

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2015
7:00 pm

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

Board:	Richard Mascolo, Chairman	Staff:	Mark Kunkle, Township Manager
	Drew Clemson, Vice Chairman		David Modricker, Public Works Director
	Elliott Killian		Maria Tranguch, Planning & Zoning Director
	Janet Whitaker		Diane Conrad, Chief of Police
	Steve Miller		

Others in attendance included: Heather Bird, Recording Secretary; Wes Glebe, Christine Bailey, Ara Kervandjian, Heidi Nichols, Conditional Use; Ron Woodhead, CRPR Report; Jeremy Hartley, CDT; Sarah Walter, Bill Keough, Ag Preservation; Jon Dietz, Sue Mascolo, John Spychalski, ABC Reports, Todd Smith, ELA Group, Nelson Hite, Resident

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mascolo called the Monday, January 19, 2015, regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. John Dietz, resident of 1215 Deerfield Drive, informed the Board of a safety concern on Blue Course Drive. He stated that there is a sign post on the bike path close to Whitehall Road. The sign post is within two inches of the bike path. He hit the post while riding on the path. He recommended for safety of a bicyclist it should be placed 4 – 5 inches off the bike path. Mr. Modricker stated he will look into this issue.

IV. ABC REPORTS

1. Ms. Sue Mascolo, Centre Region Park and Recreation Authority

Ms. Mascolo presented the Authority highlights for 2014. The Authority maintained, operated and programmed 915 acres across 54 sites in the Centre Region, including 44 municipalities, two swimming pools, three regional park areas, sports fields at three elementary schools, Centre Region Senior Center, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center all within the budget. Three active guides were published. The Authority hosted a total of 852 picnic pavilion reservations, maintained and scheduled 29 baseball / softball fields and maintained 44 playground areas. Centre Region Parks and Recreation was awarded the Field of Distinction Award from the Keystone Athletic Field Manager Organization as well as the Field of Excellence Award for the quality work on sports fields, specifically John Hess Softball Complex and the Fogleman Field Complex. During 2014 the John Hess Softball Field Complex hosted 867 softball games through leagues and tournaments. Hess Concessions sales increased with a new food vendor in 2014. The growing popularity of the complex, combined with staff efforts, has enabled such progress. CRPR Park operations staff completed their first year based at the (interim) Parks Maintenance site in College Township until the new facility can be constructed at Whitehall Road Regional Park. Welch and Park Forest Pools hosted 95,018 visits despite a relatively cold and rainy summer with revenue again covering all operational expenses. 519 youth participated in the learn-to-swim programs and 385 youth participated in the pool swim teams. The new UV pool sanitation system at Park Forest Pool was operational for the entire 2014 summer season. During 2014 the Centre Region Senior Center served 3,395 noontime meals and hosted 17,812 program visits. The Senior Center is more than a place to go and have meals including dance, exercise classes, bridge, computer lessons and many other activities. Millbrook Marsh Nature Center hosted 13,388 program visitors during 2014, a 13% increase overall, plus countless

other park visitors. The 2014 grants and donations included \$87,500 from PA DCNR to assist with 50% of the cost of the new parking area at Millbrook marsh Nature Center. The grant will be matched with outside donations that have been pledged to the 2015 construction project. \$25,000 was received from PA DCNR to enable the planting of 98 additional shade trees at Oak Hall Regional Park. 2014 was the first year with focused staff efforts on fundraising for operations at the Nature Center which successfully exceeded the 2014 goal of \$41,000. Donated funds will enable the planting of the 400th CRPR Remembrance Tree in local parks. The new My Veteran My Hero Tribute Tree has received funds for 11 trees donated to Oak Hall Regional Park. In November staff provided a report to the COG General Forum on staff findings regarding ADA parking at the swimming pools. This item has been tabled for this time. For the Hess driveway project the Authority engaged Stahl Sheaffer Engineering as professional engineers for the project. CRPR is looking forward the Grand Opening of the 68 acre Oak Hall Regional Park scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd.

