

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019
7:00 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Monday, March 18, 2019, at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

Board:	Peter Buckland	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Steve Miller		Dave Modricker, Public Works Director
	Laura Dininni		Ray Stolinas, Director of Planning & Zoning
	Tony Ricciardi		Chris Albright, Chief of Police
	Richard Killian		Eric Endresen, Director of Finance

Others in attendance included: Faith Norris, Recording Secretary; Michael Ball, PNC Bank; Norris Muth, Parks and Recreation Committee; and Ralph Wheland, Planning Commission

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the Monday, March 18, 2019, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. As stated in tonight's agenda, Mr. Buckland stepped down as Chair of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors.

III. SPECIAL ACTION ITEM: REPLACEMENT OF MR. PETER BUCKLAND AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As stated in tonight's agenda, Mr. Buckland stepped down as Chair of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Miller called for nominations for Chair.

Mr. Buckland nominated Mr. Miller for Chair of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors. No other nominations were made.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Miller – YES; Mr. Killian – YES; Ms. Dininni – YES; Mr. Ricciardi – YES; Mr. Buckland – YES.

As appointed Chair, Mr. Miller called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Mr. Buckland nominated Mr. Killian as Vice Chair of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors. No other nominations were made.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Miller – YES; Mr. Ricciardi – YES; Mr. Buckland – YES; Ms. Dininni – YES; Mr. Killian – YES.

The meeting commenced with Mr. Miller as Chair and Mr. Killian as Vice Chair.

IV. CITIZENS INPUT – None

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. UNIFORMED (POLICE) PENSION PLAN UPDATE – MICHAEL BALL, PNC BANK

Mr. Ball presented on the overall market outlook and the performance of the police pension plan. A 2018 police pension portfolio review was presented to the Board. Board discussion followed on rate of return expected; forecasts for future market growth; impact of tariffs on the plan; and sustainable energy investment options. On the last topic, Mr. Ball advised that the best interests of plan participants is always the highest priority.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2019.
Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. REVIEW OF DRAFT FERGUSON TOWNSHIP DONATION POLICY

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the draft policies and the policy currently in place. The appointed committee to review the policy consisted of Ms. Dininni, Mr. Buckland and Ms. Martin.

Mr. Buckland moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** staff to advertise a resolution for public hearing amending the Ferguson Township Donation Policy. Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on the details of the policy moving forward. Specific topics included the frequency of reviews, relationship to the Strategic Plan, and how the policy would be administered. Consensus was that donation requests would appear on the Consent Agenda, and that language considered would be aligned with the Strategic Plan, but not required.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. LOW-MOW / NATIVE LANDSCAPE GARDEN MAP FOR FAIRBROOK PARK

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the map and identified proposed native landscaping/pollinator plots. He reviewed the Parks & Recreation Committee's recommendations and stated the Township will be working with Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority on feedback for the project.

Mr. Buckland moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Low-Mow/Native Landscape Garden Map for Fairbrook Park. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on native tree planting; working with a the schools' elementary club and Master Gardner's; new initiative and evasive species; plot schedules; current accessibility; a targeted management plan; and future collaborations and strategies for management.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Treasurer's Report for January 2019
- b. Voucher Report for February 2019
- c. 2017-C1 Kansa Avenue Paving/Excavation: \$170,470.75
- d. 2018-C5 Chestnut Ridge Pipe Lining: \$240,247.50

Mr. Pribulka noted item d-Pipe Lining is a Pay Application and not a contract.

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

Mr. Miller stated the next item for authorization to execute an Advisory Services Agreement was removed from the agenda that requires more information prior to a recommendation to the Board.

2. REQUEST FROM CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – SOLAR POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT

Mr. Buckland reviewed the latest committee's discussion on a possible regional solar power purchasing agreement. It was determined by the committee to request member municipalities' comments to make a determination on moving forward with the exploratory study. Other developments and information were shared for discussion and comment.

Mr. Buckland moved that the Board of Supervisors **direct** the Township Manager to forward its comments on the proposed Intergovernmental Solar Power Purchasing Agreement to the COG Executive Director. Mr. Killian seconded the motion.

The Board came to a consensus to support the study on the basis of exploratory analysis of a regional agreement that aligns with both the Ferguson Township's Strategic Plan and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Resolution, and cost savings.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION STUDY

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the item for discussion. The last fire study was done back in 2005.

Mr. Buckland nominated Ms. Dininni to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Regional Fire Protection Study.

Roll Call vote: Ms. Dininni – YES; Mr. Killian – YES; Mr. Buckland – YES; Mr. Ricciardi – YES; Mr. Miller – YES.

