

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

7:00 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

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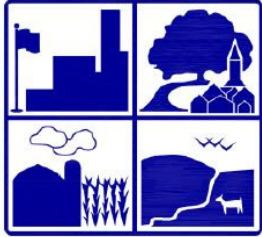
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IN-PERSON:

**Ferguson Township Municipal Building
Main Meeting Room
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. CITIZENS INPUT**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - none**
- IV. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS**
- V. SPECIAL REPORTS**
 - a. COVID-19 Local Response Report
- VI. COG REGIONAL REPORTS**
- VII. STAFF REPORTS**
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. Project Status on Ferguson Township Strategic Plan Update
 - 2. Cherry Lane and Martin Street Multi-Way Stop Study Summary and Recommendation
 - 3. Public Hearing– Resolution Approving Master Plan for Songbird Sanctuary Park
 - 4. Anti-Discrimination and Regional Human Relations Commission Ordinance Discussion
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - 2. Discussion on Council of Governments Finance Committee Priorities
 - 3. Consideration of Establishing a Standing Monthly Worksession
- X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**
- XI. CALENDAR ITEMS**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**





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- IV. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS REPORT – None**
- V. SPECIAL REPORTS** 10 minutes
 - a. COVID-19 Local Response Report – David Pribulka, Township Manager
 - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusionary Initiatives – none
 - c. Township and Fiscal Responsibility – none
 - d. Community and Economic Development – none
 - e. Environment – none
- VI. COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS** 10 minutes
 - 1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Solar Power Purchasing Agreement Working Group
 - 2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 1. Spring Creek Watershed Commission
- VII. STAFF REPORTS**
 - 1. Manager's Report
 - 2. Public Works Director Report
 - 3. Planning and Zoning Report
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. PROJECT STATUS ON THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION**
Peter Melan, Polity, Inc. 10 minutes

Narrative

At a Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to execute an agreement to engage Polity, Inc., to facilitate an update to the Ferguson Township Strategic Plan. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the

proposal for consulting services. The schedule for this engagement is expected to conclude in March 2022. The community engagement efforts have been organized for data gathering to supplement the results of the 2019 community survey conducted by the National Research Center (NRC). To date, the consultant facilitated a public meeting at Discovery Space, a business luncheon as well as engaged the Board of Supervisors at a Board Retreat, and two status update reports presented at a regular meeting. Additionally, public feedback is being received in the form of a public opinion survey posted on the Township's website. Staff introduced the public opinion survey to members of the Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABC) that met in the month of January for increased public engagement. Provided with the agenda is the first draft of the Strategic Plan Update for review and discussion. Peter Melan, Chief Consultant at Polity, will be in attendance to review the proposal and to respond to any questions from Board members and the public.

[2014 Strategic Plan for Information Technology](#)

[2017 Strategic Plan](#)

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *receive the status update.*

2. CHERRY LANE AND MARTIN STREET MULTI-WAY STOP STUDY SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

10 minutes

Narrative

As requested by the Board of Supervisors, a multi-way stop study for the intersection of Cherry Lane and Martin Street was performed for the intersection of Cherry Lane and Martin Street. The multi-way stop also aligns with one of the driveways to Radio Park Elementary School. This multi-way stop study was complete after signing and markings were installed for a crosswalk on the east side of the intersection to cross Cherry Lane at this same intersection. Provided with the agenda packet is a full copy of the engineering study and memo prepared by the Township Engineer Ron Seybert and Public Works Director David Modricker with a summary and recommendation on the multi-way stop study.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *accept the summary and recommendation prepared on the Cherry Lane and Martin Street Multi-Way Stop Study.*

3. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR SONGBIRD SANCTUARY PARK.

Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager

10 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing approving a master plan for Songbird Sanctuary Park. On January 18th, the Board received the prefinal draft of the Songbird Sanctuary Park Master Plan describing the plan and the public involvement process. If approved, staff will plan to use the funds allocated in the 2022 Operating Budget to construct Songbird Sanctuary – Phase 1 and incorporate the improvements into the Capital Improvements into the Capital Improvement Program Budget

for construction as funding is available. The Master Plan rendering will be made part of the resolution and is provided with the agenda.

Recommended Motion: Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution approving a revised master plan for Songbird Sanctuary Park.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the resolution.

4. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND REGIONAL HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

David Pribulka, Township Manager

20 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a proposed draft version of the Regional Discrimination Ordinance as well as a copy of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). State College Borough and Patton Township continue to work Ferguson Township to develop a regional Human Relations Commission (HRC) with an agreeable MOU signed by all parties. While Bellefonte Borough Council will no longer be a participant in this regional initiative, College Township and Millheim Borough are interested in partnering on this initiative. The ordinance, if adopted, would provide for a local adjudicatory body to review allegations of discrimination related to several protected classes on the basis of housing, employment, and public accommodations. The ordinance would provide for local relief to complainants in lieu of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

Items that remain to be resolved include consideration of protected classes particularly pertaining to support animals, and the dual filing with the Pennsylvania HRC. This item is for discussion only and is intended to update the Board and public on the current status of this draft ordinance. It is recommended that the Board provide feedback on the outstanding issues and staff will continue to develop an ordinance for advertisement for public hearing.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **review and discuss** the draft Anti-Discrimination Ordinance and Regional Human Relations Commission Memorandum of Understanding.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Contract 2021-C15 Street Tree Pruning Final: \$58,480.00
- b. Voucher Report - Dec 2021

2. DISCUSSION ON THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Laura Dininni, Township Supervisor

25 minutes

Narrative

At its January meeting, the Finance Committee (FC) received a listing of work tasks from staff with COG Office of Administration that was updated from the 2021 priorities to reflect items completed as well as additional work tasks identified during 2021. At the January meeting the Committee requested these tasks be ranked in terms of importance, on an "A,B,C" scale by each municipal representative and by COG staff. Provided with the agenda

is the FC Prioritization – 2022 (Municipal) document that addressed that request. Also provided with the agenda is the FC Work Task Prioritization – 2021 which can be used as a resource to help in the completion of the FC Prioritization – 2022 (Municipal) spreadsheet if so desired. Instructions are listed below in *italics*:

At the January meeting, the Finance Committee initially discussed the prioritization exercise and requested that it be brought back at the March meeting to discuss after the members of the Committee have an opportunity to discuss the potential work tasks with their fellow board members and key municipal staff. After the January Finance Committee meeting, the Committee requested that a matrix be developed and that the projects be ranked in one of three categories:

- *A – This classification is the highest priority level and members wish that these items be completed in 2022.*
- *B – This is the next highest classification and represent items that the Committee feel should be completed during 2022 but are willing to defer until after all “A” level items are completed.*
- *C – This is the lowest classification and represents items that the Committee would like to see addressed in 2022 but would be willing to defer until after all “A” and “B” levels items are completed.*

Enclosed is a matrix that staff is requesting that the Committee members assigned a grade to. Each letter will contain a point value (A = 1, B = 2, C = 3) and those values will be averaged among the 6 individual municipal rankings, both with and without the staff ranking, to obtain a weighted ranking.

In addition to the impact on staff, the Committee will also need to be aware that some of these work tasks will extend beyond the Finance Committee and COG Finance Office to other COG staff, COG committees, and municipal staff. Staff recommends for the specific items impacting other committees that the request be made to the Executive Committee to ask the committee to incorporate that work task into their 2022 work plan, at a priority level consistent with the Finance Committee’s recommendation.

The Committee member should assign a priority (letter) to each work task and, if the Committee member deems it appropriate, add a comment to further explain their grade/enhance the discussion. All rankings and comments are to be provided to the COG Finance Director, Joe Viglione, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *discuss* and *identify* main priorities.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A STANDING MONTHLY WORKSESSION

Lisa Strickland, Township Supervisor

20 minutes

Narrative

The Board has discussed the establishment of a standing monthly worksession in 2022. If approved, the Board could consider including all staff and special reports, including ABC reports, as well as major discussion items on the worksession agenda. The Board is asked to consider this request and, if authorized, schedule dates and times for the same. Pending the outcome of the discussion, the Agenda Order of Business Resolution adopted at the

January 3rd meeting may need revision, as well, to accommodate any changes in format. This item is presented for discussion and consideration.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *discuss establishing a standing worksession.*

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

XI. CALENDAR ITEMS – February

- a. Ferguson Township Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. Planning Commission, Monday, February 14, 28
 - 2. Parks and Recreation Committee, February 10
 - 3. Tree Commission, February 28
 - 4. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Advisory Committee, February 24

XII. ADJOURNMENT