2. Mr. John Spychalski, Centre Area Transportation Authority

Mr. Spychalski stated the operation of the spring/summer 2015 full service schedule began on Saturday, January 10th incorporating several bus stop changes and additions. The full service schedules are available for all routes in the CATA Ride Guide, the CATA website or at the CATA office. The graphics have been updated and staff updated the mapping. In December 2014 as a result of collaboration from CATA, The Nittany Mall and Garfields an electronic real time map and schedule kiosk was placed inside the main entrance to the Nittany Mall. This is a pilot project, if all goes well similar kiosks will be placed in other locations throughout the community. Appointments to fill seven staff positions have been made, of these five were filled through promotion within CATA. All of the new fix route buses that were on order have been received and have been put into service. The construction project for the CATA facility did begin. The next CATA Board meeting will be held approximately a month from now.

Mr. Mascolo questioned the timeline for the construction. Mr. Spychalski estimated it around a year and a half.

3. Mr. Jonathan Dietz, University Area Joint Authority

Mr. Jonathan Dietz stated that the University Area Joint Authority, UAJA, is the authority that treats all the wastewater in the Centre Region. The Authority's treatment plant has a capacity of 9 million gallons per day and can receive 50,000 pounds of organic loading per day. The plant is permitted to discharge 6 million gallons a day to Spring Creek. The treatment plant is currently operating at 4.5 million gallons a day. In addition to that the Authority has a beneficial reuse program which treats a portion of the wastewater for discharge for use by industries and to the Kissinger Meadows Wetlands. The Kissinger Meadows Wetlands was constructed in 2014 and is permitted for approximately 5 million gallons a day. The Wetlands in combination with Spring Creek there are no restrictions with discharge of wastewater. UAJA was on budget for 2014 and projected revenues will be sufficient for the 2015 budget. The 2015 budget approved with no rate increases. UAJA is looking forward to 2021 when their bonds are paid and significant funds are freed up. The 2014 major projects included the Big Hollow Pump Station, which receives and directs about 60% of UAJA wastewater, the construction of the Kissinger Meadows, Gainer Road Pump Station and Selders Circle sewer relocation. The 2015 major projects include the completion of Selders Circle and upgrades to the advanced water treatment plant. The Radio Park Interceptor is currently under study to determine what upgrades need to occur to handle the growth in the area. An odor control study is under way for the compost facility to assist with controlling the odors to neighboring properties. Finally, there has been discussion of beginning to look at the Act 537 plan. Upcoming plans, such as the Cottages, involve the Act 537 plan with how wastewater will be removed.

Mr. Mascolo stated the Cottages are planning to begin construction this year, how would the treatment of wastewater be changed. Mr. Dietz stated that the Authority approved the sewer planning module for the Cottages, but it sparked discussions on better ways to handle the wastewater.

Mr. Mascolo stated he would like Mr. Dietz to know the full opinions of the Board in regards to the growth boundary.

Mr. Kunkle asked the status of Slab Cabin Run. Mr. Dietz stated the change in Slab Cabin's status did not affect UAJA's discharges to Kissinger Meadow.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16 PARKS AND RECREATION, PART 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 103 CONDUCT PROHIBITED IN PARKS, 6. WEAPONS, PROJECTILES ETC. AND 13. HUNTING.

Mr. Kunkle stated this is an amendment to Chapter 16, Park and Recreation. Two sections are included in this amendment including the section on weapons, prohibiting the discharge of a firearm unless it is for lawful personal protection and the section on hunting, eliminating language in the current ordinance making it unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess on any park or other public land designated by Ferguson Township as recreational, a shotgun or rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind. The new law further provides for enforcement by individuals or membership organizations through declaratory or injunctive relief, recovery of actual damages and reasonable expenses and classifies any offense as a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Mr. Killian commented that he finds it unfair for the state to prohibit the carrying of firearms in an official building but that can require a local municipality to allow it in their parks.

