

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

November 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, Jeff Richards and Keith Parsons

Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

### Old Business

- The Minutes from the August meeting as well as the October Special Community-Wide meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Shredding Event Recap: Karl gave a recap of the Shredding Event. Traffic was steady throughout the morning after the usual heavier volume at 9am. Karl recommends that we continue with shredding 2x per year. Volume has been lower than in past years as other shredding events are now available to residents. Residents should be encouraged not to use plastic bags to bring their paper to the event...paper bags or boxes are preferred. It was decided that the spring 2024 events will be held in April. Susan to nail down a date first, then Karl for shredding and finally Jen will speak to Hagan in Public Works about getting a date with an outside vendor or possibly handling with Public Works employees. One of the April events should be on April 20<sup>th</sup> since that is closest date to Earth Day (probably e waste).
- Single Hauler: There was a brief recap of the single hauler community informational event by the group. The next step is to get a survey company involved. Jennifer will have some vendor names at the next meeting. Robin Flavelle (a resident on Zoom) suggested that we have input on defining the questions and final approval on the survey that is ultimately sent out to residents. Jennifer will promote the survey in the first quarter 2024 Crier so survey should probably take place shortly thereafter.
- Relevant Events: Jennifer attended and reported on the Recycling Coordinators Meeting. DEP and CCSWA were in attendance. Discussed enforcement of recycling at schools with the Carton Counsel. Recycling is required but not overseen or enforced by the township.
- DEP Grant: Jen and Susan are working on that and will submit well in advance of the December 30, 2023 deadline.
- Update of Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance-Bruce will continue to work on this by reviewing the report prepared by SCS Engineers and sending comments on the recommendations and the draft ordinance to Jen for her review. It will then need to be reviewed by the township solicitor before it goes to the BOS for final approval.
- Techno Trash- Karl reported that he sent in 5 boxes of techno trash (CD's and videos) from the bin behind the police station in September and October.

**New Business**

- 2024 Theme- tabled discussion until December meeting.
- Single Hauler survey-this discussion was tabled until December meeting.
- Tree Giveaway- seems like there is interest in this. Will continue to work on it for possible fall 2024 event.

**Citizens Comments:**

Julie Frissora suggested that we consider Covanta for e-Waste. She thought they may take e-Waste without a fee. Susan will check it out.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on December 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary