#### FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, October 3, 2022

#### 7:00 PM

#### **MEETING PARTICIPATION OPTIONS**

VIRTUAL: IN-PERSON:

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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
- V. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS
- VI. SPECIAL REPORTS
- VII. COG REGIONAL REPORTS
- VIII. STAFF REPORTS

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing on an Ordinance authorizing Waiver of Additional Fees Assessed, and other Relief, for Tax Bills not received

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consent Agenda
- Public Hearing Resolution authorizing filing of Grant Application with PA DCNR for Cecil Irvin Park, Phase 2 Funding
- 3. Proclamation Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month
- 4. Discussion on Granting Partial Exemption for Eligible Agricultural Properties from Stormwater Utility Fee and Repealing Resolution 2021-06
- 5. Discussion on ARPA 2021 Fund Allocation for Rental Assistance in the 2022 Operating Budget
- 6. Discussion on COG 2023 Proposed Budget
- 7. Request for Minor Subdivision Plan MP Machinery
- 8. Discussion on State College West End and Ferguson Township West College Avenue Area
- 9. Consideration of Heritage Tree Application at 211 Greenlee Lane
- XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD
- XII. CALENDAR ITEMS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT





# TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, October 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. CITIZEN'S INPUT 5 minutes per resident
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 1. September 20, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
- V. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS REPORT

20 minutes

1. Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority

#### VI. SPECIAL REPORTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

20 minutes

- 1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusionary Acknowledgements Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Filipino-American Heritage Month, German-American Heritage Month, Italian-American Heritage Month, Polish-American Heritage Month
- 2. Township and Fiscal Responsibility Status Update Report on Credits and Exemptions for Stormwater Utility Fee by Assistant Township Manager Jaymes Progar
- 3. Community and Economic Development no report
- **4.** Environment no report.

#### VII. COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

25 minutes

- 1. COG COMMITTEE REPORT
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. CCMPO Coordinating Committee
  - c. Park Governance
  - d. Finance Committee
  - e. Spring Creek Watershed Commission

#### 2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Township Manager's Report
- 2. Public Works Director Report
- 3. Planning and Zoning Report

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADDITIONAL FEES AND PENALTIES ASSESSED, AND CERTAIN OTHER RELIEF, IN THE EVENT REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WERE NOT RECEIVED.

5 minutes

Eric Endresen. Director of Finance and Tax

#### Narrative

The Governor signed Act 57 of 2022 in July to amend the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L. 1050, No. 394) known as the Local Tax Collection Law, by amending Section 7 relating to "Effect of Failure to Receive Tax Notice". The intent of Act 57 of 2022 is to waive penalties and/or fees for new property owners who may not have received a real estate tax bill that was inadvertently mailed to the previous owner. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the resolution authorizing the waiver of additional fees and penalties assessed in the event real estate tax bills not received.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the ordinance authorizing waiver of additional fees and penalties assessed, and certain other relief, in the event real estate tax bills were not received in accordance with the ordinance presented.

#### Staff Recommendation

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

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Contract 2021-C4, Harold Dr. Improvements, Pay App 2: \$1,571.10
- 2. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT, "CECIL IRVIN PARK PHASE 2".

  15 minutes

Jaymes Progar, Assistant Township Manager

#### **Narrative**

On September 6, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources opened an application period for a supplemental fall funding round. This grant round is similar to the spring DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants. Eligible projects include Community Parks and Recreation projects that expand or rehabilitate existing parks that improve access to recreation for all. As a result of this opportunity, Staff proposes to apply for this grant for the construction of Cecil Irvin Park – Phase II, a vital, urgent need providing connectivity throughout the Pine Grove Mills village area. Additionally, this park features climate action affirmative Green Infrastructure via native seed mixes and pervious paving while also supporting the Township's stormwater infrastructure. The proposed plan is consistent with the Park Master Plan Phase 2.1 as drawn by HRG with additional walking paths and alternative amenities suggested as a result of a 2021 review process by the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Committee. Amenities include dual walking loops, ADA accessible pathways, benches, parking, and a pavilion providing access to recreation for all. Construction of

this phase represents a critical step in the completion of Cecil Irvin Park, a focal point of open space for a growing community. A draft resolution is provided with the agenda for tonight's public hearing.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of a DCNR C2P2 Grant Application for Cecil Irvin Park supplemental funding.

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *adopt* the resolution.

3. A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 5 minutes

Jaymes Progar, Assistant Township Manager

#### Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of the proclamation to recognize and honor Hispanic Heritage Month.

National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture. September 15 through October 15 commemorates the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, Mexico and Chile, all gained during this period.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the proclamation.

#### Staff Recommendation

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

4. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TO GRANT PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES FROM THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2021-06. 15 minutes David Modricker. Director of Public Works

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#### **Narrative**

Provided with the agenda is a revised version of the partial agricultural properties exemption policy proposed for the consideration of the Board. Provided with the agenda is a copy for review and discussion. Staff will receive comments from the Board's discussion and then update with necessary revisions prior to sending for legal review. The Board is being asked this evening to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing at the October 18 regular meeting prior to acting on the proposed policy amendment.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on a resolution to grant partial exemptions for eligible agricultural properties from the stormwater management utility fee.

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors authorize staff to advertise for a public hearing.

# 5. DISCUSSION ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE. 25 minutes Centrice Martin. Township Manager

#### **Narrative**

On December 7, 2021, the Board allocated \$20,000 of ARPA funds to be used for rental assistance. Staff proposes a temporary emergency rental assistance program in response to the affordable housing concerns and the disparities that exist for tenants. As outlined in the memorandum from the Township Manager, it proposes issuing the funds to Centre Help. Centre Help provides rental assistance to Centre County residents that demonstrate a need or risk of homelessness.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Township Manager to partner with Centre Help and allocate \$20,000 funds to provide rental assistance to Ferguson Township residents.

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors authorize allocation of funds for rental assistance.

#### 6. DISCUSSION ON THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

Centrice Martin, Township Manager

45 minutes

#### Narrative

On Friday, September 23, 2022, the Centre Region Council of Government (CRCOG) Finance Committee received their proposed 2023 Operating Budget. A link to the CRCOG proposed 2023 Operating Budget is provided. Provided with the agenda is a letter prepared by the Centre Region Municipal Managers to the CRCOG Finance Committee.

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *discuss* the proposed 2023 COG Budget.

#### 7. REQUEST FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN

10 minutes

Jeff Ressler, Zoning Administrator

#### a. MP MACHINERY MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN

#### **Narrative**

Penn Terra Engineering, Inc., submitted on behalf of their client, the 'Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive' Minor Subdivision Plan. This plan proposes the adjustment of the lot line between the two parcels to add an additional 4,800 SF to TP 24-433-007-0000. No new lots are being created with this submission. Since this is a minor subdivision plan, it will proceed as a Preliminary/Final submission that will be reviewed once by the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Planning Commission reviewed this plan at the September 26, 2022, regular meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors. Staff has reviewed the minor subdivision plan and is recommending conditional approval subject to the outstanding comments as described in the Director of Planning & Zoning's memorandum dated September 27, 2022.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors conditionally approve the Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive subject to the outstanding comments as described in the Director of Planning & Zoning's memorandum dated September 27, 2022.

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *approve* the minor subdivision plan.

# 8. DISCUSSION ON THE STATE COLLEGE WEST END AND FERGUSON TOWNSHIP WEST COLLEGE AVENUE AREA 15 minutes

Centrice Martin, Township Manager

#### Narrative

There is increased attention to the West College area as the Township continues to advance the Terraced Streetscape District rewrite effort. In previous years, the State College Borough Council and Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors have expressed interest to collaborate for a joint effort to evaluate the opportunities for a cooperative approach to the adjoining neighborhoods along the West College Avenue Corridor. It is recognized that the Borough and the Township historically struggled to identify options for infusing a vibrant and welcoming experience when traversing through the municipal lines on West College Avenue. The Board is asked to consider support for the Manager to send a letter of invitation to the university and the Council of State College Borough for a town-gown meeting to discuss and explore possibilities for a collaborative and cooperative approach to a unified vision.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Manager to extend a letter of invitation to the State College Borough Council and Penn State University Governmental Affairs.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the Board of Supervisors *discuss* extending an invitation to the State College Borough Council and Penn State University for a town-gown discussion.

# 9. DISCUSSION ON THE CONSIDERATION OF TWO HERITAGE TREE APPLICATIONS David Modricker, Director of Public Works 10 minutes

#### **Narrative**

Provided with the agenda is an application from Darryl and Susan Slimak to nominate 2 trees as Heritage Trees due to their age, impressive large size, health, and beauty. The trees are located at 211 Greenlee Lane in the Fairbrook neighborhood. The property owners had their own arborist evaluate the trees. The Ferguson Township Arborist, Larry Maginnis evaluated the trees. The Tree Commission reviewed the application package, photographs, and discussed the application with the property owner, Darry Slimak, at the regular meeting of the Tree Commission on August 15, 2022. The Tree Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the trees as Heritage Trees. The Township Arborist has obtained the property owner's signature on an easement to be recorded and the Township will maintain the tree as stated in the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the Board of Supervisors *approve* the 2 trees located at 211 Greenlee Lane in the Fairbrook neighborhood as Heritage Trees.

#### XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

#### XII. CALENDAR ITEMS - October

- a. Planning Commission October 10 & 24
- b. Board of Supervisors Worksession October 11
- c. Parks & Recreation Committee October 13
- d. Coffee and Conversation Saturday, October 15, Dunkin' Donuts, 8 AM
- e. Tree Commission October 17
- f. Pine Grove Mills SAP Advisory Committee October 27

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

#### FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2022

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 as a hybrid meeting. In attendance were:

Board: Laura Dininni, Chair Staff: Dave Modricker, Director, Public Works

Lisa Strickland, Vice Chair Jenna Wargo, Director, Planning and Zoning,

Patty Stephens Acting Manager

Jeremie Thompson Ryan Hendrick, Police Sergeant

Others in attendance included: Rhonda Demchak, Recording Secretary; Steve Miller, Ferguson Township Resident; John Spychalski, CATA; Derek Sherman, CATA; Louwana Oliva, CATA; Pam Robb, Patton Township

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Strickland called the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Wargo thanked and welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the Board of Supervisors meeting had been advertised in accordance with the PA Sunshine Act as a hybrid meeting with an option to attend online utilizing zoom and the main meeting room for any public members to participant. Persons attending the meeting as members of the public and wanted to participate were asked to state their name, municipality, and topic. Members of the public are to be muted during the meeting and must be acknowledged by the Chair. Board members are asked to indicate their name when motioning or seconding a motion so that the minutes are accurate. Ms. Wargo took Roll Call and there was a quorum.

#### III. CITIZENS INPUT

Former Board of Supervisor Steve Miller was in attendance and acknowledged the Board.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *approve* the regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2022. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### V. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISIONS REPORT

1. State College Borough Water Authority – Ford Stryker

Mr. Stryker noted that the Authority has ceased adding fluoride to the water that will require a change to their permit from DEP. The public will be able to comment in October.

The new water treatment plant had some delays because of supply chain issues, but finally completing equipment installation, testing, and commission.

2. Centre Area Transportation Authority – John Spychalski

Mr. Spychalski reviewed his report that was included in the agenda packet and highlighted the CATARIDE/**CATA**GO and the Municipality Authorities Act.

Ms. Strickland asked about the lack of a bus pull off for the stop along Blue Course Drive between Teaberry and Martin Street towards Atherton Street. Mr. Modricker reported that they will be designing improvements with that section and will obtain input from CATA.

#### VI. SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusionary Initiatives Labor Day; Hispanic Heritage Month; Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; Rosh Hashanah
- 2. Township and Fiscal Responsibility no report
- 3. Community And Economic Development **CATA**GO! And Connector Routes, Derek Sherman, Assistant ADA and On Demand Operations Manager
  - Mr. Sherman presented the **CATAGO!** and Connector Routes via a PowerPoint slide show.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> they implemented the Soutwest Zone that serves Pine Grove Mills and surrounding areas.

Mr. Sherman reviewed the Northwest Zone that serves Park Forest and surrounding areas, Bellefonte & Pleasant Gap, and the Boalsburg Zone.

Mr. Sherman reviewed how to travel to campus/downtown.

The CATAGO! Fares are as follows:

- \$2.20/trip cash, tokens, day passes (through Token Transit, and monthly OnePasses
- Free children under 40: and persons 65 and over with a Sr Transit ID Card
- \$1.10 persons with disabilities with a Reduced Fare ID Card and persons with a valid U.S.
   Medicare Card
- Free transfers between CATAGO! and CATABUS Community Routes
  - \*\*Payment is accepted on-board only\*\*

Reservations for **CATA**GO! trips may be made by signing into the TransLoc mobile app or by making standing reservations by telephone. Mr. Sherman reviewed how the app works.

Ms. Strickland asked about the staffing of drivers. Mr. Sherman stated it has been up and down, but they are managing without skipping a beat. Ms. Strickland suggested sharing any comprehensive data that is collected with the municipalities.

Mr. Ryan Hendrick, Ferguson Township Police Sergeant, stated that there are some community members that can't afford \$4.40 for a round trip and asked if CATA partnered with anyone.

Ms. Louwana Oliva, CATA, reported that at this time they are not offering free passes through a partnership.

Ms. Pam Robb, Patton Township, noted that they were unable to see the presentation clearly since they are attending remotely and requested a copy of the presentation to be given to each township. Mr. Sherman will ensure the presentation is shared.

4. Environment – no report.

#### VII. COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### a. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### a. Finance Committee

Ms. Strickland attended the meeting on behalf of Ms. Dininni and noted the report is in the agenda packet. Ms. Strickland noted that they took some time to discuss the timing of the comments with regards to the CIP and reported that next year, it will start earlier.

#### b. Climate Action & Sustainability Committee

Mr. Thompson highlighted from his report that they are looking for a consultant to review Regional Refuse and Recycling and they discussed the compost drop-off.

#### c. Public Safety Committee

Ms. Dininni attended the meeting on behalf of Ms. Stephens and highlighted from her report that the Code Agency is still recovering from COVID-19 and their fund balance has been depleted.

d. Human Resources Cancellation Notice

#### b. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no other committee reports.

#### VIII. STAFF REPORTS

All reports were included in the agenda packet.

- a. Township's Manger's Report
- b. Public Works Director Report

Mr. Modricker highlighted from his report that the Township had it's first case of Oak Wilt with two trees on Beaver Branch Road.

- c. Planning and Zoning Report
- d. Chief of Police Report

Sergeant Henrick highlighted from his report that Ag Progress Days was successful and that they attended the Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market.

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consent Agenda
  - a. Contract 2022-C2-Street Improvement Projects, Pay App. 1: \$596,127.72
  - b. Contract 2022-C8-Pavement Markings, Pay App. 3: \$10,430.36
  - c. 65 Volos Minor Land Development Plan d
  - d. Special Events Permit Pine Grove Mills Car Show
  - e. Donation Request Central PA Festival of the Arts First Night State College

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors *approve* the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion – Draft letters of support for PA Senate Bill 919 and PA House Bill 1555

Ms. Wargo noted that on July 28, 2022, at a regular meeting of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee (PineSAP), the Committee formally requested the Board of Supervisors to consider signing letters of support for PA Senate Bill 919 and PA House Bill 1555. Both bills support local and community level solar projects which help meet the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Objective 22.0—Pursue community-wide environmental impact reduction.

The PineSAP Committee has discussed impediments to residents of Pine Grove Mills in accessing renewable energy with the realization that a large portion of Pine Grove Mills residents cannot install solar panels on their houses due to their proximity to forest cover or their location in relation to Tussey Ridge. Both bills would legalize Community Solar Farms that would allow nonprofits, renters, and homeowners with poor access to sun to be able to purchase local solar power.

Provided with the agenda is a draft letter of support from PineSAP formerly requesting the Board of Supervisors to review and support the two bills.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Board of Supervisors **support** PA Senate Bill 919 and PA House Bill 1555. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Certification of 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Pension Funds

Ms. Wargo reported that in accordance with Act 205 of 1984 (amended by Act 189 of 1990), provided with the agenda is a memorandum from the Township Manager, dated September 12, 2022, describing the anticipated Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police and NonUniformed Pension Plans for 2023. Act 205 requires that the minimum pension obligations for the upcoming year be calculated and submitted to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors prior to September 30 of each year to be adopted by resolution. The municipal cost is estimated to be \$358,749 for the Police Defined Benefit Pension Plan and \$232,097 for the Non-Uniform 401a Defined Contribution Pension Plan. The State Aid Unit Value has not been provided at the time of this discussion the net cost to the Township, represented by the total municipal pension cost minus the State Aid Unit Value multiplied by the number of participants in each plan, cannot presently be determined. This item is for information only and no action is required by the Board.

d. Authorization for Public Hearing on an Ordinance authorizing a waiver of additional fees and penalties assessed in the event tax bills are not received

Ms. Wargo stated that the Governor signed Act 57 of 2022 in July to amend the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L. 1050, No. 394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, by amending Section 7 relating to "Effect of Failure to Receive Tax Notice". The intent of Act 57 of 2022 is to waive penalties and/or fees for new property owners who may not have received a real estate tax bill that was inadvertently mailed to the previous owner.

Ms. Stephens moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** advertisement for the public hearing on the proposed ordinance waiving additional fees and penalties, assessed, and certain other relief, in the event tax bills were not received. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion on PA Municipal League's Resolutions to be considered by 2022 Resolutions Committee

Ms. Strickland reported that at a previous Regular Meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted Supervisor Strickland to serve as Ferguson Township's Delegate for both the League's Resolutions Committee Meeting and Annual Business during the Municipal Leadership Summit. Provided with the agenda packet is a copy of the 2022 Resolutions Packet and the 2022 Policy Statement for review and discussion.

Ms. Stephens stated that she had trouble reading the agenda that she downloaded. Ms. Strickland stated that she too had trouble.

f. Discussion on 2023 Annual Appointments to Ferguson Township's Authorities, Boards and Commissions

Ms. Wargo noted that provided with the agenda is a list of upcoming vacancies as of December 31, 2022, on the Township's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. Additionally, the Board's policy on ABC Appointments is also attached to the agenda. The Board is asked to open an application period for interested volunteers so that applications may be collected with adequate time to schedule interviews for Board selection.

Ms. Strickland moved that the Board of Supervisors *authorize* the Township Manager to open an application period from October 1, 2022, through November 1, 2022. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Award Contract 2022-C19 Ferguson Township, Building 3 Roof Replacement

Mr. Modricker reported that on August 30, 2022, bids were opened publicly and read aloud for contract 2022-C19. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and was sent to potential bidders. The contract involves replacing the roof on public works building 3. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from David Modricker, Public Works Director dated September 6, 2022, recommending award of the contract.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Board of Supervisors **award** contract 2022-C19 FTPW Building 3 Roof Replacement to Jeffery S. Bickle dba J B Roofing in the amount of \$24,336.00. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Stephens received a communication from a resident that expressed concerns with motorists not stopping at the North Allen Street and Aaron Drive stop sign. Ms. Wargo will follow-up with the correct people.

#### XII. CALENDAR ITEMS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- a. Planning Commission September 26, October 10 & 24
- b. Pine Grove Mills SAP Advisory Committee September 22, October 27
- c. Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market Thursdays until September 29
- d. Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Monday, October 3
- e. Parks & Recreation Committee, October 13
- f. Coffee and Conversation, Saturday, October 15, Dunkin' Donuts, 8AM
- g. Tree Commission October 17

Ms. Wargo reported that the next Board meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2022.

Ms. Dininni reported that there was an Executive Session held on September 13<sup>th</sup> on a matter of land acquisition.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Stephens motioned to *adjourn* the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Centrice Martin, Township Manager of the Board of Supervisors

## CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Hybrid Meeting September 22, 2022 12:15 PM

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION	
RSVP	To ensure an overall quorum of members, please let us know how you intend to participate: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-mtqjsvHdCMFUBkY3fRLuEGCu1rMi75">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-mtqjsvHdCMFUBkY3fRLuEGCu1rMi75</a>
Remote Participants	To attend via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-mtqjsvHdCMFUBkY3fRLuEGCu1rMi75">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-mtqjsvHdCMFUBkY3fRLuEGCu1rMi75</a> To attend this meeting by phone: +1 929 205 6099   Meeting ID: 836 0054 0574
In-Person Participants	COG Building - Forum Room 2643 Gateway Drive, State College, PA 16801
Meeting Contact: Scott Binkley   email: sbinkley@crcog.net   814-235-7818	
Click HERE to locate the AGENDA and ATTACHMENTS  Should you desire to annotate any attachments you must download them first.	

- To simplify meeting management and to ensure that all attendees have equal ability to
  participate, the Chat feature has been disabled on the Zoom platform. A recording of the
  meeting will be made available on the COG website upon its conclusion.
- We ask that non-voting participants that are attending remotely remain muted with their video turned off unless recognized to speak. To reduce audio interference, please remain off speakerphone during the meeting.
- <u>VOTING PROCEDURES:</u> Members will provide their vote by voice. Clarification will be sought by the Chair if the vote is unclear. For additional information on COG Voting Procedures, click <u>HERE</u>.
- <u>PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:</u> Members of the public may comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. For additional information on COG public meeting guidelines, please click <u>HERE</u>. Written public comment or requests to speak to the Executive Committee for items not on the agenda, and requests to comment on specific agenda items listed below, may be submitted in advance by emailing <u>sbinkley@crcog.net</u>.
- To access agendas and minutes of previously held meetings, and to learn more about the COG Executive Committee on our website, please click <u>HERE</u>.

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Hybrid Meeting September 22, 2022 12:15 PM

# AGENDA SUMMARY

1.	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
3.	NEW AGENDA ITEMS
4.	CONSENT AGENDA
CA-1	Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2022 - Executive Committee Meeting
CA-2	Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA) Update
CA-3	Legislative Districting Update
CA-4	COG Building Inter-Municipal Agreement Modification
5.	CENTRE REGION ANTI-BIAS COALITION
6.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
7.	OTHER BUSINESS
8.	CALENDAR
9.	HELPFUL REFERENCE LINKS
10.	ADJOURNMENT

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Hybrid Meeting September 22, 2022 12:15 PM

### **AGENDA**

#### 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>

Chair will convene the meeting. Staff will take a roll call of committee members.

#### 2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

Chair will invite members of the public to comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person time limit please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. Submitted comments will be read into the record by the Recording Secretary at the appropriate time in the meeting.

#### 3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Committee members may request additional items of business be added to this meeting's agenda. If approved by a majority vote of the members, the proposed new agenda item(s) will be added at an appropriate place on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair. Ideally, items for future agendas should be proposed to the Executive Committee through your municipal representative.

#### 4. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> (Action)

The following items listed on the Consent Agenda portion of the Executive Committee agenda may be approved with a single motion by the Executive Committee unless a Committee member or member of the public requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for a question or further discussion.

#### CA-1 <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the August 18, 2022, Regular Executive Committee meeting.

Approval of this item approves the listed minutes of previous meetings.

#### CA-2 SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (SPPA) UPDATE

This item requests that the Executive Committee consider allowing a representative on the SPPA Working Group time at the September 29, 2022, General Forum meeting to present an update on the SPPA project.

Approval of this item will place it on the September 29, 2022, General Forum Agenda as a regular item.

#### CA-3 <u>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING UPDATE</u>

This item requests that the Executive Committee consider allowing Ms. Baker, CRCA Administrative Services Manager time at the September 29, 2022, General Forum meeting to present information regarding legislative redistricting and its impact on representation for the Centre Region and COG services in 2023 and beyond.

#### 2022 Redistricting of PA House and Senate Districts

Current State Representative Districts		
Kerry Benninghoff 171st	Rich Irvin 81st	Scott Conklin 77 <sup>th</sup>
College Township	➤ Halfmoon Township	<ul><li>Ferguson Township (portion)</li></ul>
<ul><li>Ferguson Township</li></ul>	Ferguson Township (portion)	<ul><li>Patton Township (portion)</li></ul>
Harris Township	<ul><li>Patton Township (portion)</li></ul>	<ul><li>State College Borough</li></ul>
➤ Bellefonte Borough		

New State Representative Districts		
82 <sup>nd</sup> Candidates	77 <sup>th</sup> Candidates	171st Candidates
Paul Takac (D)	Scott Conklin (D)	Robert Zeigler (D)
Justin Behren (R)	Steve Yetsko (R)	Kerry Benninghoff (R)
➤ College Township	➤ Ferguson Township	➤ Bellefonte Borough
Harris Township	Patton Township	
SC Borough (portion)	➤ Halfmoon Township	
	➤ SC Borough (portion)	

Current State Senator Districts
Jake Corman 34 <sup>th</sup>
➤ All of Centre County

New State S	enator Districts
Wayne Langerholc (R-Johnstown) 35 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Dush (R-Brookville) 25 <sup>th</sup>
Will serve Clearfield, Cambria, Centre Counties	Will serve McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Jefferson, Centre Counties
Ferguson Township	➤ College Township
➤ Halfmoon Township	Harris Township

➤ Patton Township	> Bellefonte Borough
	> State College Borough

This item was last presented to the Executive Committee at their July 19, 2022 meeting.

After a review of municipal meetings and confirmation with each Senator, the following meet and greet events have been scheduled for the elected officials, municipal managers, agency directors, and key staff to attend:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Pennsylvania Senator - Cris Dush
Representing: Bellefonte and State College Boroughs, and Harris and College Townships

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Pennsylvania Senator - Wayne Langerholc
Representing: Patton, Ferguson, and Halfmoon Townships

Both events will take place in the General Forum Room of the COG building.

Staff will look to the early winter to invite state representatives that may be unfamiliar with the COG and its services to a General Forum meeting.

A copy of the presentation is enclosed.

Approval of this item will place the informational presentation on the September 29, 2022, General Forum Agenda as a regular agenda item.

#### CA4 COG BUILDING INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

This item requests that the Executive Committee consider placing this matter on the September 29, 2022, General Forum meeting agenda as a regular item.

This item was last presented to and discussed by the Executive Committee at its August 18, 2022, meeting.

Educational information was provided at the July 25, 2022, General Forum meeting by staff, and proposed modifications to the COG Building Inter-Municipal Agreement were presented. Time was afforded at this meeting for members to provide feedback and ask questions of staff and the COG Solicitor. No action was taken at the July 25, 2022, General Forum meeting to approve the proposed modifications to the COG Building Inter-Municipal Agreement. On September 27, 2021, the General Forum directed staff to develop the required documents that would be used as instruments to transfer ownership of the COG Building to the Centre Region Council of Governments at the end of the lease on May 15, 2028.

At the July 25, 2022, General Forum meeting, members were encouraged to discuss this matter at their municipal meetings which COG staff could be requested to attend. General Forum members

were made aware by way of a matter of record on the August 22, 2022, General Forum agenda that this item may be brought forward again during the September 29, 2022, meeting of the General Forum.

The draft documents relating to the COG Building Inter-Municipal Agreement are enclosed.

Action to approve these documents requires a unanimous unit vote of the General Forum.

Approval of this item will place it on the September 29, 2022, General Forum Agenda as a regular agenda item.

#### Consent Agenda Approval Motion:

"That the Executive Committee approves items CA-1 – CA-4 as listed on the September 22, 2022, Executive Committee Consent Agenda."

#### All municipalities should vote on this motion.

#### 5. <u>CENTRE REGION ANTI-BIAS COALITION</u> (Discussion/Action) – Presented by Charima Young

This item asks the Executive Committee to consider allowing time at either the September 29, 2022, or the October 24, 2022, General Forum meeting for a representative from the Centre Region Anti-Bias Coalition, a committee of Community and Campus in Unity (CCU), to provide a brief update on the activities of the coalition.

