



**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

[Etiquette for
hybrid meetings](#)

Meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom
Register for Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 848 3232 7948

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Meeting Packet can be found on Township website

Reminder to meeting participants. Please speak clearly into the microphone

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements:

Make a Difference Day – Rescheduled for Sat., October 7th at 8 AM.

The planned detour of southbound lane of Ship Road has been postponed. New dates will be announced when they are confirmed.

Exton Park Swedesford Rec Area Ribbon Cutting - Scheduled for Fri., Oct. 20th, 10 AM

Public Comment: Comments from audience about items not on the agenda

Business:

1. Approval of September 6, 2023 Minutes
2. Proposed 2024 Recreation Programs (Township and Friends of the Parks)
3. Sustainability
 - a. Proposed 2024 Sustainability Initiatives
 - b. Proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance
4. Commission Updates
5. Staff Updates

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 1, 2023

Program Ideas for 2024

These programs align with the township’s goal to ***Strengthen community resilience and connections while fostering a sense of place around Exton Crossroads***, and our initiative for ***Open space and recreation network to play, exercise and learn outdoors***.

Program Type	Topic	Program / Event	Cost	Description
Active	Disc Golf	Intro to Disc Golf	Free to participate, we have discs people can borrow.	Learn the basics of Disc Golf at Exton Park's new disc golf course! No experience of equipment needed.
	Pickleball	Pickleball 101	Free to participate, \$50 for 8 paddles and balls. Possible partnership opportunity with YMCA.	Pickleball is a trending sport all around the US - and for good reasons! Join Ally out at Miller Park's new Pickleball Courts to learn the basics of the sport for all ages!
Nature	Turtles, respecting wildlife	Turtle Walk	Free	Join Ally at Exton Park for a 1 mile walk around the pond and inner trails. We will look for turtles and other critters in the park, then have a meet and greet with Mr. Charlie, the Woodland Box Turtle.
	Birds	Intro to Birding	Free – can borrow binoculars from French Creek State Park	Have you ever wanted to learn the art of Birding but didn't know where to start? Meet Ally at Exton Park to learn the basics of Bird ID, how to use your resources and the most common birds you can see in your backyard!
Kids Program	Reading / Nature	Story Walks (April - October / 7 total)	Free to participate, will borrow book from Library, \$50 for craft supplies per session - \$350 total.	Join Ally in the Park of the Month where she will read a short story, then lead a craft and a Nature Walk! Each month will feature a different park, book, and craft.
	Reading	Longwood Gardens Community Read	Free to participate, \$100 for flowers to be planted. \$25 for craft supplies to make robins - \$125 total.	Program will be based off the children’s book The Secret Garden. Ally will read the story, then kids can plant flowers in one of our park’s beds and make a take home craft. Participants receive tickets to longwood gardens.
Crafts / Holiday	Wreath Making	Wreath Making	\$20 to participate. Cap at 20 participants. Fees will cover the costs of the program, which includes wreath frames, decorations, and light refreshments.	Get in the holiday spirit and leave with a beautiful wreath! Participants will make their own natural holiday wreath with fresh cut greens. Greens will be hand cut from trees in the area. This program would be held in the Boot Road House for easy clean up.
Totals	6 topic areas	13 programs	<i>\$525 total needed in budget</i>	

2024 West Whiteland Township and the Friends of the Parks Events

Event	Date
Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 6 – 10AM
Earth Day Volunteer Event	Saturday, April 20 – 10AM
Spring Craft Fair	Saturday, May 4 – 10AM-2PM
Summer Concert Series	Sunday, June 16, June 30, July 28, August 11, August 25 - 6PM Saturday, July 13 (Community Day) – 6:30PM
Community Day	July 13, Rain Date July 14 – 4PM-10PM
Make a Difference Day	September 21 – 8AM-12PM
Holiday Craft Fair	November 9 – 10AM-2PM
Tree Lighting	December 4 – 5:30PM
Holiday Lights Contest	November 18 – December 9 – Winners announced at the Dec. 18 BOS meeting

2023 was a great year for township events! The Egg Hunt ran smoothly – even in the wind and rain. Volunteers came out of the woodworks for Earth Day and Make a Difference Day to plant trees, a meadow, pick up trash and to show their appreciation for their local parks. We had a record setting number of vendors apply for the November Craft Fair, and approximately 5,000 attendees at Community Day! None of the Summer Concerts had to be cancelled due to weather, and new bands brought fresh faces to Miller Park. We are excited to bring some revamped ideas to the Tree Lighting and Holiday Lights Contest.

Thank you for your continued support of our free Community Events!

Sustainability Program Ideas for 2024

These programs align with the township's goal to ***Strengthen community resilience and connections while fostering a sense of place around Exton Crossroads***, and our initiatives for ***Open space and recreation network to play, exercise and learn outdoors*** and ***proactive community engagement and public outreach***.

Sustainability Topic	Program	Cost	Possible Partners	Description
Waste				
	Composting workshop	none	Chester County Solid Waste Authority	Staff from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority would host a free Composting Workshop for Chester County Residents at the Township Building.
	No-Sew Reusable Bag	Cost to purchase scissors	Ally	BYO old XL T-shirt and make a personalized no-sew reusable bag. Learn about plastic's effects on the environment and why we are considering a plastic ordinance while making the bags. Then fill the bag at clothing swap.
	Clothing Swap - twice a year	Free	Plato's Closet, Once Upon a Child	Seasonal clothing swap. Free entry. Bring items you no longer need and receive a ticket per item. You may take as many items as you bring. Left over clothing will be donated or taken to retriever.
Energy				
	PECO Home Energy presentation	Free	PECO rep	Partnership Program. PECO come to the TWP building to educate homeowners on ways to reduce energy costs, the Home Energy Assessment, etc.
Stormwater				
	Native Plant Sale	Free - Pay for plants you want to purchase	Local native plant group	Invite a local native plant group to sell plants at the Spring Craft Fair - or could be a separate day.
All Topics				
	Sustainable Ranger Camp	Low cost - just to pay for supplies. Approx. \$50 per session	Ally, Wyatt, Jared B., any additional help	(4) 1-hour sessions in the evening at Miller Park. Each week focusses on a different topic. Adults would need to stay with kids, so we can also provide resources for adults. Week 1 - Leave no trace & respecting wildlife. Week 2- Stormwater & Water quality testing (Jared B.) Week 3 - recycling & composting. Week 4 - Energy / what uses energy and how to conserve it. Graduation at the end.