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**Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 28, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82033558920>

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CITIZEN'S INPUT

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 26, 2021 Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Minutes
2. September 23, 2021 Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Minutes

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS - NONE

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY STUDY OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION 30 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is the study area map of the Pine Grove Mills Transportation Mobility Study. On Thursday, October 14th, the Township's consultant, McCormick Taylor, conducted a virtual open house and presented an overview of the scope of work and preliminary data analysis. The full recorded presentation can be found online at the link below. The Committee is asked to have a follow-up discussion and examine any key takeaways from the open house for staff to bring back to the consultant.

[Pine Grove Mills Transportation Mobility Study Presentation](#)

Staff Recommendation

That the Committee **discuss** the Transportation Mobility Study Open House.

2. PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

30 minutes

Narrative

The Committee divided up the Action Steps described in the Small Area Plan based on general categories. As a reminder, the responsibility of each "champion" is to oversee their respective categories and ensure the Action Steps are prioritized and implemented in accordance with the goals described in the plan document. The following are the assignments for each Committee member:

- Land Use/Regulatory - Robb
- Community Engagement/Events - Grove
- History and Heritage - Holliday
- Public Infrastructure/Multimodal Transportation - Tomkiel
- Economic Development - Heller

Others offered to serve as “co-champions” for certain categories, as well. Chairman Heller created a web tracker to assist the Committee in its implementation. A link to the web tracker is provided below.

[Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Action Steps Tracker](#)

Staff Recommendation

That the Committee *discuss* the PGM SAP Implementation Plan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
PGM Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes August 26, 2021 4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 via Zoom. In attendance were:

Committee:

Matt Keller, Chair
Paul Tomkiel, Vice Chair
Liz Grove
Shannon Holliday

Staff

David Pribulka, Township Manager
Jenna Wargo, Planning & Zoning Director

Others in attendance: Laura Dininni

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday August 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

There was no citizen's input provided.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. JULY 29, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

V. SPECIAL REPORTS – NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. ROUTE 45 GETAWAYS! DEBRIEF

Ms. Grove provided the Committee with an update on the Route 45 Getaways along with the number of individuals that provided contact information. The Committee spoke of the success of the event and is looking forward to expanding on it next year. Ms. Grove is preparing a report to provide to the Chamber on the success of the event.

b. PINE GROVE MILLS TOUR DISCUSSION

The Manager provided an overview of his notes taken during the walking tour of Pine Grove Mills and the areas of interest, as well as provided an update on representation on the PGM Mobility Study project. Mr. Tomkiel will be the PGM representative. The Committee members also provided their thoughts and reflections from the walk.

c. PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Grove provided an update on her work on the economic development/business action steps, including an idea to engage 3 Dots. Mr. Tomkiel reported on the multimodal transportation steps and Ms. Holliday provided an update on a contact (Carolyn Donaldson) from WPSU to spotlight Pine Grove Mills in 'Our Town'. Mr. Keller provided an update on his progress in economic development and reaching out to the Downtown Improvement District for ideas, as well as asked if the Township had a list of active businesses located in Pine Grove Mills.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

There was no staff report provided.

IX. ADJOURNMENTS

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

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

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
PGM Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021 4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021 via Zoom. In attendance were:

Committee:

Matt Keller, Chair
Paul Tomkiel, Vice Chair
Liz Grove
Shannon Holliday
Jordan Robb

Staff

Jenna Wargo, Planning & Zoning Director
Kristina Bassett, Community Planner
Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager

Others in attendance: Laura Dininni, Lisa Strickland, Carolyn Donaldson, Thomas Ambrosia, and Doug Lovisky.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Ambrosia has joined with interest in the Cecil Irvin Park Phase II Development discussion.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes were not included for approval.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

Carolyn Donaldson (cdonaldson@psu.edu) —WPSU; Ms. Donaldson provided an update on the 'Our Town' program. They cover 24 counties with their program and have done 107 episodes. They highlight small towns in Pennsylvania and tell their stories. Next spring or summer to actualize this. Underwriters would be required for this type of coverage, typically this is received from businesses. Mr. Tomkiel likes the idea of expanding the 'area' of Pine Grove Mills (Rock Springs & Baileyville).