Mr. Killian made a motion to ADOPT Ordinance #998 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 Parks and Recreation, Part 1 Rules and Regulations, Section 103 Conduct Prohibited in Parks, subsection 6 Weapons, Projections etc. and subsection 13 Hunting. Mr. Clemson seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Mr. Clemson: YES; Mr. Killian: YES; Mr. Mascolo: YES; Mr. Miller: YES; Ms. Whitaker: YES

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – RESOLUTIONS

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON AND THE CENTRE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Mr. Kunkle stated the Board received a presentation at their last meeting on January 5th. The Board determined at that time their interest in entering into the Memorandum of Understanding and requested the Township Manager prepare a memorandum outlining options to determine the contribution amount toward the County Ag Land Preservation efforts. At the last meeting the Board discussed what the contribution amount might be for 2015. In prior years the contribution was based upon those farms that were ranked by County and qualified for the Ag land easement purchases in the Township. Mr. Kunkle provided a historical contribution and stated on average the Township contributed around \$14,000. The options presented to the Board

were to commit the 2015 budget appropriation of \$25,000, commit the total projected fund balance of approximately \$78,000, commit that annual average expenditure of \$14,297 or commit no fund sin 2015 since the County Agricultural Land Preservation Board has not completed the new ranking of eligible farm in the County. Following are several considerations to look at when making this decision. At this time the Township does not know the county ranking of the farms interested in having a conservation easement purchased. Once municipal funds are committed to the county the additional leveraged funds go into a total county pool of funds and are not segregated by municipality. In other words the Township's commitment of funds benefit all potential agricultural conservation easements purchased in the county. For example, if the Township were to commit the entire fund balance and this commitment would leverage an additional \$100,000 of state funds these funds would go into the county pool of funds and could be used for any county farm on the rankings list. The annual commitment of funds can only be used once to leverage additional state funds. For example, if the Board chooses option 2 above, then the total Ag Preservation Fund dollars can only be used in 2015 to leverage additional state dollars and any additional dollars leveraged would be used for conservation purchases anywhere in the county. Finally for consideration, in 2015, of the top 10 ranked farms, four are in Ferguson Township and it is likely that two of the farms may be part of the purchases in 2015 with a total of 229 acres. At \$150 per acre this would equate to a municipal contribution of \$33,750.

Mr. Killian summarized the four options.

Mr. Clemson suggested committing the amount estimated to be needed in 2015.

Ms. Sarah Walter, Centre County Ag Land Preservation, clarified one point that any funds committed would be kept in Ferguson Township. Mr. Kunkle agreed with this but reiterated that the funds used for leverage would be placed into the County pool.

Ms. Whitaker asked if a final number of farms have been determined for 2015. Ms. Walter stated that will not be finalized until the funding amounts are determined.

Mr. Miller stated he would like to contribute the full balance amount. He would like the County to have the opportunity for the County to leverage the funds now as opposed to waiting until future years.

Mr. Killian suggested making a contribution of \$25,000. Ms. Whitaker agreed with this amount.

Mr. Kunkle verified with Ms. Walter that if the \$25,000 does not cover the purchase of farms in Ferguson Township for 2015 the Township could make an additional contribution at a later date. Ms. Walter said yes but those funds would not be matched or used as leverage.

Mr. Miller would still like to contribute the full fund balance.

Mr. Killian stated he is hesitant to contribute the full fund balance.

Mr. Miller discussed the benefit to leveraging the funds. The fund balance would remain in Ferguson Township until a farm is available in the Township.

The Board members had discussions about when is best to leverage the funds.

Mr. Miller is concerned that if the rules change the County could miss the opportunity to receive the matched funds.

Mr. Keough, resident, stated that because it is a new program he understands the hesitance. It seems that two farms will be purchased in 2015 and he would be disappointed if the Township did not commit the anticipated amount for 2015 of \$35,000. This would leave some money available for leveraging in the future but would provide the County with additional funds to leverage in 2015.

Mr. Clemson stated he is in agreement with Mr. Keough on the \$35,000 but would not be comfortable with committing the full fund balance.

Mr. Clemson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2015-02 authorizing the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and further that the amount of funding committed for this year be an amount equal to \$35,000. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Mr. Clemson: YES; Mr. Killian: YES; Mr. Mascolo: YES; Mr. Miller: YES; Ms. Whitaker: YES

2. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SEWER PLANNING MODULE FOR THE COTTAGES AT STATE COLLEGE AND THE WHITEHALL ROAD REGIONAL PARK

Ms. Tranguch stated the sewer planning module was originally placed on the agenda for approval but after further review staff noticed comments that need to be clarified. Staff plans to speak to the Department of Environmental Protection to receive clarification on these items before the Board has a final vote on the module. She requested the Board to table this item for now.

