

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION (ESC) MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission came to order at 7:08 at the Willistown Township Building on 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Members present: Bruce Hartlein, Susan Vogel, Mark Angelo, and Karl Malessa
Township Staff: Jennifer Jacobs

Old Business

- The Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Susan reported that she discussed our Zero Waste initiative ideas with Patti Lynn of CCSWA and Patti was receptive to all three ideas, namely a food clearinghouse, reusable restaurant leftover containers, and compost education. Susan will write up all three in an effort to get County grant money for one of the initiatives.
- We tabled discussion of change of ESC meeting schedule until next meeting.
- Tabled discussion of Brendan's idea about email invites to residents for the upcoming recycling events since Brendan was not in attendance.

New Business

- John Gaadt attended the meeting and discussed his work on the 10 year update of the Township's 2011 Comprehensive Plan. John is looking for the ESC to provide some vision items as well as some ideas that can realistically be implemented in the next 10 years. It was suggested that the ESC members read the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, which can be found on the Township website and come up with some ideas for the next meeting. John also suggested that we read the Chester County Climate Action Plan, West Chester Boro Sustainability report, and Malvern Boro's comprehensive plan (which can be found on their respective websites) to help generate some ideas.
- Susan Vogel met with Kathy Rubenstone about what we can do to improve conditions for birds, bees and butterflies, specifically by reducing pesticides. Susan sent around an article about pollinator pathways which is another way to help. Karl mentioned work on this subject by University of Delaware professor Doug Tallamy. Willistown Conservation Trust also has some information on this topic including a Homeowner Resource Guide. It was suggested that we write something up for a future Crier introducing the importance of this topic.
- **Citizen's Comments:** None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Willistown Environmental Sustainability Commission will be held on September 14 at 7:00 at the Township Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hartlein, Secretary