

Delaware County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2026

4:00 – 5:35 PM

Commission Members

PUBLIC MEMBERS (5 for Quorum)

✓ David Director

✓ Carol Martsof

✓ Julie Prey

Jaclyn Rhoads

✓ Michael Schneller

Joi Washington

✓ Justin Tibbels

✓ Mike Fuller

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS (4 for Quorum)

✓ Dave Moser, SWA

Brooks Stayer, SWA

✓ Gina Burritt (Ron Aquilino proxy)

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 David Director at 4:00 PM.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was confirmed.

No Interactive Question.

2. Instructions for Public Comment

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

3. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 8, 2026 Sustainability Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: David Director moved to approve the January minutes.

Outcome: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Joy Baxter, Chair Haverford EAC spoke about Haverford Township Sustainability initiatives, from formation and history of EAC, including Renewable Energy, EVs, Waste, Natural Resources, Outreach and future goals.

She mentioned some solar projects, charging stations, and an electric ZAMBONI!

They are expanding pick up and backyard composting, working on glass recycling, e-waste and pumpkin recycling for farm animals.

Empirical evidence given: 6% less weight from 2019 to 2024.

Using grant money from DCNR and PHS to remove invasive species.

Community Outreach includes Solar after tax credits, Rain Barrels, TWO WEBSITES (Township, and “Rogue” called [Haverford Climate Action](#))

GOALS: Opt-in curbside composting, 250 trees planted (250th Anniversary), Solar panels on Township Building

David asked if they have uploaded all their data to the Sustainability Hub (no), and he and Joy compared their respective EACs.

Mike F asked about the role of the CREC in energizing environmental activism, and they said it's great, but not essential to have a community environmental center.

Gina asked about the mechanics of the coming composting program, which is transitioning from private to township.

Olivia asked about how many volunteer hours they log (Joy stated she does about 5-6hrs per week), and the EAC does feel maxed out. They have weekly volunteer with weekly core group 5-6, and 35+ on large plantings. 9 appointed members on EAC, with 12-13 at large attendees.

6. Office of Sustainability Update – Becca Yurkovich

Updates included conference planning, over 180 pp registered, seeking SUMMER INTERN, Olivia presenting on hub at DCVA and the Circle. Earth Day celebration SC partnering with Parks and Rec.

Federal Tax Credits expiring this year so SC working to pull together a joint solar solicitation to get better pricing, including various locales and mindfulness of deadlines to get Safe Harbor status.

Salt Snapshot was extended (now over).

Grants, Climate Vulnerability Tool, Grants Management (EECBG, PA DEP EE, AFIG, EE, SWIFR/Solid Waste Infrastructure (5mil for Composting, Permanent Hazardous Waste and Recycling Dropoff, Transfer Stations), LSA (150K Lighting)

7. Presentation – Sustainable Communities Hub

Olivia Sansone provided updates and encouraged members to contribute resources.

8. David said No Energy Update

9. Public Comment - None

10. Member Sharing / Roundtable

Justin commented on SWIFR, asking about what it covers, Becca said transfer stations currently being redesigned, and this will help. Costs way more than anticipated. Composting, mulch, household waste may be included as transfer stations.

11. Old Business

Discussion continued on Commission structure, like filling vacancies, diversity, same municipalities, commission positions may be from area, rather than expertise, At Large positions exist in other SC.

David asked if we truly need any experts? Maybe members don't have to be "experts."

Mike F mentioned integrating SC membership into regular activist activity, and vice versa; this integration makes him feel like the SC is worthwhile.

David and Becca agreed, and Becca referred to Retreat as way to look for ways to enhance worthwhileness/contributions to progress.

Mike F applauded the Hub as a way to make contributions that feel important.

Julie P reflected on geography of county and how that is important to SC, and enhancing ways like Hub for different townships to learn from each other.

Becca called for members to help plan SC Retreat (Mike F, David D – Julie P later)

Sue P said May conflictive due to Elections.

Further Member Sharing

Justin said Chester is working on vacant lots, hiring PHS land care field specialist, sending link.

David D attended webinar on microplastics in creeks, coming largely from construction dust. Changing building codes so contractors manage dust.

Karen Wilwol: Conservation District and DCVA cleanups coming soon.

Gina mentioned new county park open house meeting, new loop trail, master plan underway.

Elaine mentioned water supply to that site being planned.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.