

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020
7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its first regular meeting of the month on Monday, November 2, 2020, via Zoom in a webinar format. In attendance were:

Board:	Steve Miller, Chairman	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Laura Dininni, Vice Chair		Chris Albright, Chief of Police
	Prasenjit Mitra		Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works
	Patty Stephens		Eric Endresen, Director of Finance
	Lisa Strickland		Jenna Wargo, Director, Planning and Zoning

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Mr. Neil Sullivan, PSU University Planner; Eric Norenberg, COG Executive Director; Joe Viglione, COG Finance Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the Monday, November 2, 2020, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Pribulka noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance to the PA Sunshine Act as a virtual meeting via Zoom in a webinar format. There was also an audio conference bridge that was accessible by dialing the Ferguson Township's main line at 814-238-4651 and then dialing extension 3799. Persons attending the webinar as members of the public and wanted to participate were asked to enter their name, municipality, and topic by utilizing the Q&A bubble at the bottom of the screen. C-NET is recording as well. Mr. Pribulka took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

Mr. Miller noted that there were two Executive Sessions since the last Board meeting. On October 19, 2020, there was a meeting to discuss personnel and litigation. Also, another meeting was held on October 27, 2020 to discuss personnel issues.

II. CITIZENS INPUT

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Minutes of October 19, 2020. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

a) COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report

Mr. Pribulka noted that regional updates can be found on the Centre Region Ready [Facebook page](#) or the [COG website page](#). Mr. Pribulka reported that the Administration Offices were closed last week due to an employee testing positive for COVID-19, but the building has reopened this week. The Municipal Building is open from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and staff is working on site again. The employee is recovering well, and no further positive test results have occurred with staff. Election Day is tomorrow, November 3, 2020, and Ferguson Township residents who

are voting inside the Municipal Building will be asked to adhere to the signage at the polling stations so that the Township can ensure a safe experience. Staff had the option to work remotely on Election Day so that more parking spaces would be available. Louwana Oliva, Executive Director, CATA, graciously offered parking spaces near the Township Building. Mr. Pribulka noted that it was a challenging weekend due to the Penn State home football game against Ohio State University on October 31, 2020, and trick-or-treat on Sunday, November 1, 2020. There were only a few incidents, and Mr. Pribulka thanked the officers who worked over the weekend to keep the Township safe. Due to the weather and the home football game, trick-or-treat night was moved from Thursday, October 29, 2020, to November 1, 2020. Mr. Pribulka thanked the business owners and residents of Ferguson Township for their patience and understanding while the Township recovers from the pandemic.

b) STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Ford Stryker contacted Mr. Pribulka to note that there wasn't anything to report to the Board, but if any Board member has questions to send them to Mr. Pribulka.

c) PENN STATE UNIVERSITY WEST CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Neil Sullivan, University Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the West Campus development. The Plan Goals are as follows:

- Address current and future needs of College of Engineering (COE)
- Determine the highest and best use of existing facilities and opportunities to develop existing sites and reduce maintenance backlog
- Realize West Campus' potential to be a vibrant part of the PSU campus.
- Improve physical connectivity between COE's two principle precincts (West Campus and Core Campus)
- Transform the COE's core campus while respecting its historic location near the Mall, Old Main, and improve the campus edge along College Avenue

Mr. Mitra noted that his work office at PSU is at West Gate ovetop Atherton Street and expressed concerns with people walking across when they shouldn't. Mr. Mitra asked if PSU has observed his concerns. Mr. Sullivan noted that they do have concerns and decreasing the speed limit would help but unfortunately it is a PennDot street.

Mr. Sullivan noted that in the first phase the West Campus parking garage will open in April/May 2021; the West 2 Building will start construction this month with an opening date of fall 2022; and the West 1 Building will open in spring 2024. Once the listed buildings are open, the Engineering Units, Sackett and parts of Hammond will move in. When renovations start in Sackett, employees and students will move to Hammond. When Sackett is completed, Hammond Building will be torn down in 2026.

