#### FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 as a virtual zoom meeting. In attendance were:

**Board:** Laura Dininni, Chair **Staff:** David Pribulka, Township Manager

Lisa Strickland, Vice Chair Eric Endresen, Director of Finance

Hillary Caldwell Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works
Patty Stephens Jenna Wargo, Director of Planning and Zoning
Tierra Williams Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Jeremie Thompson, Chair, Ferguson Township Planning Commission; Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Planning Commission, Rhonda Stern, Ferguson Township Resident; Brian Becker, Ferguson Township Resident; Michael Twomley, Ferguson Township Resident; Tom Adams, Ferguson Township Resident; Kelei Allen, Ferguson Township Resident; Kathy Detwiler, Ferguson Township Resident; Lori Steffensen, Ferguson Township Resident; Chris Schubert, Ferguson Township Resident; Dave Kerr, Ferguson Township Resident; Christopher Lash, Ferguson Township Resident; Ron Gilligan, Ferguson Township Resident; Ben Gilligan, Ferguson Township Resident; Vicki Fong, representing Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans; Cindy Hahn, CNET, Tom Adams, Ferguson Township Resident

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dininni called the Monday, January 18, 2022, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Pribulka noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance with the PA Sunshine Act as a virtual meeting via Zoom with space available in the Township main meeting room for any public members to participant. Persons attending the meeting 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. Members of the public are to be muted during the meeting and must be acknowledged by the Chair. C-NET is recording as well. Mr. Pribulka took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

### II. CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Brian Becker stated that he agrees with the Stormwater Fee but requested to cease the fee this year due to the economy.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *approve* the Reorganizational and Regular meeting Minutes of January 3, 2022. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# IV. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISIONS REPORT

Mr. Pribulka stated that there are no reports because the ABC meetings start in February.

### V. SPECIAL REPORTS

a. COVID-19 Local Response Report – David Pribulka, Township Manager

Mr. Pribulka reported that there has not been changes in the operational aspect of the Township from the last update. Centre County has 30,624 positive cases with 305 deaths. There have been 85,979 reported negative cases reported on the PA COVID-19 Dashboard for Centre County. Across the Commonwealth, the cases have reached 2,050,283 and there have been 38,619 deaths. Centre County full vaccination rate shows that 92,223 residents have been fully vaccinated with 13,756 having received one dose. The County vaccination rate is at 58.9% and 67.6% have been partially vaccinated. There are 7,032,761 people in PA fully vaccinated as of today. As of January 17<sup>th</sup>, Mount Nittany Medical Center has 39 positive patients in their care ranging in ages from 37 to 96 years of age. 30 of the 39 hospitalized were unvaccinated with six patients on ventilators. Mr. Pribulka encouraged all Ferguson Township residents to receive the vaccine.

Ms. Strickland stated that the free at home test kits became available today and suggested placing the information on the website. Ms. Strickland noted that the State College Area School District is providing higher quality masks to their vulnerable students and asked if Mr. Pribulka knew if the County or any other municipality will be. Mr. Pribulka replied that he wasn't aware but will do some research.

## VI. COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Dininni reminded everyone that this is a new process in which the reports are included in the agenda with the Board members giving a 2–3-minute review of highlighted areas.

#### COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Climate Action & Sustainability Committee
   Ms. Caldwell reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.
- b. Public Safety Committee
   Ms. Stephens reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.
- Land Use and Community Infrastructure Committee
   Ms. Strickland reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet and noted it was their first meeting as LUCI.
- d. Human Resources Committee
   Ms. Williams reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.
- e. Facilities Committee

Ms. Stephens reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.

- f. Joint Parks Capital Committee and CRPRA
   Ms. Dininni reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.
- g. Finance CommitteeMs. Dininni reviewed the report that was included in the agenda packet.
- h. Executive Agenda
   Ms. Dininni noted that the Executive Committee met today and set up the agenda for the COG General Forum meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They nominated the officers. Rich Francke, Chair; Jesse Barlow, Vice Chair

#### VII. STAFF REPORTS

1. Manger's Report

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Mr. Pribulka noted that Thomas Giles has stepped down as the Township's representative on the C-NET Board. There will be an application period open for that vacant spot on the C-NET Board.

