

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 20, 2018
7:00 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Monday, August 20, 2018, at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

Board:	Steve Miller	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Laura Dininni		Dave Modricker, Public Works Director
	Sara Carlson		Ray Stolinas, Director of Planning & Zoning
	Tony Ricciardi		Chris Albright, Chief of Police

Others in attendance included: Faith Norris, Recording Secretary; Lewis Steinburg; Susan Werner; Georgia Abbey; Peggy Schlegel; Nina Jenkins; Randy Hudson; Brian Brushwood.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the Monday, August 20, 2018, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

A number of Greenbriar residents spoke about concerns raised surrounding the UAJA Greenbriar Demonstration Project. A summary of concerns and engineering plan were provided to the Board. One resident noted his support of the project.

Mr. Steinburg thanked the Township in its recent assistance in quickly clearing a large fallen tree in the middle of the night in the Greenbriar development.

Mr. Hudson voiced his concerns on the Whitehall Road Regional Park - Phase 1 amenities, construction and design. Concern on design process and design principals were discussed. Mr. Brushwood with the State College Lacrosse program expressed support for the park, noting that more fields are needed to accommodate use.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

Schlow Library Report – Lewis Steinberg and Susan Werner

Ms. Werner thanked the Township for its continued support of the Library. The report highlighted that the Township is in first place in circulation at 28.74 percent. The number of returned books has increased at the book drop-off site along with increased print book use. Newcomers to the library are encouraged to get library cards. The summer reading program has been successful and has increased readership in all age groups. The fastest growing medium is audio books – a tutorial is available on how to access them. Ms. Werner ended the report by sharing a story from one of the reading patrons.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the August 6, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – LEADERSHIP CENTRE COUNTY

This item was continued from the last regular meeting. The Board had requested more information as noted on the agenda. Ms. Abbey was in attendance and discussed details of the proposed

open house evening event for Leadership Centre County. Discussion followed on attendance, marketing and event accessibility, possibility of Township speakers, alumni recruitment and the Township's community budget and allocation of funds for the next fiscal year. Ms. Abbey noted the event is open to the public.

Ms. Carlson moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the request for sponsorship of \$350 submitted by Leadership Centre County to be allocated in 2019. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 2018 Voucher Report
2. 2018-C2 Pay Application, # 2-Street Improvements: \$162,823.38
3. 2018-C6 Pay Application – Curb/Ramp Upgrades: \$75,524.05
4. Board Member Request – Ferguson Township funding for Community Kitchen at Whitehall Road Regional Park

Ms. Dininni requested that item **4** be moved to end of New Business for discussion.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

b. CONTRACT AWARD - SUBURBAN PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Pribulka presented the item for discussion as included with the agenda packet from Ms. Martin, Assistant to the Manager. As noted, responses from the RFP were received for the park's master plan and have been reviewed by the Township's Park & Rec Committee. Two qualified proposals were discussed and the recommendation is just under the project budget of \$35,000.

Ms. Ricciardi moved that the Board of Supervisors **award** the contract for the Suburban Park Master Plan Update to YSM Landscape Architects in an amount of \$33,720. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

It was noted that this firm had sent a proposal in for the Regional Parks Comprehensive Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON WEST WHITEHALL ROAD – REQUEST TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Modricker introduced the item. As noted in the memo, the section of the road in the neighborhood qualifies as a "residential district" as defined by Pennsylvania Code and allows for the posted speed limit to be reduced to 25 MPH without further study. The current speed limit is 30 MPH. A recommendation was made to advertise for public hearing to post the speed limit at 25 MPH.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** advertisement of an ordinance for public hearing reducing the speed limit on West Whitehall Road in the Fairbrook neighborhood to 25 MPH. Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion.

A discussion followed on speed test roadway and public education along with a visual presentation of map location. Chief Albright discussed traffic enforcement areas along various locations of Whitehall Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR PENN STATE UNIVSERSITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr. Pribulka introduced the item. The MOU was drafted by Penn State and reviewed by the Township staff and solicitor. It governs the provision of police services to the University for various special events, i.e., Ag Progress Days and football games.

Ms. Carlson moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** the Chairman and Secretary to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Penn State University for the provision of law enforcement services for special events. Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on details of the agreement. Mr. Pribulka noted it is a five-year agreement and the rates assessed were adopted in the Township's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

e. DESIGNATION OF 2018 TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT IN FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

COG General Forum recommended designation of October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as 2018 trick-or-treat night in the Centre Region.

Mr. Ricciardi moved that the Board of Supervisors **designate** October 31st between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. as 2018 Trick-or-Treat Night in Ferguson Township. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Ferguson Township funding for Community Kitchen at Whitehall Road Regional Park (WRRP)

Mr. Miller added this item from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the next regular meeting. Discussion followed on adding more facilities to the pavilion building at WRRP that will add cost to the project for the commercial equipment. Part of the future discussion will be the possibility of Ferguson Township providing funding to add the facility to the Land Development Plan and the funding to come from the regional capital fund.