During the October General Forum presentation, members would be invited to a breakfast or lunch and learn workshop that will provide more detailed information on how they can work with community members on DEI initiatives within their municipalities. Additional goals of the workshop are listed below.

- Connect officials from various municipalities to each other and the Anti-Bias Coalition so that they can share ideas and develop networks of resources for growing DEI work in their communities.
- Facilitate space and support for leaders to look at their municipalities' demographic data, current opportunities/challenges, and perceived roadblocks to growing DEI and to help them identify action steps they can take in the coming weeks and months.
- Reconvene regularly, perhaps quarterly to keep the connections growing and have participants keep sharing progress/additional roadblocks they encounter as they take action.

Executive Committee members are also asked to provide their input on the COG possibly providing meeting space to host the initial and/or future workshops in the COG General Forum room. It is anticipated that these workshops would begin in early November.

#### 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Informational) – Presented by Eric Norenberg

The Executive Director will update the Executive Committee on other items of current interest.

#### 7. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

- A. <u>Matter of Record</u> The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting on **Tuesday**, **October 18**, **2022**, **at 12:15 PM**.
- B. <u>Matter of Record</u> During its July 25, 2022, meeting, the General Forum approved the following motion relating to the review of the 2023 COG Program Plan:

"That the General Forum receive the 2023 Program Plan for the Centre Region COG and refer it to the Centre Region municipalities for review; and, further, that comments be referred to the COG Executive Director by 8:00 AM, Thursday, August 18, 2022, to be considered during the preparation of the draft 2023 COG Budget."

A similar motion was approved by the General Forum regarding the review of the annual update to the COG's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A matrix has been prepared that identifies municipal comments and staff responses on the 2023 COG Program Plan and 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and has been *enclosed* for informational purposes.

The Finance Committee received and discussed this document at their September 8, 2022 meeting, and Budget Review Sessions began on September 29 and future sessions are scheduled for October 6, 11, and 13 (wrap-up).

C. <u>Matter of Record</u> - After a review of municipal meetings and confirmation with each Senator, the following meet and greet events have been scheduled for the elected officials, municipal managers, and agency directors to attend:

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Representing: Patton, Ferguson, and Halfmoon Townships

Both events will take place in the General Forum Room of the COG building.

D. <u>Matter of Record</u> - Recently COG staff installed acoustical sound panels throughout the General Forum meeting room to help improve the audio aspects of its meetings. After the COG General Forum meeting on September 29, 2022, staff will be sending out a short survey to the elected officials, municipal managers, and key COG staff regarding these recent improvements. Feedback will be solicited to determine if these improvements have had a positive impact on the audio experience of meeting participants and to help determine possible next steps.

- E. <u>Matter of Record</u> The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is encouraging the public to "Save the Date" for the next round of public meetings on its State College Area Connector Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study in southern Centre County. The next public meetings are tentatively set for the evenings of October 19 and 20 at the Mount Nittany Middle School in Boalsburg. More specific details will be shared as plans evolve. The purpose of the State College Area Connector Study is to identify existing and projected transportation needs within the study area. The study is being done by PennDOT in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Up-to-date information on the study can be found at <a href="https://www.PennDOT.pa.gov/SCAC">www.PennDOT.pa.gov/SCAC</a>.
- F. <u>Matter of Record</u> A WPSU article on the Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group from September 7, 2022, can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3cZl4Gt">https://bit.ly/3cZl4Gt</a>.
- G. <u>Matter of Record</u> On August 31, 2022, the Centre County Board of Commissioners approved an expansion of the Centre County <u>Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy</u>, or C-PACE, program. The approval will allow C-PACE financing on multi-family housing of five units or more, indoor air quality improvements, and resiliency projects for both new and existing commercial construction projects. C-PACE is a financial tool for property owners to obtain low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, air quality, and water conservation projects. See the press release here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3RReWP8">https://bit.ly/3RReWP8</a>.
- H. <u>Matter of Record</u> The Centre Regional Planning Agency has created the "Regional Growth Boundary and Sewer Service at a Glance" document. This document provides the background and history of the RGB and SSA and other useful information about why the Centre Region has this important growth management tool. A GIS story map and downloadable PDF can be found at: <a href="https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC=E44AA69C-29BF-4069-B061-C2B3FDD7A182">https://www.crcog.net/index.asp?SEC=E44AA69C-29BF-4069-B061-C2B3FDD7A182</a>.
- I. <u>Matter of Record</u> COG is one of the sponsors for an upcoming event to learn about Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) on Monday, October 3rd at 4 pm at Big Spring Spirits in Bellefonte, PA. The targeted audience is commercial property owners, developers, and commercial lenders. More information can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/CPACEPA">https://bit.ly/CPACEPA</a>.
- J. <u>Matter of Record</u> On September 9, 2022, COG was informed that the ICLEI Action Fund will combine Round 1 and 2 applicants and up to three awards will be made from the combined poll of 30-35 applications. Notification of awards will now be in late October. For more information on our proposal for a Regional Energy+ Program visit: <a href="https://www.crcog.net/repp">https://www.crcog.net/repp</a>.
- K. <u>Matter of Record</u> You can subscribe to the official COG YouTube channel by going to <a href="https://bit.ly/3ypDlTT">https://bit.ly/3ypDlTT</a>. Staff has begun to live stream some of its meetings as well as started to include informational videos on COG and its services to educate viewers.
- L. <u>Matter of Record</u> The Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee typically meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM at the COG building and via Zoom.

For agendas, minutes, and additional information for this Special Committee please go to: <a href="https://www.crcog.net/parksgovernance">https://www.crcog.net/parksgovernance</a>.

- M. <u>Matter of Record</u> To watch an informational session on the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) please go to <a href="https://www.crcog.net/orientation">https://www.crcog.net/orientation</a>. This video is designed to provide an informational overview of COG, its operations, and its agencies. If you have questions regarding this video please contact COG Executive Director, Eric Norenberg at enorenberg@crcog.net.
- N. <u>Matter of Record</u> A COG Committee assignments roster can be found on the COG website at <a href="https://www.crcog.net/cogcommitteeassignments">https://www.crcog.net/cogcommitteeassignments</a>.

#### 8. <u>CALENDAR</u>

A calendar with upcoming COG committee, General Forum, and municipal meetings can be found by clicking the following link: COG and Municipal Meeting Overlay Calendar.

#### 9. <u>HELPFUL REFERENCE LINKS</u>

Repositories of helpful COG information have been assembled for use by elected officials, COG staff, and others:

- Governance policies, procedures, and other related documents can be viewed on SharePoint by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or going to <a href="https://www.crcog.net/governance">https://www.crcog.net/governance</a>.
- Updates on current COG Studies and Projects can be found by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or going to <a href="https://bit.ly/3vZP8Zs">https://bit.ly/3vZP8Zs</a>.
- The Whitehall Road Regional Park project site facilitates easy access to documents, resources, and current information about the project. Staff continues to develop and update the site which can be found at <a href="https://www.crcog.net/wrrpinfoguide">https://www.crcog.net/wrrpinfoguide</a>.
- COG Facilities Reference information can be found at: <a href="https://bit.ly/3qnEbMA">https://bit.ly/3qnEbMA</a>. The Facilities Committee uses this information as a collection point and serves as a resource for new members of the Committee as well as others. Please contact Scott Binkley at <a href="mailto:sbinkley@crcog.net">sbinkley@crcog.net</a> for access.

#### 10. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

#### **ENCLOSURES**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
CA-1	August 18, 2022 - Regular Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
CA-3	Pennsylvania Redistricting Presentation
CA-4a	COG Building Modification Agreement to Inter-Municipal Agreement 2001-1
CA-4b	DRAFT - COG Building Deed - 6-13-2022
CA-4c	COG Building Intermunicipal Agreement
07-b	Municipal 2023 COG Program Plan/CIP Comments Matrix

# CENTRE COUNTY METROPOLITAIN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CCMPO) COORDINATING COMMITTEE

#### Hybrid Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION				
RSVP	To ensure an overall quorum of members, please let us know how you intend to participate: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmorzoiHN3t9gauqC98qF6RhqWeZUea">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmorzoiHN3t9gauqC98qF6RhqWeZUea</a>			
Remote Participants	To attend via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmorzoiHN3t9gauqC98qF6RhqWeZUea">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmorzoiHN3t9gauqC98qF6RhqWeZUea</a> To attend by phone: +1 301 715 8592   Meeting ID: 897 3001 1869			
In-Person Participants	COG Building – Forum Room 2643 Gateway Drive, State College PA 16801			
Meeting Contact: Marcella Hoffman   email: mhoffman@crcog.net   814-231-3050				
	Click HERE to locate the AGENDA and ATTACHMENTS Should you desire to annotate any attachments, you must download them first			

- The chat feature for this meeting will be disabled. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the COG website upon its conclusion.
- We ask that non-voting participants that are attending remotely remain muted with their video turned
  off unless recognized to speak. To reduce audio interference, please remain off of speakerphone
  during the meeting.
- <u>VOTING PROCEDURES:</u> Members will provide their vote by voice. Clarification will be sought by the Chair if the vote is unclear. For additional information on Voting Procedures, please click HERE.
- <u>PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:</u> Members of the public may comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. For additional information on COG public meeting guidelines, please click <u>HERE</u>.
- To access agendas and minutes of previously held meetings, and to learn more about the CCMPO Coordinating Committee, please click <u>HERE</u>.