# 2. Public Works Director Report

Mr. Modricker noted that his report is included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Stephens asked if owners will be notified when there is work to be down on streets. Mr. Modricker stated that they will be notified. Ms. Stephens requested the notification about the Open House so that she can share.

Ms. Strickland thanked Mr. Modricker for the fun facts regarding the solar panels on the Public Works Building that were included in the report.

Ms. Dininni opened the conversation up regarding the format on reporting of the Regional Reports. Ms. Dininni envisioned a written report and then a verbal report that would consist of a few highlights.

Ms. Stephens liked the idea of a written report and suggested reporting on action items.

Ms. Williams concurred with Ms. Stephens.

Ms. Caldwell noted that she agreed with the written report and suggested a template, a due date for the report, and where should they be sent.

Ms. Strickland agrees with the written report and suggested reporting on critical items. Ms. Strickland noted that at her committee meeting there was a suggestion about adding checkboxes to items that need feedback from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Pribulka noted that he would need the agenda items the Wednesday before the Monday of the meeting and the reports on Thursday prior to the meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Pribulka stated that the committee meetings that take place the day before will need to be emailed out to the elected officials.

Ms. Dininni noted that all committee reports can be included except for the Executive Committee. As far as the format, Ms. Dininni asked if we should use Mr. Bernier's form that would include action items and check boxes for follow-up.

The Board agreed to use Mr. Bernier's form that he created for College Township.

### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Establishing 2022 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting Dates

Ms. Centrice Martin noted that as directed by the Board of Supervisors at the Organizational Meeting, held on January 3, 2022, staff confirmed with C-NET that staff is available to cover and live broadcast Ferguson Township Regular Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month. C-NET also confirmed they can accommodate an earlier start time; however, it was noted a start time any earlier than 6:00 p.m. could be challenging for them. C-NET is available to live broadcast Ferguson Township Regular Meetings on a Tuesday schedule beginning on February 15th pending a successful live connection test completed. Ms. Martin noted that they had a successful connection.

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a proposed meeting schedule for the Board to hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December when the Board would meet on the first two Tuesdays because of the holiday season. Also provided with the agenda is a copy of the proposed meeting schedule for the Board's practice to hold its regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month as presented at the January 3rd regular meeting.

Ms. Caldwell moved that the Board of Supervisors **establish** its regular meeting schedule for 2022 as the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except that it will meet on the first two Tuesdays in December. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion.

Ms. Strickland noted that the proposed chart of dates list November 8<sup>th</sup> which is election day. Ms. Centrice will correct and update.

Ms. Stephens asked about a 6:00 p.m. start time.

Ms. Caldwell noted that Yom Kippur will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and will not be in attendance.

Ms. Williams stated that she wouldn't be opposed of a start time of 6:45 p.m. and suggested to be mindful of religious holidays.

Ms. Caldwell moved that the Board of Supervisors *amend* the meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to observe Yom Kippur. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

## The motion passed unanimously

Mr. Pribulka noted that the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will not be live streamed. Ms. Cindy Hahn, Executive Director, CNET, reiterated that it will not be live streamed. Live cable streaming will start on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Review of Songbird Sanctuary Park Master Plan Prefinal Draft

Ms. Martin report that an effort has been underway since 2019 to prepare the Songbird Sanctuary Park Master Plan. The Township acquired the 8.99-acre property that is bounded by Owens Drive and Blue Course Drive. The Assistant Township Manager established a multidisciplinary steering committee comprised of staff and residents to facilitate a master planning process to prepare the Songbird Sanctuary Park Master Plan. Guiding principles that informed the master planning process focused on the passive recreation and environmental benefits of the site. Since the first meeting, held April 8, 2019, the steering committee engaged the Parks and Recreation Committee, the community, and staff throughout the park master planning process for continued involvement and input to present a final master plan to the Board that reflects community interests and park needs. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the report for the Songbird Sanctuary Master Plan.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** a public hearing for the next scheduled meeting on the draft Songbird Sanctuary Park Master Plan.

