

Delaware County Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2026
4:00 – 5:35 PM

Commission Members

PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)

- ✓ David Director
- ✓ Carol Martsolf (came late)
- ✓ Julie Prey
- ✓ Jaclyn Rhoads
- ✓ Michael Schneller
- Joi Washington
- ✓ Justin Tibbels
- ✓ Mike Fuller

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)

- ✓ Dave Moser, SWA
- Brooks Stayer, SWA
- ✓ Ron Aquilino (Alternate for Gina Burritt)
- ✓ Anne Stauffer
- Laura Goodrich-Cairns
- ✓ Danielle Floyd
- ✓ Olivia Sansone
- ✓ Sue DePompeo
- ✓ Karen Wilwol

✓ Becca Yurkovich

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Interactive Question

The meeting was called to order by Jaclyn Rhoads at 4:00 PM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was confirmed. Sustainability Commission terms and meeting procedures were briefly restated.

Interactive Question: What is one word that defines sustainability?

Participants offered: Recycle, Resilience, Efficiency, Regenerative, Permanence, Adaptability, Planet, Amish

2. Instructions for Public Comment

Members of the public were encouraged to use the Zoom “Raise Hand” feature, submit comments via chat, or email comments consistent with posted procedures.

3. Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the December 11, 2025, Sustainability Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: David Director moved to accept December Minutes.

Second: Mike Fuller.

Outcome: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Mike Schneller had no updates for Energy but was optimistic about seeing lots of LED holiday lights, and mentioned that Solarize DELCO is offering a 20K grant this year for any high impact not for profit organization located in DELCO. The details are on the Hub.

Becca Yurkovich asked if there are places that will take old holiday lights for recycling. MOM’s suggested, and solar powered, with encouragement to seek more for next year.

Jaclyn introduced her 13 student visitors.

5. Public Comment

Public comments were received consistent with posted procedures.

6. Office of Sustainability Update - Becca Yurkovich

Becca Yurkovich provided updates from the Office of Sustainability, including progress on ongoing initiatives, coordination with municipal partners, and priorities for early 2026.

Updates included the Sustainability Conference, scheduled for Fri, Mar 13. BY stated that currently we are in the insurance phase, discussed registration preparation, draft itinerary, social media, with a possible keynote speaker selected, to be announced.

Need **local expert on data centers**, which will be in the program (Delaware Riverkeeper and Food and Water Watch suggested); Jaclyn and Becca will follow up.

Discussed Zero Waste Plan on the agenda, breakout sessions, outreach and engagement efforts, and upcoming grant and partnership opportunities.

Becca discussed Winter Salt Snapshot on Jan 30: wintersaltweek.org for more info.

7. Presentation - Sustainable Communities Hub - Olivia Sansone gave updates on the Sustainability Communities Hub, explaining how the Sustainability Commission's role is advocacy, not implementation, and how the SCH offers tools for municipalities to inspire and encourage action. People were reminded to submit resources and materials for inclusion.

<https://delaware-county-sustainable-communities-hub-dcpd.hub.arcgis.com/>

8. Public Comment

Public comments were received consistent with posted procedures.

9. Grant Discussion - Jaclyn Rhoads

Jaclyn announced an upcoming Delaware Water Conservation Fund through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Mar)

Becca announced (past) a PEC/Aqua opportunity, on protecting drinking water. Mentioned partnering to deepen the Saltwatch work.

Mike F. asked if Saltwatch cross references data with DCVA/Stroud – Becca said yes.

10, Member Sharing / Roundtable

Ron Aquilino mentioned to **Mike F.** synchronizing with municipalities procedures for campaign sign recycling, which is currently being done and documents transferring to local EACs.

Mike F. shared a photo of Delco's newest trail on Naylor's Run between Garrett and Marshall rds; said there will be a Grand Opening soon.

Jaclyn said DCVA member meeting Feb 21 Haverford CREC.

Mike F. announced a Jan 17 Insect ID workshop at CREC, to determine the health of Darby creek, then attended the event, labeling from last April's pickled specimens: Water Pennies, Midges, Mayflies, Stoneflies, Caddisflies and more.

Karen Wilwol reminded that Delaware County Conservation District is working on dirt and gravel road studies for a one day training for environmentally sensitive maintenance (ESM) of roadways, required for Municipalities to attend before they can apply for funds.

- Mike F asked if items like this initiative can be put on Hub (Olivia said possibly in future)

11. Old Business

Commission Structure: Vast majority of commissions are advisory, like ours. **David D.** asked about reporting procedures. **Becca** addressed waste auditing. We lack baselines still, to be accurate. Evolving process mentioned, constant refinement. **Olivia:** Hub will help.

Jaclyn: would be good to invite other municipalities to our meetings,

Becca recalled City of Chester presentation on dumping-Powerful!

Becca noted tracking on Excel is clunky, and best now is Microsoft Planner.

Olivia: mentioned that the SC has met w other County Depts like Planning, Conservation District, Parks to go over overlapping items in the Plan, and we have internal notes that need to be reported and have in one cohesive spot to be made available

Sales Force ruled out for being expensive

David D: recommended searching for Open Source solutions; offered to meet separately w Becca, who stressed need to balance quantitative and qualitative data

Mike S suggested Zoho

Becca reminded that some changes may need to be approved on a governmental level

Jaclyn: moves to cancel Nov meeting because it's close to conference; passes unanimously.

Olivia: suggested possibly using the Hub to gather data that could be used to edit the Sustainability Plan, maybe adding things that don't currently exist but are called for, like what subcommittee did with energy resources

Public comment: Mike F. described his 'sustainable' cruise ship experience

Adjournment: Jaclyn request motion to adjourn, Ron moved, and David seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.