

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:

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IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 21, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Centre Area Transportation Authority Report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Contribution Agreement with PennDOT

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda
2. Proclamation – 2021 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month
3. Public Hearing – Resolution Adopting 2021 Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan
4. Citizen’s Right to be Heard – Gypsy Moth Spraying in Greenbriar
5. Zoning Variance Request – 3795 W. College Avenue, Scott Road Pump Station
6. Zoning Variance Request – 3765 W. College Avenue, Islamic Society of Central PA
7. Request for Proposals – Ferguson Township Strategic Plan Update
8. Board Member Request – Short Term Rental Permits for Recreational Vehicles
9. Board Member Request – Fairbrook Park Grow Zone Map Amendment

VIII. REPORTS

1. COG Committee Reports
2. Other Regional Reports
3. Staff Reports

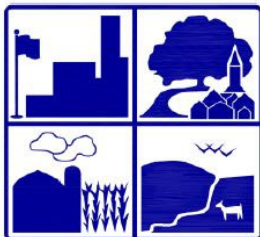
IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

X. CALENDAR ITEMS – JULY

XI. ADJOURNMENT



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10 minutes

1. Centre Area Transportation Authority – John Spsychalski

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF SR26 (WEST COLLEGE AVENUE) AND SR45 (SHINGLETOWN ROAD).** 10 minutes

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution advertised for public hearing authorizing the Chair and the Secretary to execute a Contribution Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the pedestrian accommodations associated with the traffic signal installation at the intersection of West College Avenue and Shingletown Road. The Board authorized a contribution to the project to install the pedestrian accommodations since the warrants were not met per PennDOT guidelines. The amount authorized is not to exceed \$28,075.83.

Recommended motion 2: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the Chair and Secretary to execute a contribution agreement with PennDOT for pedestrian accommodations at the intersection of West College Avenue and Shingletown Road.

Staff Recommendation

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. 2018-PWGG General Pay Application 13: \$39,463.57
- b. 2018-PWGG General Pay Application 14: \$30,000.00
- c. 2021-C2 Devonshire Inlet Replacement Pay Application 1: \$36,231.25

2. PROCLAMATION – 2021 SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

David Pribulka, Township Manager

10 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a proclamation designating September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and September 10th as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day in Ferguson Township. The proclamation has been adopted annually by the Board and has been part of a countywide effort of the Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force and Marisa Vicere. President of the Jana Marie Foundation Ms. Vicere will be present to introduce the proclamation.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the proclamation designating September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and September 10th to be Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.

Staff Recommendation

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

3. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE 2021 CENTRE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

10 minutes

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Narrative

During the May 24, 2021 meeting of the Centre Region Council of Governments, the 2021 Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan was referred to the Centre Region municipalities for review and adoption by resolution. The Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed in 2020 by the Centre County Office of Emergency Services and the Centre County Office of Planning & Community Development in conjunction with local municipal officials, institutional stakeholders, and residents of Centre County. Shawn Kauffman, the Centre Region Emergency Management Coordinator represented the regional municipalities during the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution advertised for public hearing, and below is a link to a copy of the plan.

[2021 Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution adopting the 2021 Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Staff Recommendation

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

4. CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD – GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING IN GREENBRIAR

David Pribulka, Township Manager

20 minutes

Narrative

In accordance with the Ferguson Township Home Rule Charter Section 2.20, Citizen's Right to be Heard, Ford Stryker of Deerfield Drive requested the Board consider options for evaluating and potentially mitigating the gypsy moth infestation that has been increasingly prevalent in the area. In 2007, funding was dedicated to management of the infestation and a Gypsy Moth Coordinator was temporarily assigned to the Centre County Office of Planning & Community Development. If the Board is interested in proceeding, the recommended motion is to direct the Township Manager to review options and explore opportunities for an egg mass assessment in the fall. The assessment will help determine the likelihood and magnitude of an infestation in 2022, and the Township, along with any potential partners, and can plan for appropriate and safe mitigation. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the communication received from Mr. Stryker and a Forest Insect & Disease Leaflet concerning the gypsy moth published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors direct staff to evaluate options for aerial spraying in the Greenbriar development and other areas of concern for gypsy moths to be considered in the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **direct** staff to evaluate options for aerial spraying of gypsy moths in Greenbriar and other areas of concern in the Township.

