



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10th, 2025 @ 4 p.m.
Zoom Meeting



Attendees:

Commission Members		Other County Staff and Special Guests
PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)		
	Steve Clark	
X	David Director	
	Carol Martsolf	
X	Julie Prey	
X	Jaclyn Rhoads	
X	Michael Schneller	
	Joi Washington	
X	Justin Tibbels	
X	Mike Fuller	
GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)		
X	Lesley Klawitter (DCSWA)	Elaine Schaefer, County Council
X	Anne Stauffer	Ruth Abbe, Zero Waste Associates
	Jonathan Coret	
X	Ron Aquilino (Planning)	
	Laura Goodrich-Cairns	
X	Sue DePompeo	

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

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question – Jaclyn Rhoads

- a. Quorum Achieved
- b. Member Sharing - Earth Day Activities
 - i. Creek Watch in Darby Creek - Mike F.
 - ii. Media Eco Tour (4/27) - David D.
 - iii. Schuylkill River Trail Clean Ups - Elaine S.
 - iv. Upcycling Trash Cans in Rose Tree Park (4/22 at 3:30) - Anne S.
 - v. Air Quality Monitor getting installed at Redwood Center in Upland Park - Anne S.
 - vi. Little Flower and Kent Park Clean Ups from DCHD - Anne S.
 - vii. Keep Delco Beautiful Launch Event on 3/15 had 96 volunteers - Sue D.
 - viii. Solar Tour at Sun Studios in Chester Township (4/2) - Sue D.
 - ix. Launch Event for Chester City Block Captain Program (4/26) - Justin T.
 - x. Storm Drain Labeling Events - April 16th, May 10th, May 17th - Karen W.
 - xi. Haverford Earth Day Events
 - xii. DCVA Clean Ups (All Saturdays in April)
 - xiii. PennEnvironment Environmental Expo (5/3) Rose Tree Park

2. Instructions for Public Comment - Jaclyn Rhoads

3. Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes - Jaclyn Rhoads

Motion to approve: Ron Aquilino
 Second : David Director
 Motion approved.

4. Public Comment (Sustaindelco@co.delaware.pa.us and Zoom chat)

No public comments

5. Subcommittee Updates

Climate Resilience: Jaclyn Rhoads

No Update.

Energy: Michael Schneller.

New member added to the committee, Corey Reaves.

Currently working on updating the Energy information on the County website. They are going to update this information and bring it back to the Commission for review.

6. Zero Waste Plan Update (Ruth Abbe, Zero Waste Associates)

Ruth provided a project synopsis and recognized that all changes to the document were presented in the last meeting. At this meeting, the County would be soliciting comments on the draft which was presented in the last meeting.

A. Comments

- a. **Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network**, requested that the language which presents the end to incineration “in the future” be removed to reflect “as soon as possible”. He also shared concerns over waste from other counties going to the Rolling Hills Landfill, filling the landfill faster than it should. Mike also requested a paragraph be added recommending Delcora move away from incineration and adopt anaerobic digestion, instead. Finally, he requested that pay as you throw has an emphasis in multi-family housing units.
- b. **BP Lyles, Delco Environmental Justice**, requested that the time frames be adjusted where low-hanging fruit is (1-3 years), medium (4 - 7), and long (8+ years), to further express the urgency.

7. Review Action Items from Last Meeting - Jaclyn Rhoads

- A. **Roberta Winters, Chair of the Delaware County League of Women Voters**, presented a resolution for adoption to further describe Climate Change as a Climate Emergency to emphasize the urgency of this issue.
 - a. Jaclyn Rhoads thanked Roberta and recognized this item would go for a vote in the May meeting.

8. Grant Discussion - Jaclyn Rhoads

- A. USFW Service - Coastal Resilience Fund Grant - shared by Jaclyn R.
- B. DCED Small Water and Sewer Program - shared by Karen W.
- C. DCED Greenways Trails and Recreation Program - shared by Justin T.
- D. Conservation District - Low-Volume Road Program Grants - shared by Karen W.
- E. Ron Aquilino shared that these grants are also located on the Planning Department Website.

9. Member Updates

- A. DCSWA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 12th
- B. E-Waste Collection being arranged through DCSWA in partnership with ReWorld, who is able to host these events for free. If municipalities are interested in hosting, they can reach out to Lesley Klawitter at DCSWA.

10. New Business

11. Set Action Items for Next Meeting

- A. Reminder - June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14th at the Lazaretto Ballroom in Tinicum Township
- B. Action on the Climate Emergency Resolution

12. Public Comment (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us and from Zoom chat)

No additional public comment.

13. Motion to Adjourn

First David Director
Second Ron Aquilino
Motion passes

14. Adjourn (5:05 PM)