Ms. Dininni noted that there is significant activity at the former O.W. Houts lot that is adjacent to Buckhout Street and asked if there were any plans for the areas in Ferguson Township. Mr. Sullivan noted that there are no plans at this time. Ms. Dininni expressed concerns that there are no plans or timelines established. Ms. Dininni requested using ecological glass for PSU buildings so that birds won't fly into the buildings. Mr. Sullivan noted that PSU is restricted to 40% glass facade and certain parts of the buildings will have significantly less than 40%. Mr. Sullivan reported that the University had been asked in the past to consider bird safe glass. It has been researched

by looking at samples, talking with manufactures, and it is an area that the University continues to explore.

Ms. Stephens inquired what will be done with the lots next to the bus station on North Atherton Street. Mr. Sullivan reported that the bus station will remain. The Rainbow Music building will be temporary housing for a construction office and the lots are boarded up until a plan is established.

Ms. Strickland asked about the traffic pattern around the parking deck as it relates to Atherton and College. Mr. Sullivan reported that there is only one entrance in and out of the garage along White Course drive that will empty onto Atherton. There was a traffic impact study that was completed and accepted by the Borough Engineer and PennDot. PSU has agreed to do road improvements by installing turning lanes and traffic signals. Also, Ms. Strickland expressed her disappointment regarding the land at the former O.W. Houts and the dilapidated houses having no plans. Mr. Sullivan indicated that PSU would like to have something established to help link West Campus with Ferguson Township and the Borough, but at this time there is nothing planned.

Ms. Dininni requested to have the buildings that are condemnable taken down to make the land look presentable.

Mr. Mitra asked why there wasn't a second access and outlet from the parking garage to help defuse the traffic especially if there would be an accident. Mr. Sullivan indicated that initially PSU was looking into two entrances and conducted an entire study on this; however, when PSU went before the Borough there was severe pushback from the community to have a second entrance.

Mr. Miller suggested turning the land into a temporary green space. Mr. Sullivan noted that he understands the frustration and will pass along all the comments and suggestions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE

Mr. Pribulka reported that at the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Board scheduled the public hearing on the Stormwater Management Utility Fee Ordinance for Monday, February 1, 2021. Additionally, the Board requested opportunities to discuss several components of the fee structure and consider additional changes. These include the hardship exemption and credit policies; billing unit methodology; and program schedule. Provided with the agenda is a rough draft of a hardship exemption policy for initial review by the Board this evening. Also provided with the agenda is a proposed schedule for considering the different components of the ordinance prior to the public hearing on February 1, 2021. Mr. Pribulka established the following schedule and noted there is not a lot of time between now and the February 1st public hearing.

PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE ORDINANCE REVIEW SCHEDULE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Proposed Schedule• Review DRAFT Hardship Policy	November 2 nd
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review DRAFT Credit Policy Manual	November 16 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss billing unit methodologies• Discuss program schedule	December 7 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule worksession to review to finalize ordinance and program components	January 4 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worksession	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Hearing	February 1 st
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of enactment of ordinance	February 15 th

***All items are proposed to be discussed during Regular Meetings unless otherwise noted.**

With regards to the Hardship Policy, Mr. Pribulka reported that he looked at several examples that were provided by the Township's consultant, Elizabeth Treadway of Wood. The examples were primarily from communities in Maryland that enacted a similar exemption. Mr. Pribulka reviewed the proposed Hardship Policy. Mr. Pribulka proposed to structure the maximum earned income that an individual or household can earn in order to qualify for the exemption. Mr. Pribulka suggested that if the Board agrees to move ahead with the policy, remove the table from the policy thereby eliminating the need to modify the policy every year as the guidelines change. Also, Mr. Pribulka indicated that the maximum threshold is low particularly for the State College Metropolitan Area and suggested the Board to consider applying a magnitude of maximum income.

Mr. Miller noted that if the Board would adopt this policy anyone whose income is solely social security, disability, or pension income, would have essentially zero income. Mr. Miller prefers that if the Board approves a Hardship Policy, perhaps keep the maximum income lower and not consider unearned income.

Mr. Pribulka reported that in 2018 there were approximately 2,400 individuals earning less than \$50,000 per year. There were approximately 4,500 earning \$100,000 a year or less.

