

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Review of Minutes

February 5, 2020

Announcements

Open Discussion

1. 2021 Trash and Recycling Collection
2. Update on Exton Park Swedesford Recreation Area
3. Update on Boot Road Park North
4. Public Works Department Update

What's Your Observation? A time for members to share items of importance to you or the community you live in.

Adjournment

NOTE: Meeting Packet is on the Township website

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2020
TO: Mimi Gleason, Township Manager
Board of Supervisors
FROM: Denise Serino, Recycling Coordinator
SUBJECT: Trash/Recycling Survey



RECOMMENDED MOTION: None necessary, for update and discussion only.

The Township conducted a residential trash & recycling survey in spring 2019. Over 1,200 online, paper and emailed surveys were submitted. Sixty-nine percent of residents that responded to the question about continuing the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program (1,179 responses) were in favor of continuing the program, while thirty-one percent preferred a different program or were not sure. There was stronger support for staying with PAYT among smaller households, although a majority of households with 3-5 people voted to stay with PAYT. For ease of reference, the 2019 survey results follow this memo.

Household Size	Continue PAYT		Prefer Different System / Not Sure		Total	
1-2 people	490	83%	100	17%	590	50%
3-5 people	314	56%	244	47%	558	47%
6 or more people	13	43%	17	56%	30	3%
Total	817	69%	361	31%	1,178	100%
No response to this question					70	

In May 2019, following review and recommendation by the Public Services Commission, the Board of Supervisors decided to stay with PAYT. Based on that decision, staff is preparing specifications to seek bids from trash and recycling haulers for residential collection beginning in 2021. Due to the continued uncertainty in the market for recycled material, staff is researching whether changes to the recycling material collected is warranted. We will discuss this topic with the Public Services Commission at their meeting on March 4th. We will ask the Board for authorization to advertise the bid at your meeting in July/August.

Staff welcomes any questions you have about trash or recycling collection or ideas for items to look into as we prepare the specifications.

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Spring 2019 PAYT Trash and Recycling Survey
23-Apr-19

Do you live in West Whiteland Township?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	1241	99%
No	5	<1%
I'm not sure.	2	<1%
No Responses	1	<1%
Total	1249	100%

Are you currently paying for / using the Pay-As-You-Throw trash and recycling collection program?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, and I buy WWT trash bags	1170	94%
Yes, but I dispose of my trash myself	41	3%
No, my apartment / townhome development provides for trash and recycling collection	18	1%
I'm not sure.	4	<1%
No Responses	16	1%
Total	1249	100%

Would you prefer to stay on the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program (i.e., continue purchasing WWT trash bags) or switch to a different trash collection system?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Continue PAYT	817	65%
Different system	337	27%
I'm not sure.	24	2%
No Responses	70	6%
Total	1248	100%
392 Comment(s)		

1-2 people in Household		3-5 people in Household		6 or more people in Household	
575	97%	534	96%	30	100%
15	3%	24	4%	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
590	100%	558	100%	30	100%
1 or 2 people in Household		3-5 people in Household		6 or more people in Household	
490	83%	314	56%	13	43%
93	16%	228	31%	16	53%
7	1%	16	16%	1	3%
0	0	0	0	0	0%
590	100%	558	100%	30	100%
47%		45%		2%	

If the Township decides not to continue the PAYT program, which of the other options (see table, above) would you prefer?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Scenario 2 (Resident provides own trash and recycling containers. Avg. est. cost per HH \$240-\$260)	660	53%
Scenario 3 (Hauler provides large totes and recycling containers. Avg. est. cost per HH \$270-\$290)	279	22%
I'm not sure.	240	19%
No Responses	70	6%
Total	1249	100%
312 Comment(s)		

1 or 2 people in Household

346	59%
96	16%
148	25%
0	0
590	100%

3-5 people in Household

298	53%
172	31%
88	16%
0	0
558	100%

6 or more people in Household

16	53%
10	33%
4	13%
0	0%
30	100%

How many people live in your household? (This helps us to understand the amount of trash you need to dispose of.)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
1 or 2	590	47%
3-5	558	45%
6 or more	30	2%
No Responses	71	6%
Total	1249	100%

Please provide any additional comments regarding the trash and recycling collection in West Whiteland Township.

382 Response(s)