

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 as a hybrid meeting. In attendance were:

Board:	Lisa Strickland, Chair	Staff:	Centrice Martin, Township Manager
	Patti Stephens, Vice Chair		Jaymes Progar, Assistant Township Manager
	Laura Dininni		Dave Modricker, Director, Public Works
	Corey Gracie-Griffin		Jenna Wargo, Director, Planning and Zoning
	Jeremie Thompson		

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Susan Werner, Schlow Library; Leslie Laing, Ferguson Township Resident and Representative for Black History Month Proclamation; Terry Watson, Representative for Black History Month Proclamation; Chiluvya Zulu, Ferguson Township Resident and Representative for Black History Month Proclamation; Tracy Strickland, HRG

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Strickland called the Tuesday, February 21, 2023, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Martin thanked and welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance with the PA Sunshine Act as a hybrid meeting with an option to attend online utilizing zoom and the 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 state their name, municipality, and topic. Members of the public are to be muted during the meeting and must be acknowledged by the Chair. Board members are asked to indicate their name when motioning or seconding a motion so that the minutes are accurate.

Ms. Martin took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Strickland asked for the Chair to keep a time check on the agenda items due to the full agenda.

Ms. Strickland reported that there were two executive sessions, one on January 20th regarding a potential land acquisition and one on February 8th regarding personnel.

IV. CITIZENS INPUT

There were no comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 7, 2023 – Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2023. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS REPORT

1. Schlow Library Board of Trustees

Ms. Susan Werner noted that her report is included in the agenda packet, but highlighted the fact that Ferguson Township has the most usage than any other municipality. Ms. Werner thanked the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Strickland thanked Ms. Werner for opening a nursing and lactation space at the library.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusionary Initiatives – Black History Month
2. Township and Fiscal Responsibility – none
3. Community and Economic Development – none.
4. Environment – none.

VIII. COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Human Resources Committee - cancellation notice
- b. Finance Committee

Ms. Dininni noted that most of the dialogue that happened in the Finance Committee will be discussed later in the agenda tonight.

- c. Climate Action & Sustainability Committee

Mr. Thompson reported that they had to adjourn the meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Mr. Thompson received an update from staff regarding a trash issue at the end of Blue Course Drive and it is being addressed by the Council of Governments (COG).

- d. Public Safety

Ms. Stephens reported they received a fire report for 2022. Ms. Stephens inquired at the meeting about the status of the Fire Direction position, but it was her understanding that COG is prioritizing the Park and Recreation Director position.

- e. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

Ms. Strickland reported that they didn't meet.

f. Executive Committee

Ms. Strickland reported that they met today so there is not a report included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Strickland reported that they went over the Solar Power Purchase Agreement, and they recommended going with 75%. There was an update on the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Feasibility Study Phase II.

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. STAFF REPORTS

a. Manger's Report

Ms. Martin stated that her report is included in the agenda packet. Ms. Martin reported that there was a Coffee and Conversation held in January and there was a lot of discussion on the recent oil spill. Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Progar for organizing a Public Forum regarding the matter. Ms. Martin noted that there will be a Leadership Retreat on February 28.

Ms. Dininni thanked Mr. Keogh for his letter that was included in the agenda packet regarding Park and Recreation questions and issues moving forward. Ms. Martin suggested to the Board having a report given either monthly or bi-monthly.

b. Public Works Director Report

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

c. Planning and Zoning Report

The report is included in the agenda packet.

d. Chief of Police

The report is included in the agenda packet.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Ordinance amendment to Ch. 22 and Ch. 27 wireless communications facilities

Ms. Wargo stated that provided with the agenda is the draft amendment to Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, Section 5B01.1.C.(3), Standards; and Chapter 27, Zoning, Section 303, Traditional Town Development, and Section 710, Wireless Communication Facilities as authorized for advertisement for a public hearing on January 17, 2023. This amendment focused on updating the code to reflect technological advances since the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance was last amended in 2015 and resolve digital disparities within the Township that COVID-19 exposed.

