

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Services Commission (PSC) regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Those present were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Dakin
Kevin Doyle
James Duffy
Lee Ann Embrey
Janice Gottesfeld
Timothy Hubbard
Kevin Moore
Joe Roscioli

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Mimi Gleason, Township Manager
Pam Gural-Bear, Assistant Township Manager
Ed Culp, Assistant Director of Public Works
Beth Jones, Board of Supervisors Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Roscioli, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Public Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. at the Township Building.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Exton Park Plan

Mr. Dakin reviewed the Exton Park Swedesford Road Recreation Area Plan, located southeast of the Ship Road and Swedesford Road intersection. The 27-acre area is in the northwestern section of West Whiteland's portion of Exton Park. Phase 1 improvements include the entrance off Swedesford Road, a portion of the paved parking area, two nature-themed playgrounds, dog park, disc golf, restrooms, and walking trail. The multi-purpose fields and remaining portion of the parking area will be constructed in a future phase.

Staff is working with the consultant on completing the plans and required PaDEP permitting. The project will probably go out to bid this summer, with construction beginning in the Fall. Completion of Phase 1 is anticipated in the Spring 2020. Funding for the estimated \$1.1 million project will be provided through a DCNR grant (\$500,000), the Chester County Commissioners Open Space and Preservation (\$250,000), and Township Open Space Funds.

2. Public Works Department Update

Mr. Dakin stated that the sinkhole repairs on Clover Mill Road were completed, and Clover Mill Road was re-opened. Base repairs are being performed in preparation for the 2019 Roadwork Milling and Paving Contract. A new muffin monster was installed in Clover Mill Pump Station, and bids are being accepted through PennBid for the Route 100 Pump Station Upgrade Project.

3. Clean Energy Plan

Ms. Gleason provided an update on the Clean Energy Plan. West Whiteland is joining with five other municipalities in the West Chester area to hire a consultant to put together a renewable energy plan for the community. The goal is to have electric use to renewable energy by 2035 and all other uses to renewable energy by 2050. It was noted that the Township does not have the authority to mandate the transition to renewable energy.

The consultant will make recommendations and provide ideas to the municipalities of what they could do to lead by example, possible local area projects, and ways to provide reliable resources to make the transition easier for residents and business owners. Work on the plan will begin this summer. The Township's portion of the planning costs were \$15,000; the amount was based on each municipality's population.

4. Discussion/Reminders

Trash and Recycling Surveys are due Friday, April 12th.

An **Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 13th at Boot Road Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in helping should contact Ms. Gottesfeld.

The **WWT Friends of the Parks** summer concert series will begin on June 16th. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor, you can visit the Friends of the Parks website at www.westwhiteland.org/fotp.

Michael Hartshorne, who is with the Friends of Exton Park announced that there will be a **volunteer event** at Exton Park on Thursday, April 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to clean-up invasive plants.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Ms. Embrey, to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Moore, Secretary