# **Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Coordinating Committee Meeting**

# Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:00 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- **2. Approval of Minutes:** *June 28, 2022 Coordinating Committee meeting.*
- **3. Public Comments:** *For items not on the agenda.*
- **4. New Agenda Items:** *Members may request that an additional item(s) be added to the agenda. If approved by a majority vote of members present, the proposed item(s) will be placed on the agenda at a time determined by the Chair.*
- 5. **Special Announcements**

The CCMPO welcomes Anne Messner as the CRPA's new Senior Transportation Planner Resolution of Appreciation for Trish Meek
In Memory of Jon Eich

**6** CCMPO Public Participation Plan:

Draft document

Action: Authorize advertisement of Public Participation Plan for public comment

7. <u>State College Area Connector (SCAC) Project:</u>

Status Report and PEL Study Report Review Process No action required

**8.** Performance Based Planning and Programming:

Opportunity to provide comments on Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure *Action: Comments and questions to MPO staff* 

9. CCMPO BIL Subcommittee Report:

Recommendations of the subcommittee

Action: Approve recommendations of subcommittee

10. CCMPO Strategic Plan:

Plan and project team introduction

Action: Receive presentation and provide comments to MPO staff and consultant team

11. CCMPO Draft Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Budget:

Draft Budget

Action: Provide comments to MPO staff and Coordinating Committee

12. Member Reports:

Reports from members about a significant item(s) of interest *No action required* 

- 13. Announcements
- 14. Adjourn

Next Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Hybrid - Zoom/COG Building





The CCMPO welcomes Anne Messner as the Centre Regional Planning Agency's new Senior Transportation Planner!

Since 2019, Ms. Messner served as the Senior Transportation Planner for the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office, which provides professional planning services to residents, communities, and municipalities of Centre County. At the CCPCDO, Anne was the primary staff person that administered the County's transportation program. Anne focused specifically

on managing transportation projects such as the Centre County Bridge Bundle and the Road MaP program.

Anne worked closely with CCMPO staff at the CRPA to develop and implement the Centre County Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Anne is certified with the American Institute of Certified Planners and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the CCMPO, with over 30 years' experience in various planning roles throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

Anne began her duties this Monday, September 12! Welcome aboard Anne!



# CENTRE COUNTY METROPOLITAIN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION 2022-01

### A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION FOR PATRICIA MEEK ON HER 27.5 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE CENTRE COUNTY METROPOLITAIN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Trish began her tenure with the Centre Regional Planning Agency on December 12, 1994, and served as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Senior Transportation Planner for the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO); and

WHEREAS, Trish served as a passionate advocate for bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning in Centre County; volunteered countless hours to bicycle and pedestrian planning and education efforts; thoughtfully and deliberately advised leaders on the CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committees; guided municipal governing bodies on many bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, educational activities, and active transportation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, under Trish's leadership, the CRPA and the CCMPO actively planned for a variety of successful transportation projects by:

- Taking the lead in a collaborative effort to have the Centre Region designated as a
  Bicycle Friendly Community by the National League of American Bicyclists (LAB),
  initially at the Bronze Level in 2016, and most recently at the Silver Level in 2020.
- Leading the development and delivery of bicycle education and fulfillment activities, many of which became extremely popular during the COVID pandemic when the public dramatically increased walking and biking activities.
- Managing the federal Transportation Enhancements, Transportation Alternatives, and Safe Routes to School programs for the CCMPO.
- Managing the CCMPO's participation in PennDOT's and the Commonwealth Financing Authority' Multimodal Transportation Fund programs.
- Assisting sponsors with applications for funding for other federal and state programs, resulting in the award of millions of dollars for numerous park, streetscape, sidewalk, and shared use path projects in Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Howard, and Phillipsburg Boroughs; Benner Township, and all six Centre Region municipalities.
- Assisting MPO staff with transportation planning projects for the CCMPO such as the
  first Park and Ride Lot Study, the Centre Area Public Transportation Plan for CATA,
  the Public Participation Plan, the 2030 and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, the
  biennial Transportation Improvement Program, the biennial Unified Planning Work
  Program, and developing safety improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Trish provided assistance to municipalities and PennDOT during the design and construction of projects, such as for the inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in

the University Drive Extension/Whitehall Road Widening, Warner Boulevard/Boalsburg Road Reconstruction, and Waddle Road Interchange Reconstruction projects; and

WHEREAS, Trish shared her expertise by serving on several statewide committees, including groups organizing the 2009 and 2012 Statewide Planning Partners Conference; PennDOT's Transportation Enhancements Project Review Committee, Transportation Alternatives Program Set-Aside Task Force, and Pedalcycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; the Pennsylvania Statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Steering Committee; the Pennsylvania Walkable Communities Collaborative; and the advisory committee for the "Evaluating Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit, and Economic Data Collection Needs and Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) in Pennsylvania" study completed by the University of Pittsburgh for PennDOT.

WHEREAS, Trish was particularly adept at building and maintaining relationships and partnerships between federal agencies, PennDOT, municipalities, other MPOs and Rural Planning Organizations, and many external partners at the national, state, and local level that facilitated responses to difficult questions, identified alternative approaches to address unexpected challenges, and frequently resulted in the commitment of additional funding for the implementation of projects and programs benefitting users across Centre County.

WHEREAS, Trish always demonstrated outstanding public speaking and presentation skills to officials and members of the public, frequently presenting complex materials in an easily understood manner, and delivering the information in a positive, engaging, and enthusiastic manner; and

WHEREAS, as Trish moves on from her position of Bicycle and Pedestrian Senior Transportation Planner, the Centre County Metropolitan Organization staff and the members of the Coordinating Committee wish to express their admiration and appreciation for her leadership, commitment, and years of service to the COG and the residents of the Centre Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coordinating Committee of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization, honors, thanks, and commends Trish for 27.5 years of service and guidance in the transportation field, wishes her the best in her future endeavors, and looks forward to working with her as she continues to serve as an advocate for people-powered transportation at the statewide level!

**RESOLVED** this twenty-seventh day of September 2022, meeting in regular session.

Attest:	By:		
James May	Eric Bernier		
Secretary, Centre County MPO	Chair, Centre County MPO		

# In Memory



On July 20, 2022, Jon W. Eich, State College Borough Planning Commission member and member of the CCMPO Coordinating Committee, passed away at the age of 67. Jon served as the Centre Region Planning Commission's representative on the Coordinating Committee since 2014. He was a strong advocate for transportation needs in the Centre Region, as well as the entire county.

One of Jon's highest priorities for decades was completing the highway "missing links" on major traffic routes in Centre County. He spoke often of the need to complete the "missing links", and after the Route 26 Relocation and Route 220/322 Improvements (Interstate 99) and the Route 322 Potters Mills Gap projects were completed, continued to be a strong advocate for funding and advancing the I-80/I-99 Interchange project and the State College Area Connector project.

Jon was closely engaged in the CCMPO's transportation planning and programming process and was always counted on to review and provide comments to staff and the Coordinating Committee about the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other MPO planning efforts. Jon thought broadly and without boundaries, sharing his information and awareness of transportation issues and projects at the federal and state level that could potentially impact Centre County. Jon was well-educated about the future of transportation, frequently engaging with staff about the implementation of ground and air-based automated passenger and freight delivery vehicles. He had a particular interest in planning for the infrastructure needed to support future forms of transport, and about the changes in land use patterns that would result from future means of transportation.

Jon supported the need to increase federal and state funding for transportation improvements of all modes. He frequently provided input to the CCMPO Coordinating Committee and staff about funding opportunities in current legislation and potential funding in new legislation that would benefit Centre County. Jon always emphasized the need to take advantage of all potential funding mechanisms and to maximize efforts to secure additional funding for projects of all types - transit, pedestrian/bike, highway/bridge, and air.

Jon's contributions and commitment to the CCMPO and the county is second to none, and his legacy will positively impact the visitors and residents of Centre County for decades to come. Jon will be remembered, and he will be missed.

#### ITEM 6

# **CCMPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)**

#### **Draft Document**

The CCMPO's current Public Participation Plan (PPP) was adopted by the Coordinating Committee in November 2015. The PPP is an important MPO document that guides the policies, goals, objectives, and techniques utilized by the CCMPO to interact with the public in carrying out its projects and programs.

MPO staff has prepared an updated draft PPP that not only links to the CCMPO Title VI Program, adopted in June 2022, but also reflects changes in public participation processes, tools, and requirements to better reflect the current operating environment.

The updated PPP includes, among other components:

- An updated list of MPO voting and non-voting members, including a current map of Centre County planning regions
- Current Centre County demographic information
- A revised and expanded list of interested parties
- An updated list of outreach techniques, most notably including new provisions for online / hybrid meetings, and social media postings
- Targeted outreach strategies for disadvantaged populations
- List of recent outreach activities
- Information responding to previous public comments

A 45-day public comment period is required before the CCMPO Coordinating Committee can take action to approve the new PPP. A public meeting must also be held during this comment period.

Staff is seeking authorization from the MPO Coordinating Committee to advertise the new PPP for public comment in October and November 2022 so that the CCMPO may consider taking action to approve the PPP in February 2023.

At this meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation about the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP).

#### Attachment:

Updated Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, and authorize a public comment period and public meeting for the PPP.