This amendment includes updates to the following quickviews to permit Communications Facilities and Towers in the following zoning districts: 1) Rural Agricultural (RA) 2) Agricultural Research (AR) 3)

Rural Residential (RR) 4) General Commercial (C) 5) Forest/Gamelands (FG) 6) Industrial (I) 7) Light Industry, Research and Development (IRD).

All local, regional, and county agencies reviewed the amendment, and those comment letters are attached to the memorandum from the Planning Director, dated February 14, 2023. Planning Commission reviewed the updated draft at the January 23, 2023 regular meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Public Hearing – There were no comments and the hearing closed.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the Ordinance. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: MS. STEPHENS – YES; MR. THOMPSON – YES; MR. GRACIE-GRIFFIN – YES; MS. DININNI – YES; MS. STRICKLAND – YES

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearing – Resolution to approve RPOS Plan Update

Mr. Progar reported that The Recreation, Parks and Open Space (RPOS Plan) provides a long-term outlook and vision for Ferguson Township parks, recreation facilities, and open space. The update drives near-term and long-range planning, ensuring Township parks provide recreational opportunities for all members of our community, while directing decision-making and resources toward a defined vision for the future. The Township's last update to the RPOS Plan was in 2009.

Ferguson Township engaged Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) to lead this initiative beginning in August of 2021. HRG worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Committee to undertake a planning process that explores general growth, development, and redevelopment of open space, parks, trails, and recreation in the Township. HRG also engaged citizen input at the Winter Market in November of 2021 and the Municipal Mixer at Greenbriar Saybrook Park in August of 2022. A joint work session with the Board of Supervisors took place in July of 2022. This effort also featured a resident survey as well as a number of key stakeholder interviews with Centre Region Parks and Recreation, residents, and local youth sports associations.

The result of these efforts provides Ferguson Township parks with a mission statement, goals, and a plan to achieve those goals. Included with the updated RPOS Plan are recommendations, a priority matrix, and finance options to guide the maintenance and growth of the Township's municipal park system. The RPOS Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and discussion at the February 7, 2023, Regular Meeting. The RPOS plan presented this evening for approval is updated with the Board's comments.

[Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan Update](#)

Public Hearing – There were no comments and the hearing closed.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the Resolution. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

Ms. Dininni thanked the consultants.

Ms. Stephens asked for clarification regarding the mini-parks and if they are still included. Ms. Martin reported that they are not due to the size of the lot, but Ferguson Township still owns the land.

ROLL CALL: MR. THOMPSON – YES; MR. GRACIE-GRIFFIN – YES; MS. DININNI – YES; MS. STRICKLAND – YES; MS. STEPHENS – YES

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion – Solar Power Purchasing Agreement Commitment

Mr. Modricker reported that the Centre Region Council of Governments (CROG) Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group reviewed proposals and will make a recommendation to CROG and the participating municipalities and school district regarding award of a power purchase agreement. Economics remain viable. A volume commitment is required by each participant. As electric market prices increase, there is more financial benefit to having solar power. 50 percent solar participation is considered, by the consultant, to be the most risk neutral financially. If net zero or carbon neutrality is a goal, then 75% to 100% for an electric consumption volume commitment is a better position. In addition, participants are asked to decide if they are interested in buying the associated Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). Recorded presentations to COG and State College Area School District (SCASD) should be available to view.

Ms. Dininni asked Mr. Modricker if Worth Township denied the two plans and would like to know where the site selections are located.

Ms. Stephens reported that she is comfortable with 85% to 100%

Mr. Modricker reported that the Township should be between 75% to 100%. Ms. Martin concurred with Mr. Modricker's recommendation and agrees with risk tolerance on the matter. Ms. Martin stated that 85% is a good place.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin is in favor of 100%.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would be willing to go up to 100%

Ms. Stephens stated that she is ok with 100%

After further discussion, Ms. Strickland stated she is not opposed to moving above 85%.

