

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, July 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:

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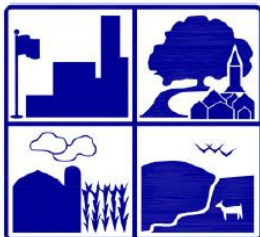
IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS:

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

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 - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - III. CITIZENS INPUT
 - IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. July 6, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
 - V. SPECIAL REPORTS
 - a. Community Engagement / Strategic Plan Progress Report
 - VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 1. Public Hearing - Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Grant Extension Resolution
 2. Draft Ordinance Amendment - Turf, Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation
 3. Musser Gap Trail Proposed Bike Path - Official Map Amendment Discussion
 - VII. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Consent Agenda
 2. Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan Update – Award of Contract for Consulting Services
 - VIII. REPORTS
 1. COG Committee Reports
 2. Other Regional Reports
 3. Staff Reports
 - IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD
 - X. CALENDAR ITEMS – JULY/AUGUST
 - XI. ADJOURNMENT



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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 6, 2021, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

10 minutes

1. Community Engagement / Strategic Plan Progress Report – Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager

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 AN EXTENSION OF TIME LETTER FOR THE AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

David Pribulka, Township Manager

5 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing authorizing the Chair and Secretary to execute an extension of time letter for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement between the Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grant award was to install traffic signal optimization hardware and software to monitor and coordinate the Township's traffic signals. Currently, the grant expires on January 9, 2022, but the agreement would extend the deadline through January 9, 2023.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the Chair and Secretary to execute an extension of time letter for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement between the Township of Ferguson and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Staff Recommendation

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

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT TURF, GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 20 minutes

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Narrative

At the May 17th Regular Meeting, the Board considered a request from Mr. Mitra to amend the Turf, Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation Ordinance to relax or repeal the requirement that lawns be maintained at a maximum height of six inches. At the conclusion of the discussion that evening, the Board directed staff to draft an amendment for review that would incorporate provisions of the Ferguson Township Green Infrastructure Policy (Resolution 2021-17) into the Turf, Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation Ordinance to expand on the Managed Natural Landscape Provisions currently permitted. Provided with the agenda is an initial “redlined” draft of an ordinance amendment that aims to achieve the goals set by the Board at the May 17th meeting. Also provided for reference is the Green Infrastructure Policy. Staff is recommending that the Board discuss the draft and any requested amendments, and, if ready, refer the draft to the Tree Commission for review and comment.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **review and comment** on the draft ordinance.

3. MUSSER GAP TRAIL PROPOSED BIKE PATH – OFFICIAL MAP AMENDMENT DISCUSSION 20 minutes

Jenna Wargo, Director of Planning & Zoning

Narrative

In October 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Township’s Official Map designed to implement the goals and community vision set forth in the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan. The Board of Supervisors directed Township staff to research the implications of amending the Official Township Map to identify the Musser Gap Trail as a proposed path. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum dated July 14, 2021, from Jenna Wargo, Director of Planning & Zoning, providing an overview of an official map, its benefits and process once an official map is adopted.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **discuss** the proposed Official Map amendment.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Special Events Permit – Pregnancy Resource Clinic 5K
- b. 2018-PWGG Pay Application 12: \$24,677.67
- c. 2021-C8 Pay Application 2: \$14,755.35
- d. 2021-C23 Science Park Pole Replacement Pay Application 1a: \$3,487.72
- e. 2021-C23 Science Park Pole Replacement Pay Application 1b: \$3,844.00
- f. Harner 4 Lot Subdivision Surety Reduction 4: \$213,413.19
- g. Orchard View Subdivision Surety Reduction 1: \$262,272.42

2. AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO UPDATE THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

David Pribulka, Township Manager

10 minutes

Narrative

The Township issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant to facilitate an update to the 2009 Ferguson Township Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. A total of four proposals were received from qualified consultants. An internal review team narrowed the proposals to two finalists, who were forwarded to the Ferguson Township Parks and Recreation Committee for review and consideration. The Parks Committee met on July 15th and recommended that the Board award the contract to YSM Landscape Architects in an amount of \$39,300. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the two highest ranked proposals submitted by YSM Landscape Architects and HRG, Inc. Also provided with the agenda is the RFP that was issued for the project. The Parks Committee did note several concerns about YSM Landscape Architects with the scope of work related to engagement of the public and the Board of Supervisors that the Committee suggested be addressed if the firm is awarded the contract.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors award a contract to YSM Landscape Architects in an amount of \$39,300 for consulting services to update the Ferguson Township Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **award** the contract to YSM Landscape Architects.

3. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

25 minutes

1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Joint Parks Capital and Parks & Recreation Authority
- c. Climate Action TAG
- d. Climate Action Sustainability Committee

2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Manager's Report
- b. Public Works Director's Report
- c. Planning & Zoning Director's Report
- d. Chief of Police

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

X. CALENDAR ITEMS – JULY/AUGUST

- a. Ferguson Township upcoming committee meetings:
 1. Capital Improvement Plan Special Meetings, July 20 & 21, 6PM
 2. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Board - Thursdays, July 22 & August 26, 4PM
 3. Planning Commission - Mondays, July 26, August 9 & 23, 6PM
 4. Tree Commission – Monday, August 16, 5PM
 5. Parks & Recreation Committee - Thursdays, July 15, & August 19, 4PM
- b. Summer Bike Anywhere Friday, July 23

XI. ADJOURNMENT