Discussion followed on structure and scope of voting members.

4. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST - LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KATHY MATASON, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

Mr. Buckland reviewed the item for discussion.

Mr. Buckland moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** a letter of support recognizing Kathy Matason's service to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority. Mr. Ricciardi seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on the stated narrative. Ms. Dininni stated she will be voting against this motion because the recent events that are referred to in the narrative have to do with a personal Facebook post. It is her opinion that this is a personal issue that has no business being in front of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Buckland responded to Ms. Dininni's statement that he understands the desire to leave that as a private matter; however, the facts of the matter bare that the settings were public and it was directed to Mr. Buckland by other governmental officials because it was visible by the public.

Mr. Miller called for a vote.

The motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Dininni dissenting.

Mr. Miller called for a five minute recess.

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Steering Committee-Parks & Rec. Regional Comp. Plan. Ms. Dininni reported the meeting was on March 5th. Highlights included public meeting recap; recreation program draft; survey update; key person interviews-if any updates please forward.

2. Human Resources Committee. Mr. Ricciardi reported the meeting was on March 6th. Highlights noted were on personnel policy handbook update and public comment guidelines. Discussion followed on a clarification on public comment guidelines and grievance guidelines.
3. Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Mr. Buckland reported on building assessments guide updates; discussed creating a vision statement/plan for maintaining school facilities in the region-details on follow-up for two documents; and update on Chapter 2 on facilities maintenance guide. Discussion followed on vision statement and related tasks.
4. Public Safety Committee. The committee met on March 12th. Ms. Dininni reported on authorization for Centre Region Code contract for the new software package; and the Ad Hoc request be sent to General Forum for establishment.
5. Finance Committee. Mr. Miller attended the meeting in Mr. Killian's place on March 14th. Agenda items included in the report. CODE impact fees allocation for fire protection discussion and funding sources; budget amendment for COG building space evaluation; budget amendment to COG for Millbrook Marsh Nature Center roof update; and pools budget amendment.

Discussion followed on pool maintenance.

b. OTHER REGIONAL REPORTS - None

c. STAFF REPORTS

1. Township Manager. Mr. Pribulka reviewed the report provided. Township staff will be attending the annual conference on Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS) this week. Ferguson Township's Parks and Recreation Committee met on March 11th to discuss the low-mow/native landscaping map and Songbird Sanctuary master plan. Both the HR Administrator and Manager attended a Benecon Health Seminar on March 7 and 8. Leadership Centre County (LCC) hosted its inaugural Open House at the Township building on March 14th. Mr. Pribulka provided an update on the CBICC's Agritourism Committee meeting that was held on March 15th.

Discussion followed on Agritourism.

2. Planning and Zoning Director. Mr. Stolinis reviewed the report as presented. Updates: Zoning and SALDO ordinances; Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan; Clearwater Conservancy's Scotia Young Forest Initiative; and the Active Plans list. A discussion followed.
3. Public Works Director. Mr. Modricker updated the Board on Rt. 26/45 intersection and roundabout process; public meeting on Transportation Mobility Study; Land Development Plan on LEED Gold Public Works Building and bidding process; Stormwater Fee Study - Phase 2 complete; Tree Commission update; and contracted projects update.

Discussions followed on both the Rt. 26/45 roundabout and the LEED Gold Public Works Building.

4. Chief of Police. Chief Albright reported activities for February. Part 1 & II crimes are up; calls for service are down; incidents reviewed; State Patty's Day weekend statistics; community relations events update that included book readings at several elementary schools and a Crime Scene Investigation demonstration and safety presentation. Other events noted in the report.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- a. Mr. Ricciardi reported positive comments from a resident that attended the Northland Area Mobility Study and Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan (PGM SAP) open houses. Words of encouragement noted to Mr. Ricciardi for checking out some books at Schlow Library.

- b. Ms. Dininni asked for new attendees' email addresses for those that had attended the PGM SAP for list serve communication. Reports from residents in the Borough that Tussey View Estates have been having dust issues from the construction site for WRRP.
- c. Mr. Buckland requested a follow-up for citizens input from a previous Board meeting. State College Public Works operations – issue of weight limit on large trucks at Corl Street project.

X. CALENDAR ITEMS – MARCH/APRIL

- a. Suburban Park Master Plan Public Meeting, March 27th, Quality Inn - North Atherton St., 6:00 p.m.
- b. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan, April 10th, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.
- c. Coffee & Conversation, April 20th, Giant Food – Northland Center, 8:00 a.m.
- d. 23rd Annual Watershed Cleanup Day, April 20th - sign up at Clearwater

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller called for adjournment. With no further business to come before the before the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Buckland motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 04-01-2019