hauler to take his trash and recycling without putting it at the end of his driveway. He explained that that company serves 50 residents in Willistown. He pays \$240 per quarter. Blosenski had quoted \$750 per quarter. Susan explained that we are still in the early stages of this project, but this type of input is valuable for us to consider.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary