

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Services Commission regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. The meeting was open to the public, and the link to join the meeting was listed on the agenda posted on the Township's website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Pam Gural-Bear, Assistant Township Manager
Ed Culp, Assistant Director of Public Works
Caroline O'Connor, Public Works Coordinator

Rajesh Kumbhardare, Board of Supervisors Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Roscioli, seconded by Ms. Alakszay, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021, meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Gural-Bear thanked the Commission members for their feedback on the Development 101 video. She said it was very helpful, and the script is being revised to incorporate suggestions made by the members. Mr. Dakin also thanked the Commission for their constructive feedback.

A successful groundbreaking ceremony for Exton Park Phase I was held on May 19. Contractors are expected to begin work in the next week or two. A \$15,000 check was presented by Friends of the Parks, for the disc golf area.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Recycle Coach

Ms. Gural-Bear provided an overview of the Recycle Coach platform that provides solid waste and recycling information for residents all in one place and answers a range of questions from trash day schedules to ways to recycle different items. Residents can download the Recycle

Coach app to their phones or visit the platform on the Township's website. They can view the schedule and set reminders. Ms. Gural-Bear explained that the more the Township recycles, the more money it receives from the State which helps to keep the cost of bags and annual recycling fees down.

Ms. Gottesfeld shared her experience with the app, noting that the pickup day was not correctly changed to reflect the recent holiday schedule. Ms. Gural-Bear said this was missed, but staff is working to ensure this does not happen for future holidays. She pointed out the need to educate residents on basic information regarding solid waste and recycling, and the Township is working on this via social media, website, and newsletters. She suggested providing local realtors with information that they can share with new people moving into the area.

Mr. Dakin asked if the haulers have found the recent change in bulk pickup to be successful. Ms. Gural-Bear said they have, noting more even and consistent pickups with the weekly schedule vs. the once-a-month pickups.

Currently there are only 143 total users of Recycle Coach, but staff is working on marketing materials for various media outlets and distributions to Homeowners' Associations.

Members indicated they liked the curb-side leaf pickups but noted that the drop-offs are also helpful.

2. Clean Energy Future Virtual Event 6/3/2021

Ms. O'Connor advised that West Whiteland Township will be hosting the Clean Energy Future virtual meeting scheduled for June 3 at 6:00 p.m. An estimated 30 people have signed up for the roll-out of the residential module. She added that attendees can receive a discount for PECO's home energy assessment program.

OBSERVATIONS:

Mr. Roscioli suggested that a listing of various topics covered in the Development 101 video may be helpful (traffic, historical, etc.).

Ms. Alakszay noted how nice the newly completed Boot Road Park North looks. Mr. Culp said picnic tables will be added to the Pavilion area, and staff is working to address the drainage issue with the pavilion pad.

Mr. Duffy suggested the Township highlight various businesses during heritage months to encourage inclusion and celebrate diversity within the Township. Members thought this was a great idea and will put together a list of thoughts and ideas for discussion and consideration at the next meeting.

Friends of the Parks is sponsoring a Summer Craft Fair on July 17 at Miller Park and summer concerts will be back in August. Links to visit all 11 of the Township parks are listed on the Township's website.

Ms. Alakszay asked when members will be able to return to the Township building for in-person meetings. Mr. Culp said staff is currently considering this and said perhaps next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Alakszay, to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "e".

Kevin Moore, Secretary