Ms. Dininni talked about local government processes and noted that this policy is not typically seen in local government. Ms. Dininni thanked the Board and staff for their work on this ordinance.

With regards to the review schedule, Ms. Strickland felt that one meeting may not be enough time to discuss the billing unit methodologies and the program schedule. Mr. Pribulka prefers to have both topics discussed in one meeting because they are intertwined and would like to invite Ms. Treadway for the discussions. Mr. Pribulka noted that he would keep the December agenda short. Mr. Miller indicated it should be a special meeting versus a work session. Mr. Miller reported that the December 14, 2020 meeting will be dedicated to end of the year items. Ms. Stephens agrees that there needs to be more time available for the billing and program schedule. Mr. Mitra agreed with the discussions for the most part, but also noted that the cost of living in Ferguson Township is somewhat higher and the federal numbers are low. Mr. Mitra prefers twice the federal poverty level.

Ms. Dininni noted that it is typical for 1.5 times and should consider that instead of 2 times. Ms. Dininni asked if the consultant had a number to recommend in terms of Ferguson Township. Mr. Pribulka will have the consultant discuss examples with the Board. Ms. Strickland noted that she agrees with Mr. Mitra's suggestion of twice the federal poverty level and agrees with Mr. Miller's concerns with fixed income. Ms. Strickland expressed concerns with various non-profit organizations that would be affected. Ms. Stephens agreed with the suggestions.

Public Comment

Mr. Mark Kunkle asked if the Hardship Policy is authorized under the PA enabling legislation. Mr. Pribulka's understanding is that the legislation that would apply allows for credit policies to be enacted; however, doesn't specifically address hardship exemptions. There is nothing that states that Ferguson Township can't have this policy. Mr. Kunkle asked what database the Township would be utilizing to verify income since the Township does not have access to Federal or State Income Tax filings. Mr. Pribulka noted that the Township doesn't have access, but if the measure would be anything other than income certification via a W-2, the Township would have to figure out how it would be audited and verified. Mr. Kunkle suggested contacting the Centre Tax Agency because they have local taxes.

With regards to the Hardship Policy, Mr. Bill Keough noted that within the agricultural community, there are many farms that are in a variety of state planning mechanisms and suggested contacting the Agricultural Extension services to discuss the different configurations that many farms are a part of. Mr. Keough expressed disappointment within the review schedule because it is not affording time available for the public to discuss alternatives to the plan. Mr. Keough feels this plan is on track to be adopted and would like to see more opportunities for discussion. Mr. Miller noted that it is not on track to be adopted but rather scheduled for a vote and there are five Board members that will determine the outcome. Mr. Miller indicated that during the budget discussions he will be proposing other alternatives to the plan. Ms. Dininni noted that this is a very large topic and the Board is focusing on each section of the plan and there is no ordinance until there is a vote.

Darin (somewhat inaudible at the beginning) noted that his greatest concerns are the properties because there are two large churches in the area and there are many businesses in the top 20. Darin noted that as a business owner, revenues are significantly down and how will the Township address that.

Ms. Dininni asked if the plan is adopted as the schedule proposes, when would be the earliest a person would have to pay the fee. Mr. Pribulka noted that if the plan is adopted there will be a 6-month proration for fiscal year 2021 if the fee is enacted and implemented next year. With the regards to when the fee would be issued, Mr. Pribulka noted that while it might be challenging but not impossible for the bills to be issued in fiscal year 2020-2021. If the plan is not adopted in February 2021, Mr. Pribulka stated it will be issued in the 2022 billing cycle. Mr. Endresen noted that bills come out on March 1st

Public Comments Ended

Mr. Pribulka noted that he received good feedback and will work with Mr. Modricker and Mr. Endresen with the suggested modifications.

Ms. Strickland inquired about a farmer who has a farm but does not live there, would they be qualified for both residential and farm property. Mr. Pribulka noted that they would only qualify for the residential property but would depend on the billing methodology that the Board elects.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT RECREATIONAL FIRE AND OPEN BURN ORDINANCE

Chief Albright reviewed the draft ordinance that was received on August 3, 2020 at the Regular Meeting. The Board received a report on Fire Code and Safety Regulations. During research there were some deficiencies that were identified. At the September 8, 2020 meeting, a Board member offered suggestions for additional burning regulations. Provided with the agenda are some recommendations for updating the Township's burning regulations. The Board is asked to review the recommendations and provide comments to staff.

With regards to special prohibition, Ms. Dininni asked if drought watch could be added. Chief Albright will add drought watch. Ms. Dininni asked if the Board could get the solicitors opinion on fireworks being prohibited during any drought warnings. Chief Albright noted that is possible, but Chief Albright's understanding is that on a statewide basis the specifics for allowing agriculture and display fireworks has remained silent and the legislation didn't intend to give the ability to regulate consumer fireworks. Ms. Dininni inquired if a Township can enforce the noise ordinance with regards to fireworks if it is late at night, all night, and through the morning. Chief Albright stated it would be easy to argue with the court after 10:00 p.m. on a non-4th of July night and believes the Township would be in good legal standing to win such a case.

Ms. Strickland asked what would change in RR and RA with regards to open burns that are allowed. Chief Albright noted that R1 thru R4 can't get an open burn permit but could have a recreational fire. Ms. Strickland received a communication from a community member asking for clarification on odors coming from indoor sources. Chief Albright stated there is no regulation.

Ms. Dininni suggest including all open burns shall be 50 feet from adjacent property lines and shall maintain a 30-foot clearing area around them.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Events Permit – Winter Market at The Rivet
- b. Request for C-NET Sponsorship – PSU Weather Service

Ms. Strickland asked if the C-NET Sponsorship is for giving approval or for a discussion. Mr. Pribulka noted that it is for approval. Ms. Strickland requested to pull the request off the consent agenda. The Request for C-NET Sponsorship was removed.

Mr. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Consent Agenda for the Special Event Permit – Winter Market at The Rivet. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller stated that the C-NET Sponsorship will be placed under New Business.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH COG FOR DISBURSEMENT OF CENTRE COUNTY CARES ACT RELIEF BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Mr. Pribulka reported that provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute a sub-recipient agreement for the disbursement of Centre County CARES Act Relief Block Grant Fund to the Centre Region COG. The item was referred to member municipalities at the September 29, 2020 General Forum meeting. Ferguson Township was eligible for \$183,158 in CARES Act Block Grant funding and has used the funds to offset unforeseen expenditures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These expenditures included additional personal protective equipment for Township staff; cleaning supplies and materials; and other related costs. Under the Act, COG is not an eligible recipient of

funds allocated to this grant, but some COG agencies have received assistance through other federal programs. The Township would be permitted to reallocate a portion of its funding to the COG, pending the execution of a sub-recipient agreement. Due to local needs for the funding, staff is not recommending that the Board designate the COG as a sub-recipient agreement, as the full reimbursement for the Township has been allotted by the grant and is already accounted for. The remaining reimbursement was recently approved by the County Controller.

Mr. Miller stated that Staff is not recommending adopting; however, it has been advertised as a resolution.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of **adopt** the resolution authorizing the Chairman and Vice Chairman to execute a sub-recipient agreement for the disbursement of Centre County CARES Act Relief Block Grant Funds to the Centre Region Council of Governments. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

Ms. Dininni noted that the Township is a contributor to COG's budget and there is a mandatory percentage given. Ms. Dininni suggested paying through the normal budget process and not through the resolution. Mr. Miller stated that he agreed with Ms. Dininni.

There were no public comments.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Stephens – No: Ms. Strickland – No: Ms. Dininni – No: Mr. Miller – No: Mr. Mitra - No

The motion failed.

3. REVIEW OF 2021 CENTRE REGION COG SUMMARY BUDGET

Mr. Pribulka introduced the budget. At the October 26, 2020 COG General Forum Meeting, the draft 2021 COG Summary Budget was reviewed and referred to the member municipalities for consideration. Comments are due back to the COG Executive Director by November 17, 2020. Eric Norenberg, COG Executive Director and Joe Viglione, COG Finance Director were present to respond to any questions the Board had. The budget is as follows:

[2021 Summary Budget.](#)

Mr. Norenberg stated that the process was long due to the pandemic. The Finance Committee requested a status quo budget that would be economical as possible. COG worked closely with the municipalities.

Ms. Dininni asked about the COG formula changing depending on programs particularly around the counting of participants. Ms. Dininni suggested that the Finance Committee review the process because it doesn't seem fair and uniformed. Mr. Miller agreed that it should be reviewed. Ms. Dininni noted that the COG formulas are not just utilizing the formula but utilizing other variables such as participants and it needs to be reviewed. All Board members agreed that it should be reviewed.

Ms. Dininni suggested to the Board to consider asking that the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) and merit raises should not be automatic. Ms. Dininni expressed concerns with an automatic increase that is higher than the Township's staff would receive. Mr. Miller noted they are not automatic and is set by the Finance Committee. The COLA has been a standard formula based on a specific number that is used each year.

Ms. Dininni noted that there are several expenditures associated with White Hall Road Regional Park with vehicles and had concerns because there is nowhere to put them. Ms. Dininni suggested pushing the costs to next year and remove from the budget this year. Mr. Viglione stated that just because it is in the budget doesn't mean it can't be deferred.

Ms. Strickland asked about the Township's contribution and the building process of the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building and their fundraising efforts. Mr. Norenberg stated that grant funding and donations have been received. Municipal support for the project will be staged over time to afford a greater saving in the first year. It is staged at \$50,000 the first year; \$100,000 the second year; and \$50,000 in the third year. Mr. Viglione noted that proposed in the initial budget was \$100,000 in 2021 and \$100,000 in 2022 upon anticipated completion of the project in mid-2023. The Township and the other municipalities will receive a bill in the third quarter starting in 2021 for \$25,000 over the period of eight quarters. Mr. Viglione noted that fundraising is going very well. Ms. Strickland asked why the fundraising for the building continued when the boardwalk needs repaired and wasn't immediately prioritized. Mr. Viglione stated that would be a question for Ms. Salokangas, Director of Centre Region Parks & Recreation to answer. Mr. Norenberg noted that he would direct the question to Ms. Salokangas and will follow-up with the Board.

Ms. Dininni asked for clarification with the lease in terms of PSU's right to take back. Mr. Viglione reported that it is his understanding that the lease was redone but is contingent upon finishing Phase II. When Phase II is complete, there is an automatic 40-year lease. Ms. Dininni requested the definition for the termination clause. Mr. Viglione will obtain the information and follow-up with the Board. With regards to the contingency fund, Ms. Dininni inquired about a request that was made for an increase. Ms. Dininni stated that if there was an increase in the contingency fund that she would not be supportive due to expenses. Mr. Viglione noted that the contingency fund was liquidated and was typically kept at \$35,000. Some of it was used and never replenished. It got down to approximately \$28,000 and pledged the funds to be utilized for the recruitment of the new Executive Director position. COG did not use all the funds.

Ms. Dininni asked if staff will be hired specifically for the White Hall Road Regional Park. Ms. Dininni stated she is not in support for hiring staff. Ms. Dininni noted that she saw today the recruitment for two fulltime Park Caretaker I position on the [CRPR website](#). Mr. Norenberg stated that the one Park Caretaker position is for a replacement due to retirement and the other is a position that was in the current budget. Ms. Dininni is not in support of hiring due to the Comp. Plan that identified deficiencies. Ms. Stephens and Ms. Strickland supported Ms. Dininni's comments.

Mr. Pribulka's provided a summary of the discussion:

- The Board is requesting all programs that are not assigned based on the COG formula be evaluated to determine whether there are more equitable means of assessment
- The Board would like to consider the COLA and merit raises not be automatic
- Vehicles and Staff tied to the development of the White Hall Road Regional Park should be deferred until 2022 or until the COG can properly take care of the vehicles
- With regards to the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building, the Board would like more information on the termination clause within the lease; details and timing with the construction of the Education building; and repairs with the boardwalk

4. SCHEDULING OF INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCIES ON VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Pribulka reported that this is an annual exercise for the Board. The Board has been provided with the applications for the upcoming vacancies on Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. Per the Board's adopted policy (attached to the agenda), interviews of interested applicants are to be scheduled prior to the appointments being made at the Reorganizational Meeting each January. Board members are asked to have their calendars available at the meeting so a date or dates may be coordinated to conduct the interviews. Mr. Pribulka reviewed the 2021 ABC Vacancy Report. Mr. Pribulka noted where there is only one candidate, the Board has elected not to interview and add them to the reorganizational agenda. Mr. Pribulka asked the Board to let him know what interviews need to be scheduled. The Board agreed to hold interviews on November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Pribulka will send out a calendar invitation.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2020-C15, STREET TREE PRUNING

Mr. Modricker presented on the award. On October 27, 2020, bids were opened publicly and read aloud for contract 2020-C15. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and was sent to potential bidders. The contract involves pruning street trees at various locations.

Three bids were received in the following amounts:

Great Lakes Tree Service - \$46,027.00

Cutting Edge Tree Professionals - \$45,600.00

Dincher and Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc. - \$23,380.00

Work includes trimming 982 street trees in Hunters Chase, The Heights neighborhoods, Old Gatesburg Road, and Beaver Avenue. The budget is \$48,000. The estimate for the work was \$44,190 based on an average unit cost of \$45/tree trimmed.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2020-C15 Street Tree Pruning to Dincher and Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc., in accordance with their bid in the amount of \$23,380.00. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. REQUEST FOR C-NET SPONSORSHIP – PSU WEATHER SERVICE

Mr. Pribulka noted that the request is included in the agenda and stated there is not a well-designed policy on this type of request because they do not happen a lot. The request is from PSU Student Meteorologist and part of their curriculum is to broadcast a daily weather report on C-NET. Mr. Miller requested for more information with regards to cost. Mr. Mitra noted that this request seems as if it is a teaching and training service, and if that is the case PSU should fund. Ms. Dininni noted that she would not approve. Ms. Strickland noted that she would not support. The Board agreed not to sponsor.

VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – Ms. Dininni attended the meeting and noted that everything was covered at the General Forum meeting.
- b. Joint Parks Capital Committee and CRPRA - Ms. Dininni reported that the Whitehall Road Regional Park was discussed but there was not a lot of dialogue. The Comp. Plan was discussed especially around governance structure. Everyone agreed that there is a lot of

work to be done but people are not in agreement whether it should be undertaken in a timely manner. Ms. Dininni expressed concerns with not undertaking the project and stated that the governance structure is old.

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Climate Action & Adaption TAG - Mr. Pribulka attended the October 19, 2020 meeting and the primary discussion was about the Committee fitting within the other COG Committee structure.
- b. Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Mr. Mitra noted his report is in the agenda. They discussed the One Water Plan. Mr. Mitra noted that he is apart of Gov. Wolf's Susquehanna Watershed Commission and they met on October 29, 2020. The Watershed Commission discussed stormwater fees and advised Mr. Mitra to look into [PENNVEST](#) for possible funding. Climate Change was also discussed.

3. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Manager's Report - Mr. Pribulka's report was included in the agenda. The petition packet to the PA Liquor Control Board (PLCB) was submitted on November 2, 2020 for the consideration of the Township wide noise exemption from the PLBC. Mr. Pribulka will update the Board as the process develops.
- b. Public Works – Mr. Modricker's report was included in the agenda. Mr. Modricker noted that there was some equipment that broke down recently, but they are getting them fixed. There will be a presentation given at the next Board meeting on the Tree Canopy Survey. Work is continuing with the Public Works Building and the new completion date is January 28, 2021.
- c. Planning and Zoning – Ms. Wargo noted that the report was provided in the agenda. The Planning Commission met on October 26, 2020 and reviewed the subdivision/land development review process and the Family Child Care Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Strickland noted that she continues to receive communications from residents regarding the stormwater fee and thanked the residents for their thorough research and engagement on the topic.

IX. CALENDAR ITEMS - NOVEMBER

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 11-16-2020