Presented by: Greg Kausch, CRPA

Action: Authorize advertisement of a public comment period and public

meeting for the PPP.

#### ITEM 7

## STATE COLLEGE AREA CONNECTOR (SCAC) PROJECT

# Status Report and PEL Study Report Review Process

The SCAC Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study is scheduled to be completed in fall 2022. The study will identify transportation improvements to be advanced for environmental consideration and further design in the next step, the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase.

The PE phase will involve a more detailed analysis of the study area's socio-economic, natural, and cultural resources; the detailed development and evaluation of transportation alternatives; the identification of a preferred alternative; and securing environmental clearance for the preferred alternative.

At the meeting, PennDOT's consultant team will provide an update about the study, including:

- Schedule for completion of the Draft PEL Study Report and release of study recommendations
- General timeline for the overall project process beyond the PEL

#### The Coordinating Committee should receive the status report.

Presented by: Dean Ball, P.E., PennDOT District 2-0

Kevin James, P.E., SCAC Project Manager, Michael Baker International

No action required.

SCAC website: www.PennDOT.gov/SCAC

#### ITEM 8

# FHWA GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) PERFORMANCE MEASURES

## **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

The CCMPO is currently subject to several performance-based planning and programming requirements as part of its highway/bridge and public transportation programs. These performance measures currently include highway safety, highway/bridge and pavement condition, highway system performance, transit asset management, and transit safety.

A greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions component was originally intended to be part of this performance measure package, but the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) repealed this regulation in May 2018, under the previous Administration.

Under the current Administration, FHWA once again issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with respect to greenhouse gas emissions targets for States and MPOs in the July 15, 2022 Federal Register. This notice proposes: "to require state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to establish declining carbon dioxide targets and to establish a method for the measurement and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation under the highways title of the United States Code."

On August 23-24, 2022, MPO staff attended a series of webinars to introduce the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the proposed methodology for calculating GHG emissions, and the public comment period for the proposed rulemaking. Interested parties may submit comments online, via mail, or via hand delivery on or before October 13, 2022.

In staff's view, the proposed rulemaking and methodology has some positive points, but may miss some potential key elements as well.

Staff is acting on a recommendation from the Technical Committee to present the a summary of the proposed rulemaking and asking the Coordinating Committee to consider advancing formal comments on behalf of the MPO, and what the substance of those comments should be.

At this meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation about the proposed rulemaking and some initial impressions.

#### Attachment:

Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure Summary

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation, consider providing guidance to the in terms of whether or not to submit formal comment, and if comments are to be submitted, what the substance of these comments should be.

Presented by: Greg Kausch, CRPA

Action: Provide guidance regarding whether or not to submit comments to

FHWA on behalf of the CCMPO.

#### ITEM 9

#### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

#### Recommendations of the CCMPO BIL Subcommittee

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* into law. The U.S. DOT refers to the IIJA as the "*Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL)*". The new legislation is a five-year bill that provides a substantial increase in authorized federal funding from the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*. The *BIL* includes five federal fiscal years from 2022 through 2026.

At the February 22, 2022 Coordinating Committee meeting, CCMPO staff delivered a presentation to introduce major provisions of the BIL. After receiving the presentation, the Coordinating Committee took action to form a subcommittee to discuss future discretionary funding programs as part of the new BIL legislation.

The committee met five times over the succeeding months. The committee fulfilled its charge to review provisions of the BIL, investigate opportunities for stakeholders in Centre County, evaluate the capacity of the MPO and other stakeholders to pursue opportunities noted, and provide recommendations for the most effective means of pursuing those opportunities.

Staff provided a summary of the activities and recommendations of the Subcommittee to the Technical Committee at the September 14, 2022 meeting, and the Technical Committee recommended action on the recommendations of the Subcommittee.

Staff will provide a brief presentation that summarizes the work and recommendations of the Committee.

#### Attachments:

- Table 1 Potential Projects by Category
- Table 2 Recommended High Priority Projects for BIL Programs
- Final BIL Subcommittee Recommendations
- Base Estimates for BIL Subcommittee Recommendations

The Coordinating Committee should consider action on the recommendations of the BIL Subcommittee.

Presented by: Jim Saylor, P.E., PTOE, CRPA

Action: The CCMPO Coordinating Committee should consider whether to

act on the recommendations of the BIL Subcommittee.

#### **ITEM 10**

## **CCMPO Strategic Plan**

The CCMPO's adopted FY 2020-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) included a work task to complete a new Strategic Plan for the future operations of the MPO Committees and staff.

In order to advance initiation of the study, CCMPO staff was able to obtain consultant support for completion of the study from Michael Baker, Inc., through a statewide open-end planning contract.

The Michael Baker team will provide a brief presentation to introduce the effort, covering the objectives and timeline.

The target date for adopting the Strategic Plan is June 21, 2023. On this schedule, the recommendations of the study would be available to guide the development of the 2024-2026 UPWP, and the Calendar Year 2024 budget.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation and provide comments to the CCMPO staff and project team.

Presented by: Jim Saylor, P.E., PTOE, CRPA

Brian Funkhouser, Michael Baker International Brad Stewart, Michael Baker International Paul Caulfield, Dering Consulting

Action: Provide input to the CCMPO staff and project team about the

scope and content of the plan.

#### **ITEM 11**

# CCMPO DRAFT CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2023 BUDGET

# **Review Draft Budget**

The CCMPO's annual <u>operating</u> budget is included as a distinct cost center in the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) calendar year budget.

Preparation of a Draft CY 2023 Budget has been completed. Staff will review the budget with the COG Finance Committee on October 11. The budget will also be reviewed by the local funding partners in October.

#### Attachments:

• Detailed revenue and expenditure pages

Staff will provide a presentation about the Draft CY 2023 Budget.

The Coordinating Committee should receive the presentation and provide comments to the MPO staff.

Presented by: Jim Saylor, P.E., PTOE, CRPA

Action: Provide comments about the Draft CY 2023 CCMPO Budget to

the MPO staff.

#### **ITEM 13**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates

a. Technical Committee: Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid meeting

Zoom and in-person at the Centre Region COG Building

⇒ CCMPO Public Participation Plan

⇒ CCMPO Strategic Plan

⇒ State College Area Connector

⇒ Transit Asset Management Plans

⇒ Transit Safety Report

b. Coordinating Committee: Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting

Zoom and in-person at the Centre Region COG Building

⇒ CCMPO Public Participation Plan

⇒ CCMPO Strategic Plan

⇒ State College Area Connector

⇒ Transit Asset Management Plans

⇒ Transit Safety Report

- 2. The CCMPO's FY 2022-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) took effect on July 1, 2022. The new UPWP originally included supplemental planning funds to complete an operations-based organizational Strategic Plan for the CCMPO. Staff were successful in working with the PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM) to retain consulting services through a Program Center open end agreement. As a result, work on the Strategic Plan is expected was initiated in July 2022, and the project will be discussed at upcoming CCMPO Committee meetings. Due to the use of the CPDM open end, the supplemental planning funds were transferred to a statewide program along with sufficient State Motor License Funds to constitute the required local match. Corresponding updates were made to the UPWP, and the updated version will be posted on the CCMPO website.
- 3. The CCMPO's *Procedures for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions* allow project sponsors (typically PennDOT and CATA) to make administrative modifications that change funding on the TIP without formal approval by the Coordinating Committee. The *Procedures* specify that the administrative modifications be reported to the CCMPO for information purposes. Attachment 13.3 is a Fiscal Constraint Chart that lists administrative modifications to the 2021-2024 TIP that were completed since the June CCMPO meetings.
- 4. PennDOT has announced that a funding round for the Multimodal Transportation Fund will be conducted this fall, with an application window opening September 12 and closing November 14, 2022.

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- 5. PennDOT has announced that a funding round for the Traffic Signal Technologies Grant program will be conducted with an application window opening September 1 and closing September 30, 2022. A preapplication scoping form must have been submitted by September 23, 2022. More information about the program is available on the PennDOT Traffic Signal Portal page.
- 6. Since the June 28, 2022 meeting, CCMPO staff have provided letters of support for a number of projects and funding programs, summarized below:

Project	Municipality	Program
Boal Avenue Crossing Improvements	Harris	Automated
	Township	Red Light
		Enforcement
		(ARLE)
Parkway and Atherton Street Signal	State College	ARLE
Improvements	Borough	
Waddla Road and Vaira Roulayard Signal	Patton	ARLE
Waddle Road and Vairo Boulevard Signal Improvements	Township	ANLE
Improvements	Township	

7. Since the June 28, 2022 meeting, CCMPO staff have provided letters of noting the consistency identifying that the following projects are consistent with current CCMPO plans and priorities:

Project	Municipality	Program
East College Avenue Shared Use Path from Puddintown Road to Hastings Road	College Township	Multimodal Transportation Fund/DCED
Toftrees Multimodal Transportation Improvement Project	Patton Township	Multimodal Transportation Fund/DCED

- 8. PennDOT submitted the 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), including the adopted 2023-2026 CCMPO TIP, to the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations. A copy of the transmittal letter is included as Attachment 13.8.
- 9. PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) training courses, sponsored by the SEDA-COG MPO See <a href="http://seda-cog.org/departments/transportation/local-technical-assistance-program/">http://seda-cog.org/departments/transportation/local-technical-assistance-program/</a>
- 10. PennDOT *Connects* initiative See *Connects* support hub at <a href="https://connect.psats.org/home">https://connect.psats.org/home</a>.
- 11. "Drive Forward" coalition formed by the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBICC) with the support of the CCMPO See <a href="www.driveforwardcc.com">www.driveforwardcc.com</a>.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION GOVERNANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hybrid Meeting September 28, 2022 8:30 AM

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION						
RSVP	To ensure an overall quorum of members, please let us know how you intend to participate: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcumuqjsuH9Z5006iswVIoH8r6QVfOHZq">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcumuqjsuH9Z5006iswVIoH8r6QVfOHZq</a>					
Remote Participants	To attend via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcumuqjsuH9Z5006iswVIoH8r6QVfOHZq">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcumuqjsuH9Z5006iswVIoH8r6QVfOHZq</a> To attend this meeting by phone: +1 929 205 6099   Meeting ID: 868 5064 0452					
In-Person Participants	COG Building – Forum Room 2643 Gateway Drive, State College, PA 16801					
	Meeting Contact: Scott Binkley   email: sbinkley@crcog.net   814-235-7818					
	Click HERE to locate the AGENDA and ATTACHMENTS Should you desire to annotate any attachments you must download them first.					