Ms. Dininni noted that the next meeting is February 1st.

## Ms. Strickland seconded the motion.

Ms. Strickland asked if there is any mowing involved. Ms. Martin stated a maintenance schedule will need to be created and then implement it with CRPR.

Ms. Dininni asked if the site would be considered a sustainable parkland designation.

Mr. Pribulka stated that the intent is to have minimal maintenance.

Ms. Dininni had a resident ask about the location of parking. Mr. Pribulka stated that the park is intended as a commuter park/neighborhood park, but there is some parking at the end of Owens Drive.

Ms. Martin answered that there is no plan to include the park as a sustainable parkland designation, but if the Board would like to include it can be sent to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Mr. Pribulka stated that if it is goal specific for the site, it should be referenced in the Master Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

# 3. Award of Contract 2021-18 Homestead Park Play Equipment Installation

Mr. Pribulka reported that previously, the Board directed staff to redesign the physical layout of the playground structure planned for Homestead Park to an alternate location east of the existing parking lot and include handicap accessible improvements. In addition, the Board requested staff to obtain alternate pricing for a poured in place fall surface. Included with tonight's agenda is an award recommendation from Ryan Scanlan, Assistant Township Engineer. The memo includes a site plan and details for installation of the playground structure just east of the parking lot, a summary of the project cost including the alternate, and a detailed engineering cost estimate. In addition, the memo contains pros and cons of wood fiber versus poured in place fall surface. As noted in the memo, the play structure has already been purchased, and some work will be performed by Public Works staff. The budget for the project is \$75,000. The total cost of the project with the wood fiber fall surface is within budget, while the total cost of the project with the poured in place fall surface is over budget. The Board is being asked to determine which fall surface to install and award the installation.

Ms. Caldwell asked how the poured in place fall surface would retain heat during summer. Mr. Modricker stated that he didn't have an answer.

Ms. Strickland is interested in what color the surface will be.

Ms. Williams asked if the playground equipment will be split into age groups. Mr. Pribulka responded that the new equipment is for 5–12-year-olds, but there are other pieces in the park that are for toddlers. Ms. Williams asked if there will be swing sets. Ms. Martin noted that there are swings there, but not with this project.

Ms. Dininni had questions regarding maintenance and who would be responsible. Mr. Modricker will need to do research for the answer.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2021-C18 Homestead Park Playground Installation to Willow Playworks in accordance with their quote through the COSTARS purchasing program in the amount of \$38,115.00. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion.

Ms. Caldwell would like the Board and perhaps community input with creating a list of other requests that might be made regarding the material.

Ms. Williams wants to ensure the surface is safter than the mulch. Mr. Pribulka spoke on behalf of watching his own children take falls on the proposed surface and feels it is safer.

Mr. Pribulka noted that staff will investigate color, heat effects, maintenance, and lifecycle of the material.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. Continued Discussion – Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Ms. Wargo reported that in November 2019, the Township completed its comprehensive update to the Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. Since the amendments, staff has been tracking errors and omission while interpreting the ordinance and is recommending additional amendments to address these issues. During the January 3, 2022 meeting, the Board tabled the amendments to allow staff to research additional topics discussed during the meeting. Included with the agenda, is a redlined version and a clean version of the draft amendments. Staff has reviewed historic files in relation to Bed and Breakfasts' (B&B's) and hasn't come across regulations deterring potential B&B's from opening in the Township. Moving parking regulations to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) provides flexibility for potential B&B operators and staff recommends reviewing all Uses within §27-700—Supplemental Regulations to explore other parking requirements that could be moved to the SALDO for flexibility.