Mr. Kunkle stated the staff concerns are related to the impact these comments may have on the approval of the planning module.

Mr. Clemson asked if it is common for University Area Joint Authority to add their comments to a sewage planning module. Mr. Kunkle stated it does not seem to be that common. Sewer pump stations are costly to maintain and subject to failure while gravity systems are less likely to have mechanical failures. This raised the question of which is the best method for the Cottages and Whitehall Road Regional Park. The applicant did explore a pump station to force load up to the State College Borough collection system and then conveyed to the University Area Joint Authority treatment plant. This method was very costly. Mr. Clemson stated that the method chosen by the applicant is a perfectly acceptable method for sewer. Mr. Kunkle stated that this brought up what is the regional policy going to be for sanitary sewer service in the future. What is the best engineering way to provide sewer service and a gravity system would be the best method.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – OTHER

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FOR 120 NORTH BUCKHOUT STREET.

Ms. Tranguch stated the temporary conditional use application is for property located at 120 North Buckhout Street. The application was submitted by the Metropolitan of State College who currently leases the property from Penn State University. The property is located in the Terraced Streetscape District. The Township ordinance state stipulations for a conditional use including that the lot must be at least one acre and any use not specifically permitted in the TSD is deemed to be acceptable use due to its consistency with the stated intent of the district and the application of appropriate design criteria as determined by the Board through the approval

process. Ms. Tranguch presented a map of the property to the Board members. Township staff suggested the applicant should sit down with community members located by the lot. The stipulations determined after those meetings are included in the application.

Mr. Killian questioned the end date. Ms. Tranguch stated the end date will be included in the conditional use.

Mr. Ara Kervandjian, Managing Director of The Metropolitan of State College, stated the leased property is owned by Penn State University and it straddles the State College Borough and Ferguson Township borders. The property was leased from the University to use the property as a construction lay down area, an area for supplies to be stored in preparation for delivery to the construction site at the corner of College Avenue and Atherton Street. Mr. Kervandjian pointed out the site on a map, showing the employee parking, gate access and the area where the construction materials will be stored. He stated he met with two residents and came up with some conditions. These conditions are having an 80 foot buffer marked with wiring, fence shrouding, no deliveries prior to 7am and after 7pm, make sure the gate are located when not used, will not install any permanent lighting, not allow trucks to idle, provide a contact person for Strickler Construction and lastly provide a trash container in order to keep the site clean. Mr. Kervandjian stated the Planning Commission was in support of the temporary conditional use.

Ms. Whitaker questioned the lighting confirming no permanent lighting, but would the site have temporary lighting? Mr. Kervandjian stated no lights will be installed on the site.

Mr. Wes Glebe, 115 North Butz Street, stated the request is a good experiment. He thinks that having a lay down site so close to the construction is beneficial to everyone.

Ms. Ronda Stern, 119 North Butz Street, stated as a citizen and long term resident appreciated the opportunity to share her concerns. When Penn State bought the property she had hoped the property would have a clear change. It is difficult to not know what is next. She and her husband are evening workers and this use will have an impact on their health and well-being. She appreciated the compromises that have been made and she requested the buffer be moved to 100 feet but was told they need that area to meet the one acre requirement. She would like to see the times adjust to 7:30am to 7:30pm. She is concerned with the weekends. She does not feel this is an appropriate use of the property.

Mr. Kunkle stated no construction noise is allowed on Sunday but Saturday is the same as Monday through Friday.

Mr. Miller asked if the site will be used for assemblage or materials. Mr. Kervandjian stated this site will just be used for storage.

Mr. Nelson Hite, 119 North Butz Street, would like to see the request denied. He is concerned with what is next on the site and the site being permanently leased out.

Mr. Killian stated that in his opinion Penn State does not yet know what to do with the property.

Mr. Killian made a motion to GRANT a temporary conditional use for 120 North Buckhout Street, tax parcel 24-002A-009 subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth in the memorandum from the Director of Planning dated January 7, 2015. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Killian received a comment about reducing the speed limit on Blue Course approaching the intersection of College Avenue.

