

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMISSION (WRC) MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Township Recycling Commission came to order at 7:03 via Zoom.

Members present: Bruce Hartlein, Karl Malessa, Susan Vogel, Mark Bem, Ken Lehr and Don Knapik
Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business

- The Minutes from the February 9 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Susan confirmed the planned visit to CC Solid Waste Facility. March 24 with March 31 as rain date. The time was revised to 11AM-3PM time commitment. The group plans to meet at the Township building at 11 and transportation can be decided based on personal preferences.
- Compliance letter to businesses. Bruce to change letter to direct questions to the Township at Comments@Willistown.pa.us Bruce to complete and send it to Jennifer for review and approval by Township Manager and Supervisors.
- Karl reported on Retrievr. Township will get 10% of revenue from anything that Retrievr collects in Township and sells. They will take all clean material, not just clothing. Will provide weekly updates of tonnage which can be used for future grants. Mark suggested that we make sure that Retrievr has no control over other events and that we have the right to terminate at any time. WRC approved unanimously and Susan will prepare a memo with our recommendation and send it to Jen for review and approval by the Township.

New Business

- WRC approved name change to: Environmental Sustainability Commission. Susan reviewed proposed changes to Sections 46-1 and 46-2 of the Township Code and there were some comments to the existing language in the ordinance. Susan will update the draft and will send along with a recommendation memo for both the proposed name and ordinance changes to Jen for review and approval by the Township.
- New member search for two open positions continues. There has been strong interest. Susan is setting up zoom interviews with two prospective candidates next week. Susan will put together some interview questions in advance.
- WRC decided to proceed with planning a full schedule of fall events on Saturdays between October 2 and November 13. Mark will schedule eForce and Bruce will schedule chipping (via Bill Hagan). Once those dates are nailed down, Karl will schedule a shredding event.
- No constituent correspondence in past month.

Citizen's Comments

- Regular contributor, Zachary Leahan, made some comments. He said he got some ideas from a book he is reading: Genius Life. He warned against handling receipts and also micro plastics found in coffee cups. Both are unhealthy. He emphasized that we can all be role models for others by bringing our own bags, bringing your own container to restaurants when you know you may bring a portion home, etc. Lead by example.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Recycling Commission will be held on April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm at location to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary