

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes December 16, 2021 4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021 via Zoom. In attendance were:

Committee:

Matt Heller, Chair
Paul Tomkiel, Vice Chair
Liz Grove
Jordon Robb

Staff

David Pribulka, Township Manager
David Modricker, Public Works Director
Kristina Barrett, Community Planner
Ron Seybert, Township Engineer

Others in attendance: Rob Watts, McCormick Taylor; Laura Dininni

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday December 16, 2021 at 4:01 pm.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

No Citizen's Input was heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tomkiel noted that Ms. Dininni should not be listed as a member of the committee. Motion to approve the October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Tomkiel. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Minutes are approved as amended.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY STUDY UPDATE – ROB WATTS, MCCORMICK TAYLOR

Mr. Modricker introduced the topic by noting that, while the warrants for a signalized intersection were not met, other subject projects in the Mobility Study may address the safety concerns. Mr. Watts presented an update on the Pine Grove Mills Transportation Mobility Study. The presentation focused on the traffic signal warrant study analysis and results. Discussion followed focusing on the warrant analysis, intersection lighting, and pedestrian safety.

Other improvements focusing on pedestrian orientation and community gathering spaces considered as part of the Small Area Plan were reviewed by Mr. Watts. Mr. Robb noted he would like to see more aesthetic improvements and streetscape enhancements as part of this project. Mr. Heller noted that the "small town" feel of the intersection is critical to making the revitalization of Pine Grove Mills a success. An open house on the Mobility Study is tentatively scheduled for February with an exact date to be determined.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

Land Use/Regulatory – No updates. Mr. Robb had to leave the meeting early.

Community Engagement/Events – Ms. Grove reported on the Hometown Holiday Market at Pine Grove Hall. Over 200 people were in attendance. She noted that she will consider having another market in conjunction with next year's Route 45 Getaways!

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History/Heritage – Mr. Tomkiel noted that there is an update to the Strategic Plan underway in the Township. Ms. Grove noted that the grandson of the builder of Pine Grove Hall reached out to her with some photos and perhaps some items to contribute to Pine Grove Hall. Kathy Herr, former proprietor of Old Oak Tavern, has also approached her about contributing some artifacts.

Public Infrastructure/Multimodal Transportation – Mr. Tomkiel reiterated the work on the presentation provided by McCormick Taylor.

Economic Development – Mr. Heller discussed some potential involvement of the State College Downtown Improvement District and 3 Dots.

Ms. Dininni added that the Township is updating its Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan, and that there is a survey open online to get community feedback on the document.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL MAP AMENDMENT – KRISTINA BASSETT

Ms. Bassett introduced the Official Map update and its application in Pine Grove Mills. Noted was the connection of the bike path from Nixon Road to Ferguson Township Elementary School, as well as Sports Road, which is a private road that connects to Pine Grove Road. A private lot which is currently condemned is also displayed on the Official Map for future public use.

b. CECIL IRVIN PHASE IA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Pribulka introduced the topic and updated the Committee on the status of the development of Cecil Irvin Park. Ms. Grove introduced a new game called Pétanque and suggested considering it in the development of the Phase IA of Cecil Irvin Park in 2023. Staff will consider incorporating the amenity into the scope of work considered for next year.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion items were introduced.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Pribulka briefly reviewed the 2022 Operating Budget, which includes funding for multimodal streetscape improvements in Pine Grove Mills, street light upgrades, and digital radar signs for speed control. Mr. Tomkiel asked staff to consider making the signage in the school zone to alert vehicles more prominent or noticeable. The Manager will discuss with the Township Engineer.

X. ADJOURNMENTS

The next meeting of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan will be held on January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Having no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Liz Grove, Secretary
Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board