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**Ferguson Township
Board of Supervisors
Worksession Agenda
Monday, January 3, 2023
5:00 PM**

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81824784583>
Meeting ID: 818 2478 4583

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CITIZEN'S INPUT

III. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

Narrative

The Board received applications for the vacancies on the Township's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions that will need to be appointed in 2023. In accordance with the Board's policy, the Board will interview applicants, including incumbents seeking reappointment, who meet the minimum qualifications. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the approved policy on the appointment of representatives to local and regional authorities, boards, and commissions. Also provided with the agenda is a copy of the interview schedule for the evening. Finally, a list of upcoming vacancies and their respective terms is attached to the agenda.

No action is requested of the Board this evening; however, the Board may adjourn to executive session at the conclusion of the worksession to deliberate, if desired. Appointments will be made at the Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 3, 2023.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL
AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is desirous of establishing a policy to guide the appointment of qualified representatives to local and regional Authorities, Boards, and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is committed to the selection of qualified representatives in a fair and unbiased manner; and

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Policy on the Appointment of Representatives to Local and Regional Authorities, Boards, and Commissions is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopts the Ferguson Township Policy on Local Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.

RESOLVED this 2nd Day of October 2017

**TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: _____

Steve Miller, Chairman

[S E A L]

ATTEST:

By: _____

David Pribulka, Secretary

Exhibit "A"

Ferguson Township Policy on the Appointment of Representatives to Local and Regional Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

Purpose

This Board of Supervisors is desirous of establishing a process to appoint representatives to local and regional Authorities, Boards, and Commissions ("ABCs"). These include, but may not be limited to the Ferguson Township Planning Commission, Ferguson Township Tree Commission, Ferguson Township Zoning Hearing Board, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, UAJA Board, SCBWA Board, Schlow Centre Region Library, C-NET Board, ICDA, Tax Review Board, and others that are not specifically exempted below.

Historically, the Board has followed different strategies depending on the specific ABC appointment being made. It has been determined by the Board that a uniform policy on ABC appointments will allow fair consideration of all applicants, ensure equal access to information by individual Board members, and help to establish an objective process by which the most qualified applicant may be selected.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors to interview all candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for an ABC appointment when a vacancy occurs. This shall include incumbents who express a desire to be reappointed. In circumstances where there is only one applicant for an ABC vacancy, the Board of Supervisors may appoint said applicant without an interview.

In the first week of October of each year, the Township shall post on its website and relevant publications a list of ABC vacancies for the upcoming year. Additionally, Township staff shall notify ABC members whose terms are expiring to determine whether they are interested in reappointment. Incumbents whose terms are expiring shall not be required to re-apply unless they wish to supplement their prior application with new information. Applications for ABC vacancies shall be accepted through November 1 of each year.

The Board of Supervisors shall schedule one or more public worksessions to interview applications for ABC vacancies as needed. While the worksessions shall be open to the public, the public shall not be permitted to ask questions of the applicants nor speak except at Citizen's Input at the start of the worksessions. Upon interviewing all interested applicants at a worksession, the Board may adjourn to an Executive Session to deliberate.

Appointments to ABC vacancies shall be made at the Organizational Meeting.

Exceptions

The following ABCs and offices shall not be subject to the procedure established herein: Centre Regional Planning Commission, Township Solicitor, Tax Collector (Local Services Tax, Earned Income and Net Profits Tax), Health Officer, Sewage Enforcement Officer, Tax Administrator, COG Committees, Centre County Tax Collection Representative, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, Centre Area Cable Consortium, and Police Pension Advisory Board. Other ABCs and offices may be exempt from this policy upon a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors.

ABC Interview Schedule

5:00-5:10	Lewis Steinberg	In Person
5:10-5:20	Jerry Binney	In Person
5:30-5:40	Lisa Rittenhouse	Zoom
5:40-5:50	Jennifer Ecclestton	In Person
6:15-6:25	Jeff Krantweiss	In Person
TBD	Erin Luley Hartzler	