In addition, staff has concerns removing the owner-occupied requirement from the B&B definitions due to similarities that the use would share with a hotel and to protect neighborhoods from a commercial use operating in a residential zoning district. Staff would recommend leaving this requirement as-is or requiring a property manager/agent to live at the B&B full-time.

The Board supports investigating parking regulations with regards to the SALDO.

Ms. Strickland had concerns removing the owner-occupied requirement from the B&B definitions.

Mr. Pribulka explained the difference between B&B and short-term rentals.

Ms. Dininni didn't have concerns with removing the restrictions. Ms. Dininni's preference would be to change owner occupied requirement to agent occupied.

Ms. Stephens concurred with Ms. Strickland.

Ms. Strickland suggested looking at Ms. Dininni's idea of owner-occupied requirement to agent occupied as a separate agenda item. Ms. Dininni agreed and suggested having the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan research. The rest of the Board concurred.

Ms. Dininni reported that in other municipalities individuals have been stopped by police riding their bikes on designated paths through parks at dark as a means of transportation. Ms. Dininni would like to make a change in the ordinance, so people are not getting stopped trying to commute.

Mr. Pribulka noted that the ordinance will be in the Parks & Recreation Ordinance. Ms. Wargo stated that this has been addressed with the police to be permissible. CRPR is working to get additional signage to the municipalities to allow for nighttime biking as a commute.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Ron Gilligan spoke on behalf of the possibility of rezoning places of assembly. Mr. Gilligan and his father are in the auctioneering business and opposes the idea of rezoning places of assembly. The Gilligan's reside in Ferguson Township. Mr. Gilligan noted that he has never had problems renting buildings in PA. Mr. Gilligan stated that there will be consequences that will affect a lot of people if it is rezoned such as the Lion's Club, Grange, VFW, churches, etc. There will be thousands of dollars lost in revenue. In the event that it is rezoned, Mr. Gilligan stated that he would see the Township in court.

Mr. Chili Allen reported that a few weeks ago he was outside cooking and the police were called due to his smoker. Mr. Allen asked for clarification on the definition of a smoker and recreational

fire. Mr. Pribulka suggested that Mr. Allen reach out to his office. Mr. Allen stated this has been an ongoing issue with one neighbor for over three years. Ms. Dininni noted that this issue is in another ordinance, but it will be addressed.

Mr. Keough stated that his comments are on behalf of Baileyville Community Hall as the President and not in the capacity as a Planning Commission member. Mr. Keough asked Ms. Dininni what the possible restrictions are with the allowable activities of a place of assembly and what would be the impacts. Ms. Dininni addressed that there has been a misunderstanding and stated that the passage related to places of assembly came directly out of the Township's code 2-2.5 years ago while Mr. Gilligan was holding his auctions at the Baileyville Hall. Ms. Dininni reiterated that the code was in place and never intended to prohibit activities from taking place.

Mr. Keough understood Ms. Dininni's comments but doesn't understand the implications of every word that was spoken. Mr. Keough recommended to the Board to make no changes to the places of assembly at this time and to bring up as a separate discussion item with feedback from places of assembly.

Ms. Strickland pointed out a few height discrepancies and will email them to Ms. Wargo.

Ms. Dininni asked about background check regarding food truck operators. Ms. Wargo stated it is not codified in any ordinances but is a requirement of the CRPR to operate in a park. Ms. Wargo noted that the Township included the background check language in the Township's ordinance. Ms. Dininni asked since the Township is requiring food truck operators to have a background check why isn't the Township making it standard practice for other areas. Mr. Pribulka will obtain clarification from the Park Director.

Ms. Wargo reported that staff discussed with the Township Solicitor that the zoning amendments would not impact any current uses of places of assembly. The solicitor stated that the accessory uses would not be vested in an old ordinance if the Board would amend the current ordinance.

Mr. Pribulka provided insight of changes in 2012 that were done to the language of places of assembly.

