

## **FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2016  
7:00 pm

### **I. ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

**Board:** Steve Miller  
Janet Whitaker  
Peter Buckland  
Rita Graef

**Staff:** Mark Kunkle, Township Manager  
David Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager  
Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works  
Ray Stolinis, Director of Planning & Zoning

*Others in attendance included:* Heather Bird, Recording Secretary; Hobson McKown, Greg Copenhagen, Rob and Rachel Johnson, Beth and Jim VanHorn, Tom Jacobs, Ansusan Brewer, Jim and Cathy Walker, Michelle Spiering, Rachel Fawcett, Andrew Hains, Margaret Gray

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Miller called the Monday, March 7, 2016, regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **III. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Mr. Hobson McKown, resident, presented his grievances with the Ferguson Township Police Department. He requested that the Board allow Mr. Kunkle to relieve Chief Conrad and Detective Martin of their duties. He submitted a request for a future agenda item regarding this and an administrative hearing. He presented several documents to Mr. Kunkle regarding his requests.

Mr. David Stone, made comments about the Toll Brothers court case.

### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS – ORDINANCES**

- 1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS FOLLOWS: (1) ACCEPTING THE DEED OF DEDICATION RELATING TO SAYBROOK PHASE 10 FROM S & A CUSTOM BUILT HOMES, INC., N/K/A S & A HOMES, INC., ROBERT E. POOLE, DON E. HAUBERT, AND THOMAS F. SONGER, PARTNERS, T/D/B/A WPSH ASSOCIATES, A PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, BY AND THROUGH ROBERT E. POOLE, ITS ATTORNEY-IN FACT PURSUANT TO A POWER OF ATTORNEY DATED AUGUST 16, 1993, AND RECORDED IN RECORD BOOK 712 AT PAGE 1092, TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON; (2) CREATING THE STREET TO BE KNOWN AS SCONSETT WAY; (3) PROVIDING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION RELATING TO SAID SCONSETT WAY; AND (4) ESTABLISHING A STOP INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTION WITH SAGAMORE DRIVE BY AN AMENDMENT/ADDITION TO CHAPTER 15, PART 214 – STOP INTERSECTION.**

Mr. Kunkle stated a new street, Sconsett Way, was constructed in Saybrook. The street has been constructed, inspected and a maintenance bond has been provided to the Township. In addition there has been a traffic study and a stop sign placed at Sconsett Way and Sagamore Drive.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to ADOPT Ordinance #1010 accepting Sconsett Way as a public street and establishing a stop intersection at the intersection of Sconsett Way with Sagamore Drive. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Ms. Whitaker: YES; Mr. Buckland: YES; Ms. Graef: YES; Mr. Miller: YES

## **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ACCEPTING THE CENTRE COUNTY 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mr. Kunkle stated that every five years municipalities in the Commonwealth are required to adopt a county wide Hazard Mitigation plan in accordance with the disaster mitigation act of 2000. Centre county municipalities worked last year in cooperation with the county Emergency Management office and have completed an update to the county Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2015. The Centre Region Emergency Management Coordinator has completed a comprehensive and consolidated report on behalf of the Centre Region municipalities and the plan is ready for adoption. It does cover such things as flood, major storm events and major events at the university. Once the Township adopts this we will be in a position to receive federal funding in the event of a disaster.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion ADOPT Resolution 2016-08 adopting the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Mr. Buckland: YES; Ms. Graef: YES; Mr. Miller: YES; Ms. Whitaker: YES

### **2. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RECOGNIZING APRIL 23, 2016 AS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WATERSHED CLEANUP DAY IN CENTRE COUNTY**

Mr. Kunkle stated this will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual cleanup in the county. The Township has participated in the previous 19 years of watershed cleanup by providing staff and equipment to pick up debris that has been left from debris in sinkholes or deposited over embankments. It has been a very successful volunteer event.