Ms. Dininni recommended 90% to 95%.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approves** 90 percent of total electric consumption to allocate to the solar power purchase agreement. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion.

Ms. Strickland stated that there will be one more working group meeting to identify the actual percentage before signing contracts.

The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Gracie-Griffin opposing.

4. Discussion – Use of Funds from PCCD

Ms. Martin reported that Chief Petrick was unable to join the meeting but stated that at the regular meetings held on January 17, 2023 and February 7, 2023, the Board received presentations from FTPD on a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant tentatively awarded for use of funds to purchase automated license plate readers and tethered drone.

The Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) would be strategically placed throughout the township with their primary focus being on traffic volume and identifying serious public safety concerns. These cameras would be interconnected with a Law Enforcement nationwide database (NCIC) and would identify stolen vehicles, missing or endangered persons, AMBER & SILVER alerts, felonious arrest warrants associated with a specific vehicle, and vehicles identified by FTPD or surrounding agencies as being involved in criminal activity. A majority of the APLR's would be affixed to poles and powered via solar. All hardware and software would be owned and maintained by the vendor, FLOCK Safety. FLOCK SAFETY would not have access to the data. Necessary permitting costs would be covered by the vendor. The vendor meets CJIS compliance requirements. The grant would cover expenses related to the APLR's for two years as a lease.

The FTPD also proposes to purchase a tethered drone that would be mounted to a marked FTPD unit. The drone is tethered to the patrol vehicle and can only "fly" above the patrol vehicle up to a maximum height of 150 feet. It is powered by the patrol vehicle and does not have the ability to move, with the exception of up or down, and can only go where a police vehicle can go. This unit is assigned to the daylight and evening shift sergeants and will be utilized during normal patrol activities. Two of the most notable benefits of having a tethered drone is: no FAA pilot's license is required and having the ability to rapidly deploy in emergent situations (missing persons, critical incidents, fire scenes, accident reconstruction, etc.) in which time is a factor. In a vast majority of incidents, quick response by Law Enforcement (and other emergency service providers) is paramount and can oftentimes determine the outcome of the incident. This drone provides Law Enforcement (and Fire when appropriate) the ability to see the missing person in the woods, see the hot spots on a house fire, monitor large crowds for potential violence and/or terrorist events, to see the hostage suspect fleeing from a residence, and much, much more. The tethered drone will not be weaponized. Deployment of the tethered drone must be approved by a police supervisor.

Both service agreements have been reviewed by the Township Solicitor for comments. FTPD Policies for the Automated License Plate Reader Cameras and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV-Drone) have been reviewed by Township Manager and Chief John Petrick.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin stated that he is strongly against the ALPR's, but is in favor of the drone and alternative use of funds.

Mr. Thompson stated that he is in favor of the drone, but still on the fence about the ALPR's because of data security. Mr. Thompson stated that he is in favor of the drone and the alternative use of funds.

Mr. Stephens concurred with Mr. Gracie-Griffin.

Ms. Dininni stated that she supports the drone, the alternative usage of the funds, and there is no need for surveillance.

Ms. Strickland stated that she agrees with the rest of the Board.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the acceptance of PCCD funds for purchase of tethered drone and asking staff to research alternative usage of funds. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- a. October 2022 Voucher Report
- b. November 2022 Voucher Report
- c. December 2022 Voucher Report
- d. Board member request – request for discussion on regulating of burning of motor oil (March 21)
- e. Board member request – request for parking study on Diebler Road (March 21)
- f. Board member request – request for discussion on CATA bus stop on Blue Course Drive (March 21)
- g. December 2022 Treasurer's Report – for acceptance

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

2. Discussion Proclamation to recognize Black History Month 2023

Ms. Strickland noted that provided with the agenda is a proclamation to officially recognize Black History Month 2023. Ms. Strickland introduced Ms. Leslie Laing.

