

West Chester Green Team Bylaws

1. The West Chester Green Team is a civic organization in Chester PA that works to educate the local public and to establish and nourish green initiatives in the local community in harmony with nature and each other, promoting the health of all living things and of planet Earth. All members of the public are welcome to join in the Green Team's public activities, receive information, and to donate in support of our programs. The Green Team's activities will be limited to the purposes set out in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; it will not engage in political or legislative activities prohibited under section 501(c)(3).
2. The West Chester Green Team's areas of interest shall include: slowing climate change; promoting renewable energy; reducing plastics use and trash volume and promoting recycling; reducing use of pesticides, herbicides and other potentially harmful chemicals; promoting organic gardening, healthy foods, and composting; encouraging maintenance and planting of trees in urban areas; protecting water quality and healthy watersheds; serving as a Transition Team chapter; and others to be adopted over time.
3. The West Chester Green Team is governed by a Board of Directors of 6 to 10 individuals who meet regularly, at a time that the Board shall set but that may be temporarily modified by the President as circumstances require. Board members serve for four years unless they resign earlier; they may serve more than one term. New Board members are appointed by the officers as needed, subject to ratification by the Board.
4. No Board member shall receive any financial gain from any activity, purchase or program of the West Chester Green Team.
5. When a vote of the Board becomes necessary, it shall be decided by a majority of members present.
6. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of members of the Board present at a meeting, providing the election has been announced to the Board at least one week in advance. Each office may be shared (co-President, etc.) but no individual shall occupy more than one office plus one co-office.
7. Terms of office shall run for one year, from October 1 through September 30. There is no limit on reelection. If an officer resigns or otherwise becomes unable to serve, an election, as indicated above, shall be held promptly to select a replacement.
8. The President shall take measures to assure the successful operation of the organization, preside at meetings, and delegate tasks to other officers or individuals.
9. The Vice-President shall assist the President, take the lead in special projects as requested by the President, and act in the President's absence in conducting business.

10. The Secretary shall take minutes at meetings, submit them to the Board for modification and approval, and perform other duties as assigned by the President.
11. The Treasurer shall take in funds, expend funds as decided by the Board, and at each meeting make available a written accounting of income, expenses, and the balance of funds.
12. The President may delegate functions to other officers or individuals as appropriate.
13. The President, in conjunction with the other officers, shall set the agenda for meetings.
14. Between meetings the officers shall deal with issues that in their judgment require rapid action, but shall consult the Board when feasible.
15. The West Chester Green Team as an organization does not endorse or support any political party or candidate. The Green Team may confer and work with elected or appointed public officials or invite them to speak publicly at events, providing emphasis is on the individual's expertise, background, and ability to effect change. Green Team officers and members may endorse or support any political party or candidate, as long as they make it clear that they are speaking as individuals and not on behalf of the organization.
16. Officers may run for public elective office, but if elected they shall resign as officers.
17. Members shall refrain, at meetings or other activities on behalf of the group, from promoting commercial activities, whether their own or others'.
18. The Board may modify these bylaws by approval of 2/3 of the members present at a Board meeting, providing the proposed action has been included in an agenda distributed at least one week in advance.
19. The West Chester Green Team Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Treasurer or Secretary to open a West Chester Green Team account at an appropriate bank to receive income and pay for expenses, with the Treasurer and Secretary each to have signatory authority for writing checks.
20. Upon dissolution of the corporation, any remaining assets will be distributed to another nonprofit, government agency, or for another public purpose.

As adopted by the West Chester Green Team executive board on 4/15/21 and subsequently amended.