Mr. Buckland made a motion ADOPT Resolution 2016-09 designating Saturday, April 23, 2016 as Watershed Cleanup Day in Ferguson Township. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Ms. Graef: YES; Mr. Miller: YES; Ms. Whitaker: YES; Mr. Buckland: YES

### **3. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, PLAN #801695 VANTAGE TRUST 2 MULTIPLE COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS TRUST THROUGH ICMA-RC.**

Mr. Kunkle stated the Township's pension funds for non-uniform employees are handled by ICMA-RC. Within that management of pension funds the Township also participates in a retirement health savings account that is available to employees that meet criteria with regard to accumulating and utilization of sick time. That portion of the ICMA-RC portfolio is being proposed to be managed by the Vantage Trust 2 Multiple Collective Investment Funds Trust. The purpose of consolidating the options under that portfolio are to access lower cost of investments and align the retirement health savings plan with the 401 and 457 plans fee structures and will focus the investments within the public sector. Employees that are participating in this will be able to determine their level of risk for investment purposes. In order to take advantage of the reduced fee structure and the unification of the plan, ICMA-RC is requesting that the plan participants to adopt the resolution.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to ADOPT Resolution 2016-10 authorizing the Township to enter into a participation agreement for a Collective Investment Trust administered by the Vantage Trust 2 Funds for the Township's Retirement Health Savings Plan. Ms. Graef seconded the motion.

ROLL-CALL VOTE: Mr. Miller: YES; Ms. Whitaker: YES; Mr. Buckland: YES; Ms. Graef: YES

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. CATA 2016-17 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Miller stated the General Forum requested that the municipalities submit any comments to the Finance Committee for their April meeting.

Ms. Kimberly Fragolo, CATA, discussed the local match share. Ferguson Township's share per the miller formula is just under \$126,000, approximately \$99,000 toward operating and approximately \$27,000 toward capital. She stated that in the 2015-2016 budget every dollar that is received in the local match allows access to over \$31 from other sources. This is why the local match is so important. Two options were presented for the coming increases: option one proposed 3.7% increase this year and 5% each year after that or option two 4% this year, 4.7% next year and 5% for each year after. Both the Finance Committee and the COG General Forum selected option two.

Mr. Kunkle stated that what is driving the operating budget is the need to meet the 5% that is needed to garner the state and federal funding that is available and what is driving the capital budget is because regionally we have agreed to increase the capital contribution by \$25,000 each year until \$175,000 is reached.

The Board had no comments to submit.

### **2. REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT PHASE 2 STONEBRIDGE SENIOR LIVING APARTMENTS**

Mr. Kunkle stated the first phase of senior living units have been recently completed along Bristol Avenue. There are 58 front units completed under Section 42 which receive tax credits administered by the PHFA. The land development plan was previously approved with an additional building in the rear containing 50 more units. The developer has been urged and requested by PHFA to apply for this round of funding for tax credits to construct the additional 50 units. As done in the past the Township has supported this type of affordable housing for both income restricted and seniors in the community.

Andy Hains, S & A Homes, stated that the first phase of 58 units was just completed. They had 200 people apply or express interest in these units. With the demand PHFA has urged them to submit for phase 2 because program is so competitive and it make two or three submissions to receive the funding. The letter of support indicates that the community supports the project and that there is a need in the area for this type of housing. This project will be restricted just like phase one to seniors age 62 and over.

Mr. Miller asked what the income restriction is. Mr. Hains stated they must make less than approximately \$37,000.

Ms. Whitaker asked about the height of the second building. Mr. Hains stated the second building will be approximately a story higher than the phase one building.

Ms. Graef asked if these are intended as rental units. Mr. Hains stated yes all of the units are rentals and include utilities.

Mr. Miller is in support of this project creating affordable rental housing.

Mr. Hains stated that if you build affordable housing for seniors then it opens up some more affordable housing for the younger generation when those seniors move out of their homes.