Ms. Dininni concurred with Mr. Keough's idea of having B&B and places of assembly as separate agenda items.

Mr. Pribulka stated that he is unclear with the direction the places of assembly is going. Ms. Caldwell suggested including it in a worksession. Ms. Williams attended the Coffee & Conversation and noted that the public needs time to understand the terminology that is being used to respond.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consent Agenda
  - a. Voucher Report November 2021
  - b. Treasurers Report October 2021 for Acceptance
  - c. Pay Application: 2021-C23 Science Park Pole Replacement: \$42,532.99
  - d. Pay Application: 2021-C14 Science Park / College Cabinet Replacement: \$5,766

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *approve* the Consent Agenda and accept the Treasurers Report. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Proclamation – Recognizing The Lunar New Year of 2022

Ms. Dininni reported that Ferguson Township recognizes the importance of the Lunar New Year for many Asian communities and for Americans of Asian origin. The Lunar New Year is based on the

Lunar calendar, a repeating 12-year cycle of animal signs and their ascribed attributes. The Lunar New Year marks the transition from one animal to the next, with January 31, 2022 end the Year of the Ox, and February 1, 2022 starting the year of the Tiger. The tiger is the third of the 12 zodiac animal signs, and those born in the Year of the Tiger are often seen as brave, confident, and well-liked by others. The Board of Supervisors is asked to consider the proclamation provided with the agenda. In attendance were Nalini Krishnankutty and Vicki Fong representing Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans (APIDA).

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors *adopt* the proclamation of the Township of Ferguson, Centre County, Pennsylvania officially recognizing the Lunar New Year of 2022. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

Ms. Strickland read the proclamation that was included in the agenda.

Ms. Krishnankutty thanked the Board for issuing the proclamation. Ms. Krishnankutty noted that the APIDA was created last April with 8-10 members and over the last 9 months has grown.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Caldwell – Yes: Ms. Dininni – Yes: Ms. Stephens – Yes: Ms. Strickland – Yes: Ms. Williams – Yes

3. Award of Contract 2022-C5 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Video Assessment

Mr. Modricker reported that on January 11, 2022 bids were opened publicly and read aloud for contract 2022-C5. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and was sent to potential bidders. The contract involves cleaning storm sewer pipes and conducting a video assessment and documenting conditions. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from Ryan Scanlan, Assistant Township Engineer, dated January 11, 2022, recommending award of the contract.

Ms. Stephens moved hat the Board of Supervisors **award** Contract 2022-C5 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Video Assessment to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in accordance with their bid in the amount of \$75,793.80. Ms. Caldwell seconded the motion.

Mr. Brian Becker, Ferguson Township Resident reiterated his comments from the beginning of the meeting that the fee should be ceased for 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Parking Study on North Butz Street

Mr. Modricker noted that on December 17<sup>th</sup>, staff met with residents of N. Butz Street concerned about future overflow parking onto N. Butz Street from the West College Avenue student housing project under construction. Residents expressed concern about cars parking on N. Butz Street too close to W College Avenue and parking within the sight distance triangle at the alley. The group discussed consideration for no parking on the east side of the street, 2-hour parking, and 1 handicap stall for the hair studio.

Mr. Pribulka reviewed a slide of the area of concern.

Ms. Rhonda Stern, Ferguson Township Resident expressed concerns due to fast moving vehicles and parking on both sides of the street. Ms. Stern suggested having parking only on the east side of the street.

Ms. Caldwell moved that the Board of Supervisors *direct* the Township Engineer to conduct a parking study for N Butz Street and provide a recommendation to the Board for consideration. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion.

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Ms. Dininni asked if Pine Grove Mills wanted a traffic study would they go through the same process as North Butz Street. Mr. Pribulka stated there is not a defined process.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Ordinance Amendment Application – TTD Zoning District

Mr. Pribulka stated that on January 10, 2022, Chris Schubert, Esq. on behalf of his client, AT&T, submitted an application for a text amendment to the Traditional Town Development zoning district. Included in the agenda is the draft text amendment.