Mr. Miller moved that the Board of Supervisors **place** Ferguson Township funding for Community Kitchen at Whitehall Road Regional Park on the next regular meeting agenda. Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on getting an expert opinion on logistics, licensing and estimated cost of the project prior to the next meeting to have an idea of how to move forward. Discussion followed on current capital funds available and designation.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Mr. Miller reported this committee will evaluate facilities and the responsible parties at each facility and will be data collecting for the next few months. Ms. Carlson noted a decision was made for this Ad Hoc Committee to start reporting to the Finance Committee on a regular basis regarding fiscal management.

2. Steering Committee Parks & Recreation Regional Comp Plan. Ms. Dininni reported the committee met on August 7th and talked in detailed on the submitted proposals and are scheduling interviews.
3. Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority. Ms. Dininni noted this is not the joint meeting that was cancelled. Discussion followed on meetings coming up and structure. Paper copies of WRRP was forwarded to the Board. Details were reviewed of budget and base estimate for the park and the separate additional amnesties.
4. Finance Committee. Ms. Carlson reported the committee met August 16th and discussed the Program Plan and comment review prior to General Forum; update on strategic plan needs and needs that coincide with the Ad Hoc Faculties report; and scheduled budget discussions for end of September/beginning of October.

b. OTHER REGIONAL COMMITTEES - None

c. STAFF REPORTS – Reports included with the agenda.

1. Township Manager. Mr. Pribulka reported staff met with CBICC on the SFFS; the Township received the GFOA Award for the fourth consecutive year; RFP issued for Fire Station Needs Assessment and anticipate to have a contract recommendation by the September 17th regular meeting; Parks & Rec Committee update; the next Parks & Rec meeting is on September 10th at Tudek Memorial Park, weather permitting. Discussion followed on the Rock Springs boil water notice and whether to provide a 400-gallon Water Buffalo tank for the residents until the notice is lifted. Details followed and the Board consensus was to look into providing the tank for west Ferguson Township residents.
2. Planning and Zoning Director. Mr. Stolinas reported that August 27th is the next Planning Commission Meeting. Update on third draft of zoning ordinance; Ag Ad Hoc joint meeting with the Board is scheduled for August 29th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Joint meeting with the Board and Source Water Protection Committee on Overlay is scheduled for October 9th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m; Pine Hall Master Plan update; Pine Grove Mills SAP update – 150 online surveys and 24 paper responses received; joint alignment meeting with CRPA, SAP Steering and Ferguson Planning staff is scheduled for September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Luther Church to review the SAP survey, draft a consensus vision statement and discuss next steps in the planning process and anticipate a Town Hall later this Fall. Mr. Stolinas and Ms. Schoonover from CCHLT attended the CCAHC at Harvest Fields on August 15th on Work Force Housing Ordinance requirements and current projects.

Discussion followed on survey responses and positive expectations.

3. Public Works Director. Mr. Modricker reported on the Tree Commission Meeting held this evening. The main topic of discussion was the worksession scheduled with the Board on September 11th. Four discussion items included (1) increasing mobility to urban landscape; (2) tree preservation ordinance discussion; (3) presentation from Dr. Elmendorf; and (4) increasing tree canopy. Other items included working on a pamphlet for self-help tips on tree root vs. sidewalk/driveway conflicts; planning opportunities; oak wilt abatement; maintenance update – contractor started work on Corl and W. College signal upgrades that were delayed-lighting on right-of-way options discussed. Discussion followed on options for ornamental lighting. Mr. Modricker finished his report with updates on paving projects, bike path sealcoating and quotes needed for the Tudek Farmhouse roof.

A Board member inquired on sealcoating on the bike path. Discussion followed and Mr. Modricker responded that overall it went well with few issues.

4. Chief of Police. Chief Albright reported crimes this month are up slightly and down for the year; calls for service are down for the year; traffic citations are up for the month and year due to increased patrol and enforcement activities; working with the Township's Communications Coordinator to put stories together for reminders to motorists on bus stops and lights for back to school; letters of appreciation received from the FBI for assistance on the SPE bank robbery (Detectives Martin and Clouse) and commendations from Centre County District Attorney's Office for work with the domestic violence victim (Det. Clouse and Officer Chambers), other updates followed.

Discussion followed on burglaries to-date.

5. Treasurer's Report. As provided with the agenda packet. Mr. Pribulka noted the balance listed on page 2 for the Regional Capital Rec Projects (RCRP) in reference to allocation for The Toll Brothers. Discussion followed on RCRP's allocation of funds and contributions designated for regional recreational facilities and MPC's rules on use.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Dininni noted communication on the graphical analysis of the 2008 survey done for regional parks and the preferred facilities.

X. CALENDAR ITEMS – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

September 3, 2018, Ferguson Township administrative offices are closed. The Board's regular meeting will be held Sept. 4th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT MILLER/DININNI 9

Mr. Miller called for adjournment. With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Dininni motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 09-04-2018