Mr. Mascolo received a complaint about names not being pronounced correctly during the Board meetings.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. DRAFT TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY – DAVE MODRICKER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Modricker the Traffic Calming policy was presented to the Planning Commission and the Commission recommended approval to the Board. Staff completed the draft policy and attended a one day refresher course to determine new policies for traffic calming. The narrative of the policy includes a background of why a Township would perform traffic calming, examples, definitions and how long traffic calming has been around. Mr. Modricker reviewed the steps involved in the process of traffic calming. The first item would be a request signed by ten residents that would come before the Board. Mr. Modricker continued to review the steps that would occur after the first submission following a flow chart that will be included with the final resolution adopting the traffic calming policy.

Mr. Killian asked what would warrant a change in the speed limit. Mr. Modricker stated one method would be to determine the 85th percentile speed. This can be used to set the speed limit within 5 miles per hour, but there are also other definitions to look at such as residential districts. Mr. Mascolo asked if the majority of traffic is going over 10 over the speed limit it can be enforced. Ms. Conrad stated that it can be enforced under the standard laws set for residential areas. If the 85th percentile is higher it does not mean that the Township has to raise the speed limit.

Mr. Modricker continued reviewing the flow chart steps including the petition process which states that a mailing is sent to a neighborhood, 50 % of residents must respond to the mailing and at least 70% of those responses must be in favor of the change in order to continue.

Mr. Mascolo would like this to be approved for the ability to review some areas where residents have had concerns in the past.

Mr. Miller stated this policy is good and what the Township needs.

Mr. Killian asked if the flow chart will be included in the flow chart, Mr. Modricker said yes. Mr. Killian commented about the concern of the process restarting if 50% of residents don't respond. He also asked for some examples to be included with the policy.

Mr. Clemson made a motion to AUTHORIZE staff to prepare the resolution adopting the Traffic Calming Policy. Mr. Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2014-C3 ROSEMONT CULVERT / SELDERS CIRCLE

Mr. Modricker stated bids for this project were opened on Tuesday, January 13th. Contract 2014-C3 is predominantly a drainage project to upsize the capacity of the culvert along Selders Circle that controls Slab Cabin Run. The current project bid was for an open channel on a lot that would go under a concrete box structure and was designed to handle a 100 year storm. The bids for this project came in over budget. The bid opening was attended by a number of people. The project was also bid with an alternate of a large plastic pipe. First the alternate 1 bids: the engineers estimate for the project was \$354,395.10; Abel Construction bid was

\$464,280.64; Ameron Construction \$476,809.40; Glenn O. Hawbaker \$509,119.90; Mid State Paving \$525,804.20. Alternate 2, concrete pipe, Township Engineer estimate \$437,645.10; Abel Construction \$511,973.64; Ameron Construction \$523,762.40; Glenn O. Hawbaker \$562,769.90 and Mid State Paving \$569,186.70. In this case the lowest bid was for plastic pipe by Abel Construction but was still over budget by \$116, 730.

Mr. Modricker reviewed the bids with the Township Engineer and Township Manager and they have an alternative for the Boards consideration. The recommendation would be to redesign the project for 25-50 year storm protection versus the 100 year previously bid. This would significantly improve the condition and meet the criteria. Currently the probability for flooding is 1 time every 2 years and this redesign would increase the probability to 1 time every 25 to 50 years.

Mr. Killian asked if the project would be expandable to 100 year coverage in future. Mr. Modricker responded that it would not easily be done.

Mr. Killian made a motion to REJECT all bids for Contract 2014-C3 and direct staff to redesign and rebid the project. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR STORMWATER, LIGHTING AND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS

Mr. Kunkle stated the Township is changing the process with the subdivision and land development review process. It has been a combination of in house review by the Township Engineer and the use of consulting engineers, particularly for stormwater and lighting. Given the number of projects the Township has this year; staff thought it would be best to shift the reviews for subdivision and land development to two alternative engineers Dan Miller, Pennoni Associates Inc. and Scott Brown from NTM Engineering. A matrix was included with the Board agenda for assignment of these reviews to the particular individual. The Township will retain all responsibility for public improvements.