Ms. Graef verified that these renters receive the full benefits of the Stonebridge Homeowners Association.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to PROVIDE a letter of support for the Stonebridge PRD Phase 5 Senior Independent Living Project. Ms. Graef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. BRISTOL AVENUE PARKING DISCUSSION**

Mr. Kunkle stated that at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Mr. Cliff Way, Good Hope Farms II resident, approached the Board and reviewed a letter that he had provided in December requesting the implementation of parking restrictions along a portion of Bristol Avenue between Saratoga Drive and Concord Drive. The Board requested staff provide accident data. The data was provided which indicated: The department upon review of three year data indicates no crashes except for one on June 2014 where a new resident backed out their driveway and struck a utility box. In December of 2015 a speed study was done and 99% of vehicles traveling 35 mph or less. The board is being asked to consider options that were included in the agenda. Mr. Kunkle presented a map indicating the area of concern showing the curvature of the roadway. He stated that parking on the street can be a good speed control. It is the Board's decision if they want to implement any no parking of any nature along this portion of Bristol Avenue.

Ms. Whitaker drove in the area and indicated a good driver will slow down and use caution. She is leaning toward doing nothing.

Ms. Graef asked if the size of the roadway is sufficient. Mr. Modricker stated the roadway meets Township criteria and he has not received any complaints from the school for buses or the trash company. Ms. Graef asked if both sides of the road have sidewalks so no pedestrians are on the street walking. Mr. Modricker stated yes both sides have sidewalks.

Mr. Miller thinks there should be nothing done at this point.

Mr. Buckland and Ms. Graef agree to do nothing at this point.

The Board consensus was to do nothing at this point in time.

### **4. WORKFORCE HOUSING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the information that was provided with that packet regarding this topic. He gave a brief history of this amendment. It began back to the 2013 Centre Region Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by all six Centre Region municipalities which includes a housing element specifically addressing the need for affordable workforce housing in the area. There are 91 units designated as workforce housing the Traditional Town Development. While these units are required there is no program in place that requires these units to be kept in the affordable housing inventory. They are initially required to be marketed and sold as affordable;

there is nothing that restricts subsequent sales on these units. The Board tasked staff with coming up with a legacy program that would require these units to stay in the affordable housing market for future buyers. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the goal that ensures these units remain in their affordable state for future home buyers. The Ferguson Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board disapprove this ordinance indicating that the program was not sustainable, the program would develop a life of their own, and the home would not be properly maintained. The Centre Region Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the Township on this ordinance amendment and encouraged the Township to continue this dialogue to look for ways to incorporate more affordable housing in the Township in the future.

Ms. Whitaker asked if the home maintenance is part of the legacy program. Ms. Fawcett stated the homeowner would be responsible for all of the home maintenance. Ms. Whitaker asked if the contract for the home would be any different than any other homeowner. Ms. Fawcett stated there would be a deed restriction that the home must be owner occupied and that they agree to a resale formula determined by the Land Trust and that the home would be sold to an individual within the guidelines. Ms. Whitaker asked if the Land Trust would be monitoring this. Ms. Fawcett stated yes.

Mr. Pribulka stated that the Land Trust brings the level of expertise to this program that Township staff would not be able to provide.

Ms. Graef asked if it is the Land Trust or the ordinance that controls the resale of the property. Ms. Fawcett state that the resale is calculated by the Land Trust at 1.75% compounded annually or the appraisal value, whichever is lower. Some homes in the Land Trust currently receive 100% back on their capital improvements. Mr. Miller is concerned that if the capital improvements are encouraged that the home will be moved out of the affordable bracket based on these improvements. Mr. Pribulka stated there has been an assumption that homes will not be taken care of because of the limit on the equity to be received. The amount of equity return on these homes is comparable to the general market and that homeowners take pride in the home. Ms. Graef summarized that homeowners would build equity in these homes. Ms. Fawcett agreed with this statement.

Mr. Buckland is concerned that the units that will be built with lower quality materials and the effects of increasing the costs of long term maintenance. The energy costs could be higher because of the lack of quality materials. Mr. Miller stated the ordinance indicates that insulation can't be a lesser quality. Mr. Kunkle stated these homes will still be required to meet building code standards. Ms. Fawcett stated the ordinance states that the differences will not include insulation, windows, heating systems and other improvements related to energy efficiency. She indicated the differences would be more on the type of finishes in the home. Mr. Miller stated that the intent was for the home to look similar on the outside but be finished with more basic items.