AT&T submitted requests for variances from §27-303.A.D. (prohibits telecommunication facilities within this zoning district), §27-710.3.A., (setbacks), and §27-710.H.2. (buffer landscaping) to the Zoning Hearing Board and the application was denied. AT&T is proposing a text amendment to locate a telecommunications tower in the Traditional Town Development Zoning District.

Mr. Pribulka reported that the application is in the agenda packet and noted it is very thorough.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *refer* the application to Planning Commission for a recommendation. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Christopher Schubert was in attendance and stated it is a cell site that is very much needed due to the growth in the area. The facility will provide enhanced emergency communication services.

Ms. Caldwell asked if it would have any impact on providing wireless broadband. Mr. Schubert stated it would provide enhanced broadband services.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Team Rahal of State College Zoning Hearing Board Appeal

Mr. Pribulka reported that pursuant to Section 901 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. Section 10101 et. Seq., (MPC), the state law establishing the framework for zoning and land use development regulations in Pennsylvania, every municipality in the commonwealth that enacts a zoning ordinance is required to create a zoning hearing board. A zoning hearing board is a quasi-judicial body that implements a system of checks and balances to zone and regulate land development.

A variance request submitted by Team Rahal of State College, INC, of 2796 West College Avenue, State College, was presented to the Zoning Hearing Board on December 14, 2021. The Zoning Hearing Board denied the variance request, by a vote of 3-0, and a notice of decision was provided to the applicant and their counsel. The Zoning Hearing Board is in the process of preparing the final findings, facts, and conclusion report. Counsel representing Team Rahal of State College, Terry Williams, Esq. with Miller, Kistler & Campbell, filed an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board's decision with the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County for civil action. Attached with the agenda is a copy of the Court of Common Pleas Civic Cover Sheet for Centre County and the Notice of Appeal.

Mr. Pribulka stated that it is appropriate for the Board to make an entry of appearance due to this type of appeal. There will need to be an Executive Session to discuss strategy.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** the Solicitor to file an entry of appearance in the Zoning Hearing Board appeal filed by the Team Rahal of State College. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Agricultural Security Area Application – Burket Farm

Mr. Pribulka noted that provided with the agenda is a copy of Mr. David Burket's Agricultural Security Area application the Township received, by mail on Friday, January 7, 2022, to propose his property be enrolled into the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) as required for the Agricultural Preservation Program. There is no record of a Township ordinance regulating the local process; therefore, the Township follows the state law for process. In accordance with Act 43, the solicitor recommends the Board of Supervisors authorize the public notice requirements and then upon expiration of the applicable notice period, refer to Planning Commission for their consideration of the application for a recommendation. Publishing a notice in the local newspaper and posting such notice in five (5) conspicuous places within, adjacent, or near the proposed area will satisfy the public notice requirements.

Ms. Dininni asked for clarification regarding the two parcels and the conservation easement. Ms. Martin responded that the coordinator with the County recommended Mr. Burket roll both parcels into one ASA. Ms. Martin stated that only one parcel is required to be in the ASA.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *authorize* a public hearing on the Burket Farm Agricultural Security Area Application and refer to Planning Commission for recommendation. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Strickland received a communication suggesting a mask ordinance or a promotion to wear a mask.

Ms. Williams reported that at the Coffee & Conversation at the Baileyville Community Hall on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the community members would like to see more representation from their supervisor of their ward. Ms. Dininni is the designated supervisor and would be happy to attend.

#### XI. CALENDAR ITEMS – JANUARY

- a. Ferguson Township upcoming committee meetings:
  - 1. Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan Update Public Meeting, Thursday, January 20
  - 2. Parks and Recreation Committee, Thursday, January 20
  - 3. Planning Commission, Monday, January 24
  - 4. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Advisory Committee, Thursday, January 27

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pribulka, Township Manager

For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 02-15-2022