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPOINT Dan Miller, Pennoni Associates Inc. and Scott Brown, NTM Engineering as Alternate Township Engineers for subdivision and land development plan review services. Mr. Clemson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GREEN LIGHT GO FUNDING

Mr. Kunkle stated Township staff has become aware of Green Light Go Funding for Pennsylvania Municipal Signal Partnership Program which requires a 50% municipal match. The Township has a couple of projects that would fit into the use of these funds. If the Township is successful in obtaining the grant it could double the number of ups installations possible for 2015 in the Township.

Mr. Killian made a motion to AUTHORIZE staff to submit a Green Light Go grant funding application under the Pennsylvania Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CENTRE REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Kunkle stated the Planning Commission recommended Lisa Strickland as the primary representative and Ralph Wheland as the alternate representative to the Centre Region Planning Commission.

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPOINT Lisa Strickland as primary representative and Ralph Wheland as alternate representative as Ferguson Township's representatives to the Centre

Region Planning Commission. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CLEARWATER CONSERVANCY REQUEST FOR CNET SPONSORSHIP OF PROGRAMMING

Mr. Kunkle stated the Board received a request to sponsor a 12 minute video about Spruce Creek and the stream restoration efforts. The program has been reviewed by Ron Seybert, Township Engineer, to evaluate its benefits to the public education component of the Township MS4 program and the requirements of the NPDES permit. A portion of the Township is in the MS4 compliance area. The educational component will assist with our report to DEP. Mr. Clemson requested staff to place a link to the video on the Township website.

Mr. Clemson made a motion to APPROVE the request of Clearwater Conservancy for Township sponsorship of the Preserving Fabled Waters: Restoration Efforts in the Spruce Creek Watershed video. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Miller abstaining.

7. APPROVAL OF TURNBERRY REVISED PHASING PLAN – MARIA TRANGUCH, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Ms. Tranguch stated the ELA Group submitted a new phasing plan on behalf of Circleville Road Partners on the Turnberry Development. The plan is the exact same phasing plan submitted last year except all phases have been pushed back one year. Two phases are anticipated to be completed in 2015. Mr. Kunkle asked if any of the units for 2015 are affordable housing. Mr. Todd Smith, ELA Group, stated in phase 2b there will be 20 affordable housing units and in phase 3a, 17 out of 53 will be affordable housing. Mr. Mascolo questioned the future set up of affordable housing programming. Ms. Tranguch stated she is currently working on this plan.

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPROVE the revised phasing plan request of the developers of Turnberry TTD. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 VOUCHER REPORT

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPROVE the December 2014 Voucher Report. Mr. Clemson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPROVE the consent agenda including the December 2014 Treasurer's Report and a Surety Release for Pine Hall TTD, Phase 2A in the amount of \$552,400. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. REPORTS

1. Manager

Mr. Kunkle stated the Township has assisted the County Voting by posting in five polling places in Wards 2 and 3 prosing to create new precincts due to the 2010 ward redistricting. In 2015 the Township plans to complete a community survey similar to the one completed in 2011. Staff has begun to discuss the survey and has requested that two members of the Board to work with staff on the survey. There are different ways of approaching this survey. One is a comparative survey to the 2011 results. Another opportunity is to compare to 2011 but to benchmark against similar sized communities. Mr. Mascolo recommended Mr. Clemson and Mr. Miller. The Board will need to consider a Park Naming Policy. Currently the Township has a park in the Westfield / Hillside area that would need an appropriate park name. The Township has a request from CATA for feedback on the full bus wrap advertising. The majority of the Board thinks the wrap is

useful and they should reevaluate in five years if it is beneficial. Mr. Kunkle distributed the draft Terms and Conditions to the Board for the Cottages PRD and set up a worksession for January 28th to review.

2. Public Works Director

Mr. Modricker began with a follow up discussion on the lane assignments for Blue Course Drive at the intersection of West College Avenue. He reviewed the signal permit application report that was completed in 2012 which analyzed the lane assignments and the merge and the signal was optimized. Staff is not recommending eliminating the merge south of the West College Avenue intersection. If the Board were to direct staff to reverse the lane assignments, this could be resolved with signage and striping but may be subject to Penn Dot approval if the striping is part of the traffic signal permit. Since the initial request staff was contacted by a Board member about eliminating the center lane turn lane and two lanes of traffic to Westerly Parkway. After a preliminary review this would change the area from a merge to a weave. The initial reaction was positive but would require additional review. Another option to consider was to reduce speed from Old Gatesburg Road to West College Avenue. The Board discussed these options. The Township Engineer does not recommend changing the intersection. The majority of the Board does not want to see right turn lane installed and the Board would like the speed looked at from Gatesburg Road to West College Avenue. Mr. Modricker state on January 15th staff kicked off the West College Avenue Streetscape Project and discussed the grant received along with work that will need to be completed. The Tree Commission met right before this meeting with a full agenda. The Township is still in process of hiring one more road worker and will be scheduling interviews for the arborist position. The Martin Street / Park Crest Lane project is complete so the lights are up and functioning.