Ms. Graef asked if this development included incentives for the builder. Mr. Miller stated there are no incentives for this development, these units were required. Mr. Pribulka stated that it is an incentive in the Terraced Streetscape District. Ms. Graef confirmed that we do not require every development in the Township to have this affordable housing. Mr. Miller stated that the TTD requires it and the TSD incentives it and this is all that exists right now. Mr. Pribulka stated that these regulations could apply to other future zoning districts in the Township in the future.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to AUTHORIZE advertisement for public hearing an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance establishing regulations affecting the provision of workforce

housing in certain zoning districts. Ms. Graef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. DECISION ON TEMPORARY NO PARKING RESTRICTION ON EAST PINE GROVE ROAD**

Mr. Kunkle stated that on December 14, 2015 the Board adopted a resolution establishing a 90 day prohibited no parking zone on East Pine Grove Road 226 feet to the east of Rosemont Drive. He pointed out where the parking restriction was temporarily placed on a map provided. Overflow parking from the Naked Egg Café was blocking the site of traffic pulling out of Rosemont Drive. An engineering study was completed and it was determined that the site distance that should be left open with no parking was 226 feet. The Public Works Department and Police Department have recommended that the Board adopt this no parking by ordinance.

Ms. Whitaker stated because this is a safety issue she supports adopting this.

Mr. Buckland asked if there is any reason that this would not be extend further. Mr. Modricker stated that the 226 feet was determined based on the engineering study for a safe site distance.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to AUTHORIZE advertising an ordinance for public hearing on March 21 establishing prohibitive parking on the north side of East Pine Grove Road from Rosemont Drive to a point 226 feet east of Rosemont Drive. Ms. Graef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. ROBERT AND RACHEL JOHNSON APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mr. Stolinas stated staff received a zoning ordinance amendment application from Robert and Rachel Johnson to remove the prohibition of child daycare / preschool from the Terraced Streetscape District ordinance. The applicants would like to establish a certified licensed child care facility that would have approximately 120 children operating from 7 am to 6 pm.

Mr. Miller asked where this would be located. Mr. Stolinas stated on West College Avenue in the old Suzuki dealership.

Mr. Miller would like to look at this as a conditional use because there are some locations in this district that would not be a problem but in other areas of the district it may be a problem as far as traffic entering West College Avenue. He stated the Planning Commission should look at this as both a conditional use and a proposed ordinance change. Mr. Buckland agreed with Mr. Miller.

Ms. Whitaker asked if this facility would work with the school district in terms of school buses. Ms. Rachel Johnson stated that yes they plan to make that arrangement with the school district. Ms. Whitaker asked if the applicants see a need for this facility. Mr. Robert Johnson said yes, we currently have a facility with approximately 120 kids and they currently have a huge wait list.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to FORWARD the application for a proposed ordinance amendment allowing for child daycare / pre-school with the Terraced Streetscape District. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. VARIANCE – WALKER MACHINING 3141 AIRPORT ROAD**

Mr. Kunkle stated that applicants, Walker Machining at 3141 Airport Road have submitted a variance application. The building and structure here have a little bit of a history which was outlined in the agenda narrative. The applicant is requesting to place an addition on the front of

the building 15 feet into the 50 foot front yard setback and that addition would be within the flood plain on the property and a second variance request to not add the one additional parking space required by the building addition. The original building was built in 1992 and a 928 square foot addition was added to the building in 2006 and a variance was received from the Zoning Hearing Board to allow for that expansion into the floodplain. This is floodplain Zone A, which means that the floodplain has not been studied and elevations within the floodplain established by that detailed study. The floodplain is mapped by FEMA based upon soil type versus the actual upstream flows that may come through the property. The Zoning Administrator has advised the applicant that if a detailed study were done, they could possibly determine where the actual floodplain is which may remove or narrow a portion of the floodplain which currently impacts the majority of the property.

Mr. Buckland is not in favor of building in a floodplain. Mr. Miller agreed with Mr. Buckland because this is located in a floodplain.