Ms. Laing reported that she has been a resident of Ferguson Township for 16 years and is first generation. Ms. Laing's family is from Jamaica West Indies and is the first one born in her family in the United States. Ms. Laing is the Director for Adult Learner Programs in Student Affairs at Penn State. Ms. Laing has been the past president for the formal Black Affairs and currently serving as the educational co-chair for the State College NAACP and most recently is the recipient of the Humanitarian Service Award for 2023.

Ms. Laing noted that in solidarity the community should aspire to understand one another and the roles that are played in liberation for all. Ms. Laing introduced Shannon Holliday as the first African American Judge of Elections; Gary Abdullah, Elder of Unity Church of Jesus Christ and founding member of the MLK Plaza Committee; Chiluvya Zulu, first African American to serve as State College Borough's Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion; Grace Hampton, first African American to be appointed as Vice Provost at Penn State; and Terry Watson, PSU employee and founder of Strategies for Justice at PSU and Educational co-chair of the State College NAACP.

Mr. Terry Watson read a statement about Black History Month and why it is celebrated.

Ms. Chiluvya Zulu noted that she has been a resident of Ferguson Township for five years and that she was born in a small country in Africa. Ms. Zulu stated that Black History is not just about a month, but rather it is our history, it is the history of this country.

Ms. Laing thanked the Board for the acknowledgement of Black History Month in Ferguson Township. Ms. Laing read the proclamation that was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the proclamation. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion.

Ms. Strickland thanked everyone for attending and sharing tonight.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a recess to take a picture with the representatives who attended the adoption of the proclamation.

3. Appointment of Ferguson Township Representative for the C-Net Board of Directors

Ms. Martin noted that provided with the agenda packet is an application submitted by Ms. Leslie Laing to serve as the Ferguson Township Representative on the C-NET Board for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **appoint** Leslie Laing to serve as the Ferguson Township Representative on the C-NET Board of Directors. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Appointment of Ferguson Township Representative for the CATA Board of Directors

Ms. Martin stated that provided with the agenda packet is an application submitted by Mr. Omari Patterson to serve as the Ferguson Township Representative on the CATA Board for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Board of Supervisors **appoint** Omari Patterson to serve as the Ferguson Township Representative on the CATA Board of Directors. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Request for Consideration of a Modification/Waiver—3049 Enterprise Drive (TP: 24-004-070Q-0000)

Ms. Wargo stated that on February 2, 2023, M. Todd Giddings requested a waiver from Chapter 22-5C01.1.B.—Off-Street Parking and Loading. This section of the ordinance includes the parking calculations for required parking spaces on a site.

Mr. Giddings has requested a change in use zoning permit at the building located at 3049 Enterprise Drive (TP: 24-004-070Q) for his tenant, Integrated Bodywork School of Massage Therapy. The property is zoned Light Industry, Research and Development (IRD). This change in use results in the need for one additional parking space on site. The approved land development plan for this property includes 34 parking spaces and the change in use would require Mr. Giddings to provide 35 parking spaces.

Mr. Giddings operates his business out of this building and Bodywork School of Massage Therapy has been operating at this site for the last 7 years. Mr. Giddings hasn't experienced the parking lot full at any point during that time and is requesting a waiver from the one additional parking space to be provided.

Planning Commission reviewed this request at the February 13, 2023 regular meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors. Staff have reviewed the request and is recommending approval with no conditions.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the request for waiver from §22- 5C01.1.B.—Off-Street Parking and Loading for 3049 Enterprise Drive from adding one (1) additional parking space on the site. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion.

Ms. Dininni stated that she loves seeing these come through without any need for unnecessary parking.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Farmstead View Preliminary Subdivision Plan Denial

Ms. Wargo stated that on July 29, 2021, Penn Terra Engineering, Inc., submitted a preliminary subdivision plan on behalf of their client, Farmstead Developer, LLC. The parcel is located at 139 Farmstead Lane (TP: 24-022- 306-0000) and is zoned Single-Family Residential (R-1). The parcel is currently a 3.03-acre lot, and the applicant proposed to subdivide the property into six (6) residential lots and one (1) stormwater retention lot. On April 19, 2022, The Board conducted a conditional use hearing for Lot 1 (103 Farmstead Drive) to permit the creation of the flag lot.

