



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:35 PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Chair: Becca Yurkovich (Acting Chair)

Recorder: Steve Clark



Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)		
✓	Steve Clark	
✓	David Director	
	Carol Martsolf	
✓	Julie Prey	
✓	Jaclyn Rhoads	
	Michael Schneller	
	Joi Washington	
✓	Justin Tibbels	
✓	Mike Fuller	
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)		
	Brooks Stayer	✓ Dave Moser, SWA
✓	Gina Burritt	Ron Aquilino
✓	Anne Stauffer	
	Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
✓	Sue DePompeo	

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
✓	Karen Wilwol	
✓	Becca Yurkovich	

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question

- Meeting called to order by Becca Yurkovich.
- Carol Martzoff was absent; Jaclyn Rhoads joined in transit.
- Roll call confirmed quorum.
- New attendee: Dave Moser, General Manager, Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, introduced himself.

2. Instructions for Public Comment

- Public encouraged to use Zoom “Raise Hand” feature, Q&A box, or email.

3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: David Director
- Seconded: Jaclyn Rhoads
- Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

- Markice Lewis noted Anne Stauffer was present.

5. Delco 10-Miler Presentation

- Presented by Councilwoman Christine Reuther.
- County is a presenting sponsor.
- Race scheduled for Sunday, September 28.
- Sustainability Office to assist with cleanup and sustainability planning.
- Opportunities for volunteers and community engagement.

6. Subcommittee Updates

- **Climate Resilience (Jaclyn Rhoads):**
 - Connection made with former FEMA staffer interested in supporting local projects.
- **Energy (Steve Clark):**
 - No current updates; plans to re-engage with Mike Schneller and David Director.

7. Office of Sustainability Update

- **EECBG Grant:** \$400K for LED upgrades at Government Center.
- **Tree Canopy Assessment:** Final review underway; results expected in August.
- **Shared Energy Manager Project:** Ongoing site assessments for EV charger infrastructure.
- **Staffing Updates:**
 - Olivia Sansone hired as Sustainability Coordinator.
 - Josh Mintzer introduced as summer intern.
- **Conference Recap:**

- Virtual sessions well-received; in-person networking missed.
 - Feedback supports return to in-person format.
 - Topics of interest for future: industry impact, redevelopment.
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8. Public Comment

- No additional comments at this time.
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9. Zero Waste Plan – Action Requested

- Final draft presented with updated graphics and public feedback incorporated.
 - Plan uses Zero Waste International Alliance definition and hierarchy.
 - Acknowledges incineration as current practice but sets aspirational goals.
 - Motion to adopt plan with minor pending edits:
 - Motion: Jaclyn Rhoads
 - Second: David Director
 - Motion carried unanimously.
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10. Public Comment

- BP Lyles expressed appreciation for inclusion of public feedback.
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11. Grant Discussion

- No new applications; letters of support issued for:
 - Claymont Coalition (Naaman's Creek)
 - Brandywine Conservancy (Circuit Trails)
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12. Member Sharing / Roundtable

- **David Director (Media Borough):**
 - Advancing bans on Styrofoam and black plastics.
 - Regional collaboration on gas-powered leaf blower bans.
 - **Karen Wilwol (Conservation District):**
 - Full allocation of ACAP funds awarded.
 - Final season of Keystone 10 Million Trees program.
 - Native meadow project at Rose Tree Park showing early success.
 - **Justin Tibbels (Chester):**
 - 40 new block captains inducted.
 - Planning citywide cleanup before Delco 10-Miler.
 - **Gina Burritt (Planning):**
 - 6 municipalities signed on to Vision Zero (Chester added as 7th).
 - Act 167 stormwater planning underway.
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13. Review of Action Items from Last Meeting

- Delco Gives raised over \$2M.
 - Household Hazardous Waste event reminder: next event on September 9.
 - Conference volunteer support acknowledged.
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14. New Business

- None raised.
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15. Set Action Items for Next Meeting

- Finalize Zero Waste Plan edits and distribute.
- Prepare for Council presentation in September.
- Share Tree Canopy Assessment results.

16. Public Comment

- No additional comments.

17. Adjournment

- Motion: David Director
- Second: Julie Prey
- Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.