Ms. Graef stated that the applicants have a thriving business that employs individuals that is looking to expand. What is possible for this property? Mr. Kunkle stated that the only other option they may have would be to go vertical to avoid any further encroachment into the floodplain. Ms. Graef stated that if the business can't grow then we could lose the employer and tax revenue.

Mr. Buckland stated that it sets a bad precedence to allow people to build into the floodplain.

Ms. Graef asked about economic development support for a business that may be growing.

Mr. Kunkle stated the Township does not have funding available for that but there is the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority that acts a conduit towards better financing arrangements for businesses to expand their businesses.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to OPPOSE the variance request for 3141 Airport Road. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 -1 with Ms. Graef voting no.

#### **8. REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF STREETLIGHT HEIGHT FOR 1000 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE**

Mr. Kunkle stated the property at 1000 West College Avenue is located in the Terraced Streetscape District (TSD). The TSD design guidelines state that the height of the Victorian style streetlights should not exceed 14 feet in height to remain at a pedestrian scale. When the ordinance was written PennDot central office was not consulted on their requirements for streetlights. PennDot has indicated that they could meet the requirements for lumens on a state highway with a Victorian style light that is LED lite and meets the lumens and reflectivity and is 14.11 feet in height which is 1.32 inches higher than permitted by design guidelines for the TSD.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to GRANT a waiver from Chapter 22, Section 509A 1.D. allowing the vintage style streetlights for 1000 West College Avenue be at a height of 14.11 feet. Ms. Graef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2016-C8 PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

Mr. Modricker stated that bids were opened for 2016-C8 Pavement Markings on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times. The Township received one bid from Alpha Space Control Inc. in the amount of \$196,481.71. Ferguson Township's share of the contract is \$71,667.77. The Township budget for this was \$76,300. The bid amount is higher because a number of municipalities that piggy back on the contract with us.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to AWARD Contract 2016-C8 Pavement Markings to Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. in the amount of \$196,481.71. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2016-C13 STREET TREE PLANTING**

Mr. Modricker stated the bids were opened for 2016-C13 Street Tree Planting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were a number of individuals in attendance. The contract was let with a base bid and an alternate A and alternate B to allow the Township to get pricing on a specific type of tree and different size. At this time there is not an agreement with the Chestnut Ridge Manor Homeowner's Association to install the larger trees or tree species, because of this he recommended award of the base bid. The following base bids received as follows: Robert W. Behrer, LLC \$33,010.00, Greene's Landscaping \$36,485.00, Landserv \$40,101.00, Landscape II \$37,077.00, Jumper Landscaping \$43,222.89, Ameron Construction \$43,365.00, Cramer \$37,525.00 and Penn Landscaping & Cement Work \$54,450.00. The contract was advertised in the Centre Daily Times. The 2016 budget for tree planting is \$66,000.

Ms. Graef made a motion to AWARD Contract 2016-C13 Street Tree Planting to Robert W. Behrer, LLC in the amount of \$33,010. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO WEST COLLEGE AVENUE CORRIDOR WORK GROUP**

The Board tabled this item until the March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

#### **12. APPOINTMENT TO COG PARKS CAPITAL COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Miller recommended appointing a temporary representative until the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to TEMPORARILY APPOINT Rita Graef to the Parks Capital Committee. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland temporarily accepted the Human Resources Committee and would like to be removed.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to APPOINT Rita Graef to the Human Resources Committee. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **13. APPROVAL OF CODIFICATION CONTRACT WITH GENERAL CODE**

Mr. Pribulka stated that the Township's current codifier, Keystate Publishers, is going out of business effective March 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff has entertained proposals from several vendors. General Code is used by a number of other municipalities in the Centre Region.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to AUTHORIZE the Township Manager to enter into a contract for codification services with General Code. Ms. Graef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **14. CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