This subdivision plan was approved with conditions at the June 21, 2022, regular meeting. In December 2022, this property transferred ownership and the applicant doesn't wish to move forward with the plan. Staff has included in the agenda the outstanding conditions that haven't been met and is recommending the Board deny the plan.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **disapprove** the Farmstead View Preliminary Subdivision Plan on the basis that it does not comply with specific standards and regulations set forth in Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, as included in the memorandum from the Planning Director, dated June 14, 2022. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson stated that the pine tree is being saved and that it had a lot of public input of support to save.

Ms. Dininni stated that the tree is no longer protected but rather it is owned by a private property owner. The owner can do anything he would like to the tree. Ms. Wargo noted that the owner could submit the tree under the Heritage Tree program.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Review of prefinal Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Master Plan

Ms. Progar reported that in August 2021, the Township engaged consultant Herbert, Rowland & Grubic to conduct an update to the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan, led by Tracy Strickland. An addendum to that project included the master planning process for Greenbriar Saybrook Park. Since that time, HRG engaged citizens via multiple public input events including the Municipal Mixer held at the park in August of 2022. Additional input was received from the Parks and Recreation Committee to deliver a draft master plan to the Board of Supervisors. Attached to this agenda is a copy of the Greenbriar Saybrook Park Draft Master Plan. Ms. Strickland will present this plan and answer any questions pertaining to the plan. The Board is asked to authorize advertisement of a public hearing to consider approval of the Greenbriar Saybrook Park Master Plan by resolution at the March 7 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Tracy Strickland, HRG presented a PowerPoint with the following bullet points:

- Public Input Process Overview
- Parks Assessments Overview
- Key Findings & Recommendation
- Master Site Plans
 - Greenbriar-Saybrook Park
 - Fairbrook Park

Ms. Strickland reviewed the map that was included on page 240 of the agenda packet.

Ms. Stephens noted that pickle ball courts are loud. Ms. Tracy Strickland reported that they tested out a few locations and will add new vegetation.

Ms. Dininni suggested adding a notation to the pickle ball court that before they are installed to engage with adjacent property owners.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin expressed concerns with the new play area being proposed towards the west due to it being hidden by trees and it is out of sight. Ms. Tracy Strickland suggested adding a notation to the plan to maintain sightlines if it is installed in that location in the future.

Ms. Lisa Strickland suggested adding a note to maintain or create a line of sight from the main park area to the playground area.

Ms. Dininni suggested adding to both parks a note to maintain existing tree growth but remove invasive understory.

Ms. Dininni advocated for a cohesive effort between the Board and the Parks Committee before it is time to review the CIP.

Further discussion continued regarding the pickle ball courts on whether to keep or not because they are noisy and it's a neighborhood park.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **remove** the pickle ball court from the draft Greenbriar Saybrook Park Master Plan. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** a public hearing on the draft Greenbriar Saybrook Park Master Plan for March 7, 2023. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Review of prefinal Fairbrook Park Master Plan

Mr. Progar stated that in August 2021, the Township engaged consultant Herbert, Rowland & Grubic to conduct an update to the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan, led by Tracy Strickland. An addendum to that project included the master planning process for Fairbrook Park. Since that time, HRG engaged citizens via multiple public input events including the Municipal Mixer in August of 2022. Additional input was received from multiple stakeholder groups as well as the Parks and Recreation Committee to deliver a draft master plan to the Board of Supervisors. Attached to this agenda is a copy of the Fairbrook Park Draft Master Plan. Ms. Strickland will present this plan and answer any questions pertaining to the plan. The Board is asked to authorize advertisement of a public hearing to consider approval of the Fairbrook Park Master Plan by resolution at the March 7 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Tracy Strickland, HRG presented a PowerPoint and reviewed the following key findings from the CRPR:

- Removing old softball fields and backstops.
- Removing the ball fields and replacing them with a level grass playing field and bleachers would be ideal for other ongoing creation programs.
- Noticeable drainage issues in the park interfere with field playability.
- Raising the elevation of the playing surface and installing natural landscape buffers is also supported.

