

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES
May 1, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Services Commission (PSC) regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Those present were as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Alakszay
Brian Dakin
Timothy Hubbard
Kevin Moore
Joe Roscioli

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Mimi Gleason, Township Manager
Ted Otteni, Director of Public Works
Pam Gural-Bear, Assistant Township Manager
Ed Culp, Assistant Director of Public Works
Beth Jones, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Denise Serino, Solid Waste Coordinator

There was no quorum and no official business took place during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bel Broadley, who is with the Friends of Exton Park, provided an update on the Exton Park Earth Day Event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board of Supervisors will be recognizing Laird Duncan at the June 12th meeting and present him with the Albert P. Greenleaf Volunteer of the Year award. Laird has served on the Pension Advisory Board and the Municipal Services Commission for decades.

Mr. Dakin mentioned that May marks Skin Cancer Awareness Month. The Township posted an announcement on social media to remind residents to be aware of sun safety. This announcement and other activities are planned as part of the Shade Structure Grant Program submission later this year.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Trash and Recycling Survey

Mrs. Serino reported that there were 1,246 responses to the Trash and Recycling Survey. There are 4,200 homes on the Pay-As-You-Throw Program (PAYT). 65% of the responses (815) wanted to continue with the PAYT program. The breakdown per household size showed approximately 80% of households with 1-2 people wanted to continue with PAYT; approximately 54% of households with 3-5 people wanted to continue with PAYT; and approximately 45% of households with 6 or more people wanted to continue with PAYT. Staff is reviewing and summarizing the survey responses and comments.

It was mentioned that one more optional year remains on the current trash and recycling contracts. The recycling market is in flux, so it may be in the best interest of the Township to

take advantage of the optional year and in the meantime explore alternatives for recycling so that our recycling materials are more useable and marketable. The Township will be gathering information from various sources to educate residents on recycling. Commission members indicated positive interest in extending the trash and recycling contracts for another year.

A tour of J.P. Mascaro's recycling plant is planned for May 15th; anyone interested should contact Mrs. Serino.

2. Public Open House Review

Mr. Dakin asked for feedback on the format of the Open House. Comments and observations included:

- A large number of people were present; appeared to be an older audience
- Layout logistics were good; however, it was hard to reach the table at the bottom of the staircase, due to the volume of people
- Include the Township's vision for Exton in the next ten to thirty years
- Offer a second event – i.e. one evening event and an afternoon or Saturday event
- Start later in the evening i.e. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Video the presentations

The next Open House will be held on October 29th. Possible topics include historic preservation, environmental initiatives (Clean Energy Plan and recycling), and Township services.

3. Township Parks/Pump Stations Visit

It was suggested that either during the June meeting or as a separate activity, the Commission take a field trip to a Township park and pump station. The tour would help with possible suggestions for the 2020 Budget.

The July 3rd meeting will likely be cancelled unless there is an urgent matter that needs to be discussed.

4. Public Works Department Update

Mr. Dakin stated that the traffic calming islands project on Sunrise Boulevard has been completed, the slope stabilization project on Whitford Hills Road has been completed, basin inlet repairs are in progress in preparation for roadwork paving, and the Route 100 Pump Station upgrade project bids came in below the estimated cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.