3. Planning and Zoning Director

Ms. Tranguch stated the Planning Commission met on January 12th and heard the Turnberry Phasing plan, the conditional use discussed by the Board and the traffic calming policy. Staff currently has eight plans under review, four of which have been conditionally approved and four yet to be heard by the Board. The draft Terms and Conditions for the Cottages PRD went out on Friday.

4. Chief of Police

Chief Conrad stated Part One crimes were 16 up from 6 last year mostly due to the theft of Christmas packages from porches. The end of year numbers was exactly the same at 160. The Part Two crimes were off by three for the year. Overall the decrease is 5.8%, 788 for this year and 837 last year. The state average was down 4.2%. Other calls for service were down for the month and the year, with the year finishing out at 3,907 over 4,042 from last year. Total for both crimes and non-crime a 3.7% decrease. Criminal arrests were down for the year more substantially due mainly to big cases that span multiple years.

5. COG Committee Reports

a. Executive

Mr. Mascolo stated the Committee will be meeting tomorrow. They will be discussing the ADA parking at Welch Pool. The Park and Recreation Authority said they will not be making any changes until the final land development plan for the school is completed.

b. Finance

Mr. Mascolo stated Bud Graham was nominated as Chair and Evan Myers as Vice Chair. The committee reviewed one contract for pension and risk management to the Borough and recommended that for approval. They also reviewed the Oak Hall stormwater management course. The committee heard from Steven Baird regarding the repaired aerial truck. Alpha is

very unhappy with the quality of the workmanship that was done to bring the unit up to use standards.

c. Human Resources

Ms. Whitaker stated the committee met Wednesday, January 7th. The chair and all officers remained the same. The committee reviewed the COG Articles of Agreement. They looked at proposed list of work items which will be looked at throughout the year. The manager of philanthropy position for the library has been posted with a January 23rd deadline. Mr. Mascolo noted that the Director of CRPR, Ron Woodhead has a tentative retirement of March 2016.

d. Parks Capital

Mr. Mascolo stated the Chair and Vice Chair remained the same for 2015. The committee discussed the meeting dates for the year.

e. Public Safety

Mr. Clemson state the committed was held Wednesday, January 14th. Mr. Bryce Boyer was re-elected Chair and Sarah Klinetob-Lowe was re-elected Vice Chair. The meetings will be moved from the 2nd Wednesday of the month to the 1st Thursday. Shawn Kauffman presented an overview of emergency operations planning tool. Completed normal reappointments to the Code Board of Appeals. They also heard from Steve Baird about the aerial truck.

f. Public Services and Environmental

Mr. Killian met Tuesday, changed from Wednesday. The Chair is Dennis Hameister and the Vice Chair is Bryce Boyer. The committee reviewed their COG Articles of Agreement. Received an update to UAJA regarding the Act 537 plan which included a number of changes including designation of their beneficial reuse area. It also dealt with extending the sewer service area to Halfmoon Township. The committee discussed regional organics and if residents want to have this service. They also discussed regional brush collection and the options for this.

g. Transportation and Land Use

Mr. Miller stated the committee met Monday, January 9th. Mr. Jeff Luck was elected Chair and Mr. Todd Kirsten elected Vice Chair. The committee had a discussion about regional development and how they affect transportation and received an update from Trish Meek on the Regional Bike Plan.

XI. MINUTES

Mr. Killian made a motion to APPROVE the January 5, 2015 Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Killian made a motion to ADJOURN the meeting. Mr. Clemson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Mascolo adjourned the regular meeting at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Kunkle, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors
Date approved by the Board: 02/02/2015