## **VII. REPORTS**

### **1. Manager**

Mr. stated that On February 29 Township staff and our stormwater consultant met with representatives of the State College Borough Water Authority, representatives of engineering design firms, the Planning Commission Representative and an independent engineer to review, clarify and work to resolve the comments received on the proposed amendments to the township's stormwater management ordinance. Using a matrix of the issues and various comments the working group was able to focus on which amendments were agreeable, needed to be refined or remained unresolved. Staff is now working to make the agreed upon changes for submission to the Board on March 21. Staff attended the February 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Conversation which was well attended. The Zoning Hearing Board granted variances to Lot 9 in the Thistlewood development, the property owner moved home forward away from the wetlands. Centre Region Parks and Recreation issued a RFQ to lease the 100 acres of the Whitehall Road Regional Park. Cory Miller has been invited to the March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to discuss nutrient credits. The Board may provide any questions for Mr. Miller to Mr. Kunkle so that he can prepare to answer those. Staff received a response back from Penn State on the cost for a survey cost which would be around \$33,000.

Mr. Pribulka provided communications report to the Board on the Township's Constant Contact list serve which has 200 contacts, email newsletter which has grown to 680 recipients, Twitter account and website.

### **2. Public Works Director**

Mr. Modricker stated the Township's first formal Arbor Day celebration will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. At the next meeting the Board will be asked to take action on the West College Avenue streetscape project for the construction of sidewalk. Staff met with Christine Woodard and residents of Piney Ridge to review the grant application for the restoration project. There are issues with the upcoming paving on Kansa Drive regarding drainage to an easement on the Sunday property to the Seveck farm to unnamed tributary of Beaver Branch. They may pave the rest of Piney Ridge while awaiting the resolution of the issues on Kansa Drive. Tonight there was an open house on the paving projects scheduled for this year. The Valley Vista Drive/ Bachman intersection is awaiting approval from PennDot on the traffic study.

Staff did receive report from consultant on warrant analysis for Sandy Lane / Science Park intersection. The additional analysis for a system warrant indicates that a traffic signal is warranted. Staff is requesting approval from the Board to submit the study to PennDot for approval and once approved staff will continue with the work. Mr. Kunkle asked if there is funding for design of one project? Mr. Modricker stated there is funding for the design of both, but no funding for construction of either project. Mr. Kunkle asked if once PennDot evaluates the warrant, there is a time frame that the traffic study results must be completed. Mr. Modricker stated his is not aware of any time frame. The Board consensus was to move forward with submitting this to PennDot.

Mr. Buckland discussed the concerns of residents in the Rosemont Drive / Selders Circle area for the completion of work.

### **3. Planning and Zoning Director**

Mr. Stolas stated the Planning Commission met on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the stormwater management ordinance revisions, Johnson Farm Associates request and the Township's Official map. The information provided to the Board included an active plan list and new land development applications which includes the ReFarm Café / Leclair Cidery.

**4. COG Committee Reports**  
**a. Public Services and Environmental**

Mr. Buckland stated City Green came with proposal they gave to the University on a class gift. The project was not accepted. They had a brief review of the COG priorities. Cory Miller, UAJA affirmed that the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA can regulate nutrient going into the Chesapeake Bay.

**b. Transportation and Land Use**

Ms. Whitaker stated the committee talked about a new app, GOLA, which gives data on how people travel. The committee discussed electric assist bikes and that they are more and more popular. One concern noted was how would their usage affect law enforcement. They did have more discussion on the single point of contact for economic development. Lastly they reviewed the draft priorities. Mr. Buckland added that Patton Township currently allows electric assist bikes on their bike paths and have no plans to change that to prohibit.

**c. CCMPO**

Ms. Whitaker stated they voted to remove Benner Township as a voting member and reassigned them to the Nittany Valley Planning Region per a request from the Benner Township Board of Supervisors. They reviewed the preliminary 2017-2020 TIP, Transportation Improvement Plan, the final will go forward for possible adoption in June. They adopted a process for submission to TAP, Transportation Activities Plan and formed a review committee formed to compile recommendations. PennDot will select the projects for the TAP funding. The two top Centre County projects are the Centre Hall Borough pedestrian enhancement project and the Valley Vista shared use path.

**VIII. MINUTES**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to APPROVE the February 16, 2016 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Buckland made a motion to ADJOURN the meeting. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Miller adjourned the regular meeting at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Kunkle, Township Manager  
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 03/21/2016