



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 14, 2023
2:00 - 4:00 PM

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question

Commission Members	Public
Francine Locke	Elaine Schaefer
Carol Martsof	Christine Reuther
Jaclyn Rhoads	Becca Yurkovich
Gina Burritt	Ron Aquilino
Jennie Saxe	Jim McLaughlin
Scott Sidlow	Alex McKennon
David Director	Anne Stauffer
Steve Clark	Amanda DeNinno
Krystl Gauld	Stephen DiDonato
Julie Prey	Gretchen Groebel
Ed Orner	Sari Steuber
Laura Goodrich - Cairns	Anne Tyska
Marc Manfre	Daniel Nemiroff
Ed Magargee	
Jim Warner	
Shawn Stancill	

Interactive Question: What aspect of equality is most important to address in sustainability?

2. Instructions for Public Comment – Comments can be submitted via email (SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us), via chat, or by being called on.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March - meeting minutes are approved
4. Chief Sustainability Officer Update
 - a. Friday field trip to Linville Farm to see the composting facility

- b. Rose Tree park Destination Park Ground Breaking
- c. Budget preparations are underway for all departments reporting to Sustainability
- d. Kick off capital steering committee to develop CIP
- e. Contracted with graphic designer for sustainability plan WFGD Studios
- f. Contracted with Zero Waste
- g. Contracted with fundraising, event organizing, sustainability plan
- h. DVRPC – Sustainable Energy Partnership of Southeast PA (formerly RPPA)
- i. Over \$1.24MM in grants received from the state for 7 projects
- j. 2nd annual sustainability conference updates
 - i. \$20k grant was awarded to the Foundation for Delaware County to support event planning for the conference
 - ii. Registration for the conference will be sent out to commission members
 - iii. Several speakers have been announced for the conference as well as panelists
 - iv. Panel discussion topics were reviewed
- k. Earth Day Events were reviewed and span April and May

Public Comment – question about county bike plan. This will be addressed later in this meeting.

- 5. 10-year Municipal Solid Waste Plan Update
 - a. Life cycle cost analysis is still underway. Updates will be provided when the analysis is completed.
- 6. Sustainability Plan Update – the mission and guiding principles were reviewed
 - a. Schedule Update and Outcomes from Public Open Houses
 - b. Vision for the Plan and Focus Area Goals and Targets
 - c. Focus Area Actions
 - i. Natural Resources – to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources in Delco
 - ii. Energy and Efficiencies – reduce water and energy consumption in buildings and properties in Delco and transition to combustion free renewable energy
 - iii. Transportation – increase accessibility to safe active and multimodal transportation as alternative to single occupant motor vehicles
 - iv. Zero Waste
 - v. Climate Resiliency – Delco to withstand and recover from the effects of climate change
 - vi. Health and Wellness

Public Comment – No comments

- 7. Review Action Items from Last Meeting
 - a. Meet the Members – Committee members are asked to complete the survey
 - b. Earth Day Activities – Committee members are asked to sign up!
 - c. Keep Delco Beautiful Subcommittee – outreach from other groups are being contacted
- 8. New Business – no new business
- 9. Set Action Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Address comments about sustainability plan
 - b. Menti answers will be sent out to the group
 - c. Please email recommendations for last sustainability conference speaking spot
 - d. Final draft of sustainability plan will be shared for review and approval prior to it being taken to county council

Public Comment

10. Adjourned – meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.