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. CECIL IRVIN PARK

Ms. Wargo introduced Ms. Martin to the group to discuss the Cecil Irvin Park Phase II Development Update. Ms. Martin provided a brief history of the park and where the Township is in the process. Ms. Martin presented a plan of Phase II, its future development proposed for 2023 as well as insight into the Township's Parks and Rec Committee discussions. The Township is planning to obtain a matching grant to help with the development of the Phase.

Feedback from the Committee and residents included the types of activities that are anticipated to be held at this park? Amphitheatre—theatre arts, small concerts, etc. There will be a pavilion to hold family events, birthday parties, and a walking trail. The Committee believes more parking will be required for this park, given the Masterplan as a whole. Vehicular access to the amphitheater should be provided to help with loading/unloading of equipment, as well as power/outlets. Utilizing the natural topography for the amphitheater is a good idea and constructing paths close to the amphitheater to ensure ADA accessibility need to be considered. All input will be provided to the Township Engineer for future designs.

b. PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

Land Use/Regulatory: Mr. Robb is looking in to doing a parking study. The initiative would be to identify the needs, changes in zoning, and how to aid in easily communicating the current parking in place. Ms. Bassett provided a brief update on the context of the Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study and that parking spaces along Route 45 would be included. Mr. Robb requested that PZ Staff attend a future meeting to provide an overview of the Sign Ordinance and its impact on the Village.

Community Engagement/Events: Ms. Grove provided an update and is working on pulling out all events highlighted in the Small Area Plan and how parks, etc. can contribute to these events. Ms. Holliday will help Ms. Grove consolidate all events highlighted in the Small Area Plan.

History and Heritage: Ms. Holliday provided an update on History and Heritage and has collected a lot of historical information provided to Ms. Bassett. Ms. Holliday is looking into finding more information on the Pine Grove Mills baseball

team. Ms. Holliday wants to look into Swifts and Sweets further and utilizing that event to get more engagement in Pine Grove Mills.

Infrastructure: Mr. Tomkiel provided an update on the Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study and the process. First there will be a roadway safety audit—how safe is it to be a pedestrian in the village. There is a public meeting scheduled Thursday, October 7th at 6pm to obtain public input. Second, there will be a bicycle roadway safety audit on October 13th. There will be a working group meeting October 20th to discuss public input provided at the public meeting held on October 7th. The mobility study working group is looking for photos of Pine Grove Mills. If anyone has any, please send them to ptomkiel@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Economic Development: Mr. Heller heard back from Ms. Leann Jeffries (Downtown Improvement District (DID)) on what they do and what the Committee could utilize in Pine Grove Mills, as well as Spud Marshall of 3 Dots. Mr. Heller is working on building an active business list for Pine Grove Mills.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION—None

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Wargo provided an update to the Committee on a potential future meeting with Brad Groznic of Groznic PR on a campaign for the Centre Region called 'Rediscover State College'. The goal of this campaign is to promote the region to people considering moving back to State College for a higher quality of life.

IX. ADJOURNMENTS

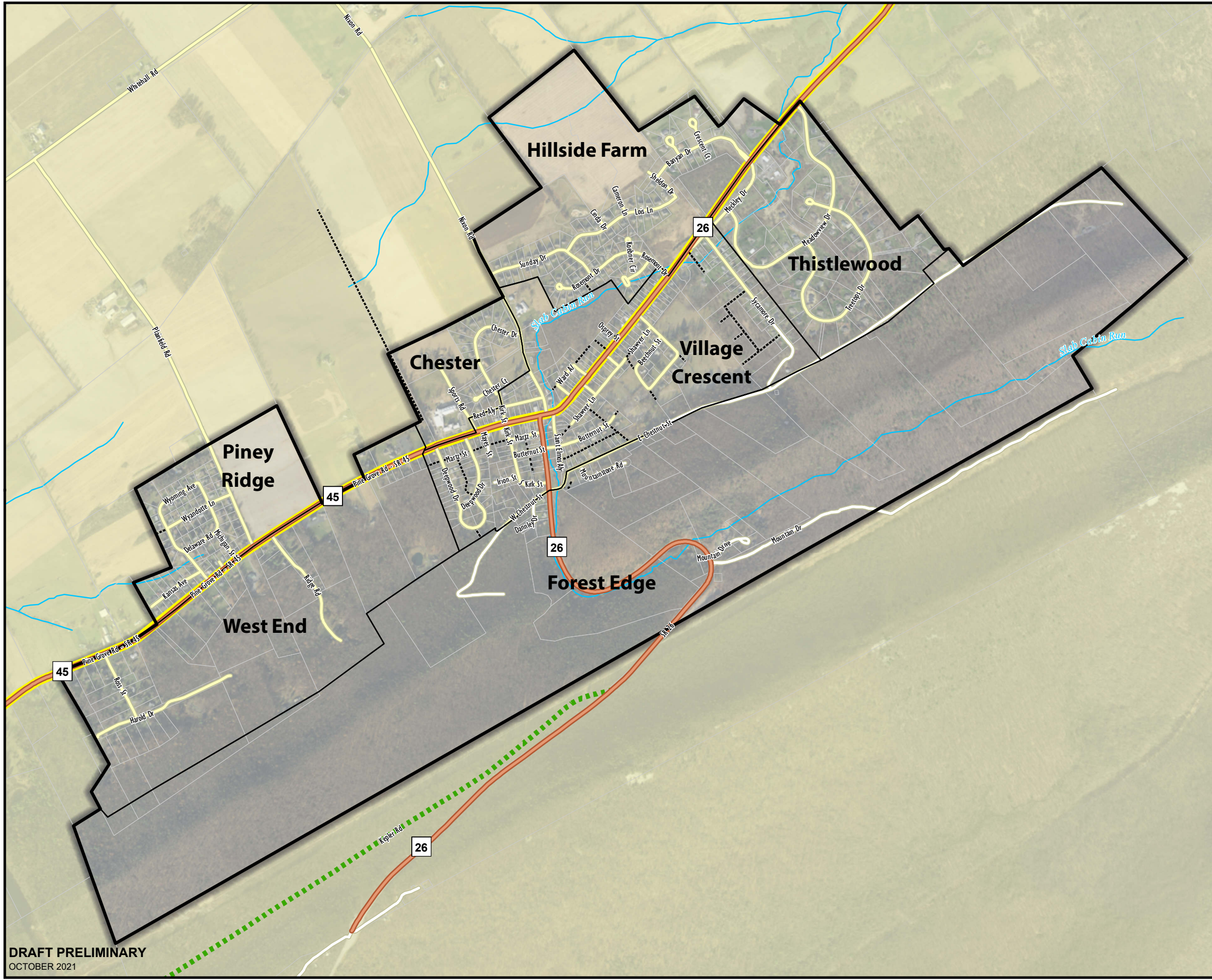
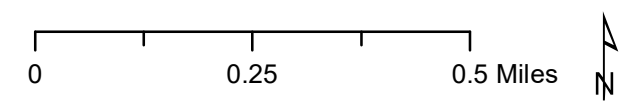
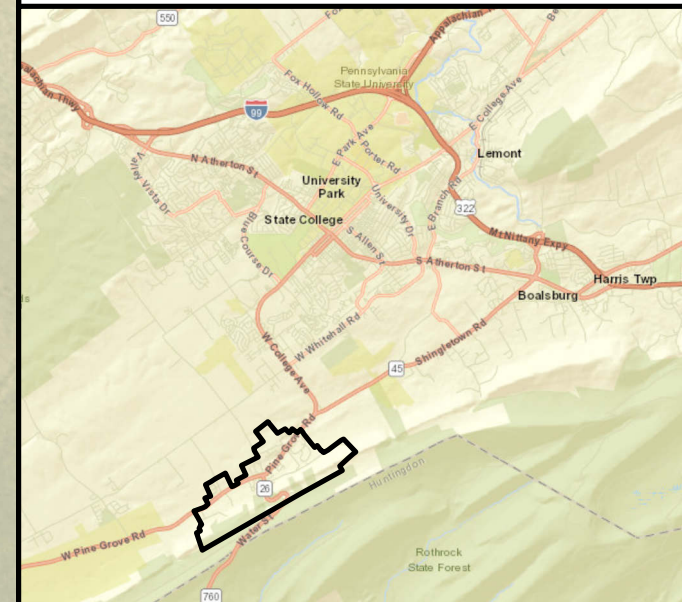
Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

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

Ferguson Township PINE GROVE MILLS MOBILITY STUDY

Study Area Map

-  Study Area Boundary
-  Neighborhoods
-  State Route
-  Township Road
-  Alley/Private
-  No Info Available
-  State Forest Road
-  PA Bike Route G



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