5. ZONING APPEALS/REQUESTS FOR VARIANCES

20 minutes

Jenna Wargo, Director of Planning & Zoning

a. 3795 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE – SCOTT ROAD PUMP STATION

Narrative

University Area Joint Authority—3859 Scott Road (24-004-096-0000, 24-004-079A-0000, 24-004-081-0000, 24-004-080-0000, 24-004-082-0000, and 24-004-090-0000), zoned Rural Agricultural (RA), is requesting a variance from §27-701.3.C. Use Limitations and §27-209.1. Yard Requirements. The Zoning Ordinance prohibits new construction or development in a floodplain (Nolin Soils being subject to the floodplain regulations) (§27-701.3.C.). The Zoning Ordinance prohibits structures from being placed in the rear yard setback (50FT for RA) and the proposed pump station location was strategically chosen based on a hydraulic analysis by the UAJA's consultant that allows for adequate space for the necessary wastewater pump station facilities (§27-209.1.).

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors support the request for variance at 3795 West College Avenue.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **support** the request for variance at 3795 West College Avenue.

b. 3765 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE - ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Narrative

Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania—3765 West College Ave (24-004-078C-0000), zoned Rural Agricultural (RA)/Corridor Overlay District (COD), is requesting a variance from §27-205.1. Permitted Uses. The Zoning Ordinance permits a Place of Assembly, Community on lots greater than 50 acres. The property is currently 10.16 acres. This

project has been in the planning stage for several years, including, two other variances granted by the Ferguson Township Zoning Hearing Board in 2010 and 2020.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors remain neutral on the request for variance at 3765 West College Avenue.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **remain neutral** on the request for variance.

6. REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO UPDATE THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN 20 minutes

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Narrative

The Ferguson Township Strategic Plan was last updated in 2017. Since then, the Board of Supervisors engaged the National Research Center to administer in National Community Survey and evaluate the quality of life in the community across a range of variables. An allocation has been included in the 2021 Operating Budget to engage a consultant to update the Strategic Plan to address the priorities of the Board and the needs identified in the 2019 Community Survey. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued to retain the services of a qualified consultant to assist the Board with this project. It is requested that the Board provide any input on the scope of work presented and, if satisfied with the contents of the document, authorize the Township Manager to issue the RFP to qualified firms. The RFP will also be made available on the website and other relevant publications.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Township Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for consulting services to update the Ferguson Township Strategic Plan.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **direct** the Manager to issue

7. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST – SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMITS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES 10 minutes

Laura Dininni, Township Supervisor

Narrative

Currently, the Centre Region Property Maintenance Code does not permit recreational vehicles to be issued rental housing permits. The Board should discuss the merits of allowing for this type of short-term rental and any constraints that should be placed on the permit.

**Note: This agenda item appears as was requested by Ms. Dininni; however, since requested, a meeting with Walt Schneider, Centre Region Code Administration Agency Director, resulted in a modified course of action. The Ferguson Township Zoning Ordinance would only need to be amended, not the Centre Region Property Maintenance Code, in order to enable recreational vehicles to obtain short term rental permits.*

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors direct staff to request the Centre Region Code be amended to include RV short term rental permit allowance and conditions in the Ferguson Township Property Code.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST – FAIRBROOK PARK GROW ZONE MAP AMENDMENT

Laura Dininni, Township Supervisor

10 minutes

Narrative

As the Township moves into the third season of implementation of the Low Mow (aka Grow Zone) Policy for Fairbrook Park, the policy map is being reviewed for clarity. An important part of Grow Zone management is the use of mowing strategies. Creating separations between high grass and other park amenities is essential to control the spread of invasive species and to allow access to all areas of the park. The focus of this map review is solely to examine whether it is a helpful visual guide for mowing staff to use to direct them where to create these essential separations. Provided with the agenda are the original and amended Grow Zone Maps for Fairbrook Park, and the Ferguson Township Green Infrastructure Policy.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors direct staff to convey amended map or to provide additional signage to and discuss map with CRPR staff, with an emphasis on creating critical perimeters via mowing.

9. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

25 minutes

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Climate Action
- b. Executive Committee
- c. CCMPO Coordinating Committee
- d. Facilities Committee

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Manager's Report
- b. Public Works Director's Report
- c. Planning & Zoning Director's Report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

X. CALENDAR ITEMS – JULY

a. Ferguson Township upcoming committee meetings:

- 1. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board - Thursday, July 22, 4PM
- 2. Planning Commission - Mondays, July 12 and 26, 6PM
- 3. Parks & Recreation Committee - Thursday, July 15, 4PM
- 4. Tree Commission - Monday, July 19, 5PM

b. Coffee and Conversation, Naked Egg, Friday, July 9, 8AM

c. Summer Bike Anywhere Friday, July 23

XI. ADJOURNMENT