Ms. Tracy Strickland reviewed the Fairbrook Park slide that was located on page 244 of the agenda packet.

Ms. Dininni suggested adding a note to both of the edges that she identified on the map to remove the invasive species with the goal of accessing the beautiful vistas. Ms. Dininni suggested removing some trash cans from both parks because there are too many and they are old. Ms. Tracy Strickland will make the notation. Ms. Dininni made a recommendation to remove the old rusty signs along the perimeter of the property and replace with no trespassing.

Ms. Dininni expressed concerns with having a pickle ball court due to the noise. Ms. Dininni suggested that the trees not be too close to the paved paths so it doesn't add maintenance for the CRPR. Ms. Dininni expressed concerns with the large storage facility being proposed due to policy not being in place and enforced with CRPR. Ms. Dininni reviewed her screen that included the map of the flood plain and noted that the soccer fields are flood plains. Ms. Dininni suggested adding a notation to restore the historic channel and flood plain topography.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin expressed concerns about losing a baseball field because that is where young t-ball players go.

Ms. Lisa Strickland stated that she is not in favor of all the paved paths. As with the other park the sight line to the tot park needs evaluated. With regards to the bike course, Ms. Lisa Strickland stated that they are narrow. Ms. Lisa Strickland stated she was neutral on the storage facility, but perhaps make it an optional amenity. Ms. Lisa Strickland suggested noting the flood plain on the plan.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin moved that the Board of Supervisors **remove** the pickle ball court from the draft Fairbrook Park Master Plan. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lisa Strickland noted that the little foot path is missing from the plan.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **remove** the proposed new paved trail that is along the flood plain, **move** the benches to the other side along the trail, and **remove** the trail that cuts into the sledding hill from the draft Fairbrook Park Master Plan. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **remove** the additional paved paths in the woodland area. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. Ms. Dininni retracted the motion she made.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **keep** the outer loop that is existing to remain gravel and does not get paved within the woodland area and to continue to pave the existing paths that are in the grassy areas. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. Ms. Dininni retracted the motion she made.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **remove** the new proposed paths within the woodland area and **keep** the existing outer loop to be gravel that is currently within the woodland area in the draft Fairbrook Park Master Plan. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin recommended that staff revise the master plan to be brought back at the March 7th meeting for review and authorization for a public hearing on March 21st.

Ms. Dininni noted there is not a path that connects the playgrounds.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **extend** one of the appropriate paths to the playground in the draft Fairbrook Park Master Plan. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni discussed other ball fields in the area and wasn't sure of the logic.

Ms. Lisa Strickland suggested that the ballfield in the plan be reviewed again. Ms. Martin noted that they didn't receive comments or concerns other than the ballfield is not well maintained. Ms. Strickland suggested having an option to keep the fields as they are now with the baseball field or maneuver the two longer fields. Ms. Lisa Strickland suggested adding a notation as an option to remove the baseball fields.

9. Final Land Development Plan – MP Machinery

Ms. Wargo noted that provided with the agenda is the MP Machinery and Testing Final Land Development Plan, dated January 24, 2023. The land development plan is located at 2161 Sandy Drive (TP: 24-433-007-0000). The parcel is approximately 1.436 acres and is zoned Light Industry, Research and Development (IRD).

