

Environmental Sustainability Commission (ESC) Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:06 PM at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Members Present: Susan Vogel, Ken Lehr, Jeff Richards, and Keith Parsons
Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business:

- The minutes were approved after a motion by Keith Parsons, seconded by Jeff Richards
- Keith attended the PRC event and gave a thorough update. YouTube videos are available for sharing. Food Waste items available; look to share at next Greentree event. "Tips for reducing food waste" to adhere to ordinance for education
- The Vision and Mission statement were discussed. Susan indicated we need to refocus on what we've written to keep scope faithful, including keeping each meeting to an hour to honor each member. One suggestion was that we start each meeting with recitation. Also, the option of offering a yearly theme might be helpful to keep our scope succinct. The idea will be further discussed as we move into the new year of 2024.

New Business:

- The agenda for the October 5th single hauler meeting was discussed; there is a need for someone to take minutes for this meeting at General Wayne. The group spoke to the strategy of the meeting, including the option of a survey.
- The group spoke on a grant option for Greentree, where folks buy water bottles; can we get a grant to install a water filling station?
- The group discussed the upcoming grant workshop. Jennifer and Keith will both be attending.

Citizen Comments:

Zachary Leahan offered a positive yes on the filling station possibilities, as well as offering an opinion on water bottles' makeup being metal or glass. Some sobering details on plastic recycling would be effective. Zachary revisited a tree pickup idea for planting, especially emphasizing trees with edibles. Revisiting the best time for offering, he suggested Earth Day may be premature for budget/availability of best plants. Further options will be discussed. He believes it would be best for any tree handout to be free.

Next Meeting

The committee was reminded that there will be an informal meeting on September 12th at Greentree; the next full meeting will be a special meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at General Wayne Elementary School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.