- To simplify meeting management and to ensure that all attendees have equal ability to participate, the Chat feature has been disabled on the Zoom platform. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the COG website upon its conclusion.
- We ask that non-voting participants that are attending remotely remain muted with their
  video turned off unless recognized to speak. To reduce audio interference, please remain
  off speakerphone during the meeting.
- <u>VOTING PROCEDURES:</u> Members will provide their vote by voice. Clarification will be sought by the Chair if the vote is unclear. For additional information on COG Voting Procedures, click <u>HERE</u>.
- PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES: Members of the public may comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. For additional information on COG public meeting guidelines, please click HERE. Written public comment or requests to speak to the Committee for items not on the agenda, and requests to comment on specific agenda items listed below, may be submitted in advance by emailing <a href="mailto:sbinkley@crcog.net">sbinkley@crcog.net</a>.
- To access agendas and minutes of previously held meetings, and to learn more about the COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee on our website, click HERE.

# PARKS AND RECREATION GOVERNANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hybrid Meeting September 28, 2022 8:30 AM

#### **AGENDA SUMMARY**

1.	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
3.	NEW AGENDA ITEMS
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5.	PARKS AND RECREATION GOVERNANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FACILITATOR DISCUSSION
6.	DRAFT GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT
7.	OTHER BUSINESS
8.	CALENDAR
9.	HELPFUL REFERENCE LINKS
10.	ADJOURNMENT

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## PARKS AND RECREATION GOVERNANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hybrid Meeting September 28, 2022 8:30 AM

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair will convene the meeting. Staff will take a roll call of committee members.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair will invite members of the public to comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person time limit please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. Submitted comments will be read into the record by the Recording Secretary at the appropriate time in the meeting.

#### 3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members may request additional items of business be added to this meeting's agenda. If approved by a majority vote of the members, the proposed new agenda item(s) will be added at an appropriate place on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair. Ideally, items for future agendas should be proposed to the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee through your municipal representative.

#### 4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

**Enclosed** is a copy of the minutes of the August 24, 2022, Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee meeting.

## 5. <u>PARKS AND RECREATION GOVERNANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FACILITATOR</u> <u>DISCUSSION</u> (Discussion) — Presented by Chair Francke

During the initial conceptualization and formulation of the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee, members were cognizant that an outside facilitator may be required to support the efforts of the Special Committee. Members should discuss if it would be an appropriate time to investigate the use of an outside facilitator to further the goals of the Special Committee. The Committee should also discuss what level of involvement the outside facilitator would hold. Would the facilitator lead discussions of the Committee by using its current structure? Would the facilitator be tasked with working to provide the Committee or General Forum with a series of governance recommendations outside of the Committee environment?

The Committee is asked to discuss potential pathways forward that will allow for advancements with its charge.

#### 6. <u>DRAFT GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT</u> (Discussion / Informational) — Presented by Chair Francke

Committee members will continue discussion using the enclosed draft document which can be used to help frame the continuing conversation on the various elements of Parks and Recreation Governance and possibly enable the Committee to reach tentative agreement on answers to the responsibilities of the Committee to determine:

- The best mission and/or purpose for the Authority for the future
- The best governance structure to achieve that mission/purpose
- The best governing documents to achieve that mission/purpose Bylaws, MOU's, Articles of Agreement, etc.
- The associated COG committee structure/relationship to support/supplement the work of the Authority, so that CRPR can provide cost-effective, consistent, and high-quality parks and recreation services to have a positive impact on the quality of life of those living, working, and playing in the Centre Region.

Also, enclosed is a discussion handout that was originally distributed in August 2019 regarding governance by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan study consultant.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. <u>Matter of Record</u> - The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting on **October 26**, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

#### 8. <u>CALENDAR</u>

A calendar with upcoming COG committee, General Forum, and municipal meetings can be found by clicking the following link: <u>COG and Municipal Meeting Overlay Calendar</u>

#### 9. <u>HELPFUL REFERENCE LINKS</u>

Repositories of helpful COG information have been assembled for use by the elected officials and COG staff:

 Governance policies, procedures, and other related documents can be viewed on SharePoint by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or going to <a href="https://www.crcog.net/governance">https://www.crcog.net/governance</a>.

- Updates on current COG Studies and Projects can be found by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or going to <a href="https://bit.ly/3vZP8Zs">https://bit.ly/3vZP8Zs</a>.
- Staff has established a SharePoint site, to share background information, documents, etc. with the members of the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee. As the work of the Committee proceeds, additional information will be added as well as draft documents that are being reviewed. The site can be accessed by going to:

  <a href="https://crcogonline.sharepoint.com/sites/COGParksandRecreationGovernanceCommittee">https://crcogonline.sharepoint.com/sites/COGParksandRecreationGovernanceCommittee</a>.

  Please contact Pam Salokangas at <a href="mailto:psalokangas@crcog.net">psalokangas@crcog.net</a> for site access.
- The Whitehall Road Regional Park project site facilitates easy access to documents, resources, and current information about the project. Staff continues to develop and update the site which can be found at <a href="https://www.crcog.net/wrrpinfoguide">https://www.crcog.net/wrrpinfoguide</a>.
- COG Facilities Reference information can be found at: <a href="https://bit.ly/3qnEbMA">https://bit.ly/3qnEbMA</a>. The Facilities Committee uses this information as a collection point and serves as a resource for new members of the Committee as well as others. Please contact Kathy Bisko at <a href="https://bit.ly/3qnEbMA">kbisko@crcog.net</a> for access.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

#### **ENCLOSURES**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
04	August 24, 2022 - Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee
	Meeting Minutes
06a	Draft Governance Document
06b	Governance Discussion 4 (Steering Committee Handout)

### FERGUSON TOWNSHIP REGIONAL AND ABC MEETING REPORT (One Meeting Report Per Form)

1.	. NAME OF MEETING ATTENDEE(S): Kevin Abbey, Mark Garlicki					
2.	REPORTING ON WHICH COMMITTEE: Spring Creek Watershed Comm.	DATE: <u>9/21</u>	/2022			
3.	REQUIRES COMMENTS BACK TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:	☐ YES	⊠ NO			
	If YES, describe briefly:					
4.	BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MEETING:					
	Chair Paul Takac conducted the meeting.					
	The previous meeting minutes were approved.					
	Educational Topic: Walnut Springs Constructed Wetland Lauren McPhillips of PSU. Dr. McPhillips explained the ithe value of Walnut Springs Wetland. The wetland does well as reduce sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus loads	mportance of squelch sto	of wetlands and orm flows, as			
	One Water Plan: Committee Members are being named Group to advance the One Water Plan. The Plan will bri authorities, government offices and conservation & stew Spring Creek Watershed items such as Science, Resea Requirements and Safety; Finance and Fundraising; and	ng together ardship gro rch and Dat	local ups to focus on a; Legal			
	Atlas Project: The SCWC website has extensive articles Spring Creek Watershed.	and resour	ces about the			
	Once Around the Watershed: As prompted by Chair Din promoting the Master Watershed Steward Program (Per SCWC was discussed; it is hoped to advance this program.)	nn State Ext				
	Next SCWC Meeting: November 16, 2022					
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5.	LINK TO COG COMMITTEE Attached.  MEETING AGENDA:					

#### **Spring Creek Watershed Commission**

September 21st, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5354312523">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5354312523</a>

- 1) Call to Order: Chair will call the meeting to order
- **2) Roll Call and Introduction:** Establish which municipalities are present and who the representatives/alternates are for each municipality.
- **3) Citizen Comments:** The public is invited to address the Commission on items <u>not</u> on the agenda. (5 minutes per commentary). Electronic copy of comments may be submitted to SCWC & will be added to meeting minutes.
- **4) New Agenda items:** Any representative/alternate may propose a new agenda which will then require majority approval to be added.
- **5) Approval of minutes**, Approval of July 2022 draft minutes (attached)
- 6) Educational Topic Introduction by Doug Mason, Education Committee
  - Walnut Springs Constructed Wetland in the Borough by Dr. Lauren McPhillips, Penn State University
- 7) Old Business:

One Water Plan: Phase III Working Group Update

Atlas Project Update – Paul Takac

- · PFAS article by David Roberts
- Watershed Mentor Awards

**Education Committee updates –** Doug Mason and Jasmine Fields

Educational Topics for remainder of 2022

- Confirmed presentation
  - November: Kimberlie Gridley tentative title *Pennsylvania*'s One Water Task Force

Social Media and Public Relations Updates – Izen Lingenfelter

#### 8) New Business:

As presented

9) Financial Update – Bill Sharp and Jon Eaton

Reports: July and August

**July 2022** 

Project Fund: **Debit:** \$0.00 **Credit:** \$0.00 **Balance:** \$2,150.63 General Fund: **Debit:** \$55.00 **Credit:** \$0.00 **Balance:** \$27,269.64

August 2022

Project Fund: **Debit:** \$0.00 **Credit:** \$0.00 **Balance:** \$2,150.63 General Fund: **Debit:** \$0.00 **Credit:** \$0.00 **Balance:** \$27,269.64

**10) Once Around the Watershed:** Members are asked to share relevant water related news from their municipality.

#### 11) Matters of Record

Remaining Meetings for 2022: November 16, 2022

CNET coverage of this meeting is sponsored by Centre County Government.

