

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Services Commission regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:33 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
Kevin Moore
Janice Gottesfeld
Virginia Kerlake
Rob Hall

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Pam Gural-Bear, Township Manager
Ed Culp, Interim Public Works Director

Brian Dunn, Member, Board of Supervisors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Culp advised that construction on the path for the Dog Park is scheduled to begin next week with an expected opening of the Dog Park later this month. Ms. Gural-Bear said a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled.

A pre-construction meeting for the north leg of the Ship Road Couplet was held last week. The south leg is being constructed simultaneously with an expected opening in November of this year. The trail along both sides of Lincoln Highway is also being constructed at the same time. Progress reports will be posted on social media.

The Township will be seeking bids next month for the new Public Works facility.

Ms. Gottesfeld advised that the first concert of the season is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. at Miller Park with the music of the Slippery Band. Ms. Kerlake asked if local vendors were contacted for the beer garden. Ms. Gottesfeld and Ms. Gural-Bear confirmed that Friends of the Park definitely reaches out to local businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BUSINESS:

1. Review of Minutes

Ms. Gottesfeld made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kerlake, to approve the May 3, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Dog Park Signage

Samples of dog park rules signs were presented for review by the Commission. The signs will be temporary until the sign package is completed. There was a general consensus that the third sample presented was the best as it was more positive than negative (did not contain a lot of "No" and was concise and to the point).

Dog licenses are issued by the County, but Mr. Moore advised that Tredyffrin Township requires a permit to use its dog park. Pros and cons were discussed. Mr. Dakin asked if risk mitigation language was needed, but it was decided that this was already covered in the signage by "use at your own risk". Also, Ms. Gural-Bear said the proposed signage will be sent to the Township's insurance company for review. She will also look into the possibility of incorporating "Call 911 if Emergency" into the signage.

2. Site Visit to Exton Park

Members decided to defer the field trip to Exton Park until the July meeting when more members will be in attendance, and the outdoor air quality will hopefully be better. Ms. Gural-Bear will send the signage presentation to members before the July meeting to provide more time for the field trip. Mr. Dakin encouraged members to visit the area independently should they wish to.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Gottesfeld made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kerslake, to adjourn the meeting; the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Moore
Recording Secretary