This plan proposed the construction of an 8,088 SF addition to the existing building. On January 3, 2023, the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved with conditions the preliminary land development plan. Planning Commission reviewed the plan at the February 13, 2023 regular meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Township staff have reviewed the submission and is recommending approval with conditions as attached to the Planning Director's memorandum dated February 8, 2023.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the MP Machinery and Testing Final Land Development Plan with conditions as described in the Planning Director's memorandum dated February 8, 2023. Mr. Gracie-Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Review of ABC Workplans for Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee (PGMSAP AC), Planning Commission, and Tree Commission

Ms. Martin reported that the workplan for the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee, Planning and Commission and Tree Commission are provided within the agenda packet.

Ms. Dininni commented on the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan regarding the paint lines to distinguish parking spaces on SR 45. Ms. Dininni stated that the level of priority should be high.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **change** number 20 regarding paint lines to distinguish parking spaces on SR 45 of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan to the highest priority. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Strickland discussed the workload of the PGMSAP AC.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the workplan for the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and Tree Commission. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Update on Pine Grove Mills Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Mr. Modricker stated that in 2022, the Township received notification that the construction cost of the mobility and safety improvements in Pine Grove Mills would be funded through the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program. The mobility improvements include widening the shoulder with bike lanes on a section of SR45, sidewalk installation on a section of SR26 (Water Street), sharrows on a section of SR45 and a section of Nixon Road, and the addition of a rapid rectangular flashing beacon on Nixon Road near Sunday Drive. The Township is in coordination with PennDOT engineering staff to discuss the project, PennDOT policies, regulations, and process for the consultant selection for design of the project. The Township budgeted \$200,000 of funds for the engineering design must be completed by the end of the year to be compliant with the TASA program. The cost estimate for the engineering design is anticipated to be approximately \$385,000. Staff is negotiating the fee proposal to explore cost reduction measures as well as reviewing the proposal with consideration to descoping the project without compromising the funds awarded through the TASA program. However, to accomplish the current scope of work within the time limits of the project, it is possible that a future budget amendment may be necessary if design costs exceed budget before the end of the year. There is no action requested by the Board this evening on this item.

Ms. Martin stated that the expectation for PennDot is to have the design work completed by the end of the year.

12. Review CRCOG Budget Timeline & Budget Priorities

Ms. Martin reported that provided with the agenda packet is the agenda for the Finance Committee's regular meeting held on February 9, 2023. The members of the Finance Committee agreed to continue discussing the proposed budget timeline, guidelines, and drafted priorities at their next meeting in March.

Ms. Dininni stated that the Finance Committee asked for feedback on the budget timeline and priorities.

Ms. Strickland stated the 8 priorities are what will be used when COG Departments present their budget requests. It will be used as a tool to measure new requests.

Ms. Strickland suggested tabling the agenda item until the March 7th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **table** the Review of CRCOG Budget Timeline & Budget Priorities until the March 7, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Board Member Request – Discussion on Township's Financial Health

Mr. Gracie-Griffin moved that the Board of Supervisors **table** the Discussion on Township's Financial Health until the March 8, 2023, Board of Supervisors Worksession. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Thompson reviewed several communications regarding trash, solar power purchasing agreement, and license plate readers.

Ms. Stephens received a communication regarding the license plate readers.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin received communications on the license plate readers and the solar power purchasing agreement.

Ms. Dininni received communications on the license plate readers, the solar power purchasing agreement, and a concern about the Township's commitment to agriculture in the farming community.

Ms. Strickland received a communication about the license plate readers and a thank you to the Board of Supervisors for passing the Human Relations Ordinance and establishing the commission.

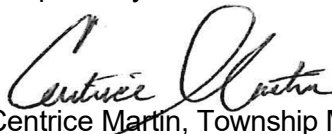
XIII. CALENDAR ITEMS – MARCH

- a. Parks and Recreation Committee, March 9
- b. Planning Commission, March 12, 27
- c. Terraced Streetscapes Project Public Hearing, March 15
- d. Tree Commission, March 20
- e. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee, March 23

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to **adjourn** the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Centrice Martin, Township Manager
of the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 03-07-2023