

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Services Commission regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was open to the public, and a link to join the meeting via Zoom was listed on the agenda posted on the Township's website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Dakin
Joe Roscioli
Janice Gottesfeld
Kevin Moore
Tim Hubbard
Rob Hall
Liz Alakszay
James Duffy
Rob Hall

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Pam Gural-Bear, Assistant Township Manager
Ed Culp, Assistant Director of Public Works
Caroline O'Connor, Public Works Coordinator
Brian Dunn, Board of Supervisors Liaison

REORGANIZATION:

Ms. Gottesfeld made a motion, seconded by Joe Rosciolo, to appoint Brian Dakin as Chairman of the Public Services Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dakin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roscioli, to appoint Liz Alakszay as Vice Chairman of the Public Services Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dakin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Alakszay, to appoint Kevin Moore as Secretary of the public Services Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Roscioli, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Dakin welcomed newly-sworn in Supervisor Brian Dunn. Mr. Dunn will serve as Board Liaison to the Public Services Commission.

Mr. Culp announced that the playground at Exton Park is coming along well.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Police Presentation – Traffic Safety

Officers John Pot and Patrick Gardner were in attendance and gave a presentation on the workings of the Traffic Safety Unit. They reviewed the various functions of the Unit which include:

- Work with Patrol Division to conduct speed details throughout the Township
- DUI patrols
- Conduct bus stop patrols
- Respond to citizen complaints of traffic issues in neighborhoods
- Patrol the Chester Valley Trail crossings
- Perform Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) inspections
- Assist with major crash investigations
- Maintain, charge, and deploy digital traffic signs
- Ensure speed timing devices are certified and maintained
- Deal with abandoned vehicles
- Assist with child safety installations
- Complete annual tow audits
- Assist with patrol call volume when needed
- Conduct speed studies and make available to public via Crime Watch
- Complete necessary reports each month or on as needed basis

Members asked questions and expressed concerns about problematic locations around the Township including Trail crossings, the pedestrian crossing at Routes 100 and 30 to the Exton Train Station, and rail riders' safety in the tunnel on Whitford Road at the Whitford Train Station. There was also discussion about the timing of the traffic signals on Route 100. Ms. O'Connor explained that PennDOT is currently working to resolve this issue. She advised that anyone experiencing an issue with a particular traffic signal should contact her.

The Officers stressed the need for drivers to pay closer attention when driving and not allow themselves to be distracted with cell phones, radios, etc. When asked if there were other areas in the Township that may benefit from islands to control speed (as done on Sunrise Boulevard), the Officers suggested that perhaps Whiteland Woods Boulevard and Shoen Road may benefit from this but noted they cannot enforce speed when a driver is only going 5 miles about the limit. There was discussion on whether or not Whiteland Woods Boulevard was designed or should be used as a cut-through. The Officers will place a speed sign there to get some data.

Members thanked the Officers for their presentation.

2. Review Topics for First Half of 2020

Mr. Dakin handed out a listing of proposed agenda topics for the first half of the year. Topics were:

- February – Review updates to the Building Permit Application Process (pending availability of Marie Guarnere)
- March – HOA meeting inviting members from respective HOA Boards and neighborhoods to learn about the PSC and have an open discussion on methods

of communication. A bonus could be presentation of the Pedestrian/Bike Plan (pending Justin Smiley's availability)

- April – Parks meeting providing the latest on Exton Park, plans and ideas for other parks, and a preview of Friends of the Parks 2022 Summer activities
- May – Sustainability – discuss the ongoing partnership with WCA COG, programs being researched, discussion of what other municipalities are doing, and a follow-up from the October Environmental Advisory Committee Summit.

Members were in agreement with the proposed topics and acknowledged that the schedule needs to be flexible, but it would also be good to advertise the topics in advance so interested persons could plan to attend. Ms. Gural-Bear said this can be added to the public information regularly sent out by the Township through various media outlets.

OBSERVATIONS:

Mr. Roscioli asked if the construction at Exton Park is on schedule. Mr. Culp replied that the work is still scheduled to be completed by this Spring. This, of course, is dependent upon weather, but he said he should have a better idea by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Moore,
Recording Secretary