The airtimes for the <u>9/21/22</u> SCWC meeting to air on C-NET (Comcast Channel 7) are:

Monday, September 26 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28 - 5:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 29 - 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 30 - 12:00 am.

Sunday, October 2 - 4:00 p.m.

As always, it will also be available to watch online within 72 hours at <a href="https://www.cnet1.org">www.cnet1.org</a>.

Paul Takac is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Spring Creek Watershed Commission Zoom Meeting Time: Sep 21, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 535 431 2523

Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kbseVeBbit



#### Manager's Report October 3, 2022

- 1. The Manager met with Michael Landy with HammerTech to review a status update on IT Strategic Technology Assessment. Mr. Landy is currently in the process of coordinating an onsite visit with Hinton and Associates.
- 2. Met with Ferguson Township Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Regional Advisor, Wes Fahringer, to discuss the supplemental grant cycle.
- 3. Attended the PennPrime Annual Membership Meeting and Risk Management Conference.
- 4. Met with Dan Jones, Landscape Artichects, Doug Ford, Master Gardener with Penn State, and Assistant Township Manager to discuss the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden.
- 5. Met with Joe Hartman to discuss insurance renewals
- Attended the Kish Bank Reception.
- 7. Attended the Emergency Management Council meeting and there are plans to coordinate tabletop exercises for the Centre Region.
- 8. Attended a school tour with Sgt. Hendrick.
- 9. Ferguson Township received a thank you for their recent sponsorship of Central PA Festival of the Arts' First Night State College.



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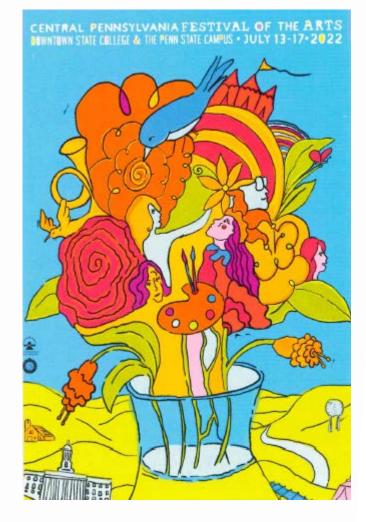
for being part of our Arts Festival family!

We needed you this year like no other.
You helped make the return to a live
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# Public Works Director's Report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the regular meeting on October 3, 2022

- Public Works Road Crew Activities: Leaf collection will start October 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue every working day until the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> or otherwise hampered by winter operations.
   One round of brush collection will be made the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A crew will participate in the United Way Day of Caring activity.
- 2. Arborist and Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) Activities- Quotes are due October 3<sup>rd</sup> to treat approximately 80 trees within a 150 radius of two trees infected with oak wilt on Beaver Branch Road. If awarded, the work will be performed as quickly as possible. In addition, 2 infected trees will be removed. In response to a heightened awareness in the community, the arborist has been requested to visit several other trees and sample results for oak wilt are pending. The Tree Commission meets October 17<sup>th</sup> and in addition to routine business will conduct a public hearing for tree removals.
- 3. Stormwater The stormwater fee implementation committee continues to meet biweekly to discuss issues and concerns. The deadline for credit and exemption applications is September 30<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 fee. The stormwater engineer's major activities for the next 2 weeks include processing credit applications and responding to inquiries regarding stormwater fees, credits and exemptions, 2). follow up on potential stream buffers as part of potential pollution reduction projects for our MS4 permit, 3) responding to stormwater complaints and questions, 4) stormwater reviews for any new land development plans. The stormwater engineer is collaborating with a property owner on a potential public/private partnership stormwater improvement project involving an incised and eroding channel in the Park Hills area which also includes cooperation with PaDEP and Clearwater Conservancy and the County Conservation District.
- 4. Work Orders and Asset Management TRAISR subcommittee meetings with COG and the consultant are on hold, however public works TRAISR is functional and in use and support is provided by TRAISR. Chris Leidy, Building and Asset Superintendent, and the Public Works Director, have been meeting with the mechanics to develop the fleet module, meeting with the Township Engineer to introduce and train him on using TRAISR for traffic signal related work orders.
- 5. **Contract 2016-C11 Traffic Signal Performance Metrics –** Work resumed by Wyoming Electric and Signal Company to install poles and finalize the interconnect our traffic signals

- using radio signals to allow for more efficient and timelier optimization of signals from the Township office and PennDOT's Traffic Management Office.
- 6. Contract 2018-C20 Park Hills Drainageway A permit from PaDEP is pending easement acquisition. 8 of 11 claimants verbally accepted the offer of just compensation. The Public Works Director serving as Right of Way Representative will set up "closings" to obtain signatures on documents and provide the compensation check. Contract 2018-CC20U to relocate certain utility lines as part of the project has been rebid. Construction of the drainage project is expected in 2023 with final landscaping in spring of 2024. A supplement for additional work is being negotiated with the design professional.
- 7. Contract 2019-C21 Pine Grove Mills Street Light Conversion: This project is out to bid.
- **8.** Contract 2020-C4 Suburban Park This project includes features shown in the master plan including play equipment, a perimeter walk path, restoration of a stream channel, installation of bridges. Design is in final review.
- **9.** Contract 2020-C18 Science Park and Sandy Drive Signal Design Design work was on hold during 2022 given other capital project priorities. This project was discussed during the CIP review by the BOS and final design and bidding is deferred to 2024.
- 10. Contract 2021-C16 Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP) Design and Permitting In compliance with our MS4 permit and CBPRP, certain projects need to be advanced through the design and permitting phase. The stormwater engineer reviewed the MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan and conducted site visits to evaluate projects. The section of Slab Cabin Run between Chestnut Street and SR45 and the tributary to Beaver Branch in the Piney Ridge neighborhood continue to be viewed favorably as candidate projects by the Stormwater Engineer and PaDEP. There may be a possibility for a partnership with Pa Fish and Wildlife on the Beaver Branch tributary project. An update to the Board is planned in November.
- 11. Contract 2022-C1 Street Improvement Projects (in town) –Work is substantially complete. Our line striping contractor returned and completed line striping on these projects. Cross walks and legends still need painted.
- 12. Contract 2022-C2 Street Improvement Projects (west end)— Work is substantially complete. Our line striping contractor returned and completed line striping on these projects.
- 13. Contract 2022-C3 Cured in Place Pipe Lining This contract includes repairing corrugated metal storm pipes with a pipe liner allowing pipe repair from the inside without the need for digging. The contract is prepared based on a completed video assessment of the pipes. The process includes ultraviolet light cured in place pipe lining. Spot repairs are being made by FTPW. This contract was awarded to Hydro-Klean, LLC. Need to set up a preconstruction meeting with a notice to proceed in early October.
- 14. **Contract 2022-C11 Sidewalk Repairs** FTPW Engineering Section inspected a portion of the public sidewalks. Property owners were sent notices to fix deficient sidewalk sections and

- given an opportunity to fix it themselves or have the Township perform the work by contract and bill the property owner. Work is underway to be completed by the end of October.
- 15. Contract 2022-C14 Street Tree Planting Work involves replacing dead or damaged street trees as well as planting opportunities identified by the tree commission and arborist. Notices are sent to adjoining property owners regarding tree species. The contract should be advertised by December, 2022.
- 16. **Contract 2022-C15 Street Tree Pruning** Each year a certain number of street trees are pruned to include shaping while they are young, clearance over sidewalks and roadways, deadwood removal as the trees mature, and hazard mitigation. This project should go out to bid in October.
- 17. Contract 2022-C16 Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Push Buttons This project (in design) includes upgrades to the traffic signals at the College/Bristol intersection and the College/Blue Course intersection to install audible pedestrian signals. An APS provides audible information along with the visual indicators to let blind pedestrians know when to safely cross an intersection.
- 18. Contract 2022-C19 FTPW Building 3 Roof Roof Repair -The existing rubber roof on FTPW building 3 has failed and the roof needs replaced. A pre-construction meeting is planned for October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 19. **Contract 2022-C20 Admin Building HVAC –** Staff is awaiting final electrical drawings and special provisions from Barton Associates. Staff will then put together the "front end" specifications and put this project out to bid. This project includes replacing the existing energy recovery unit or direct outside air unit (DOAU) on the roof of the administration building.
- 20. Contract 2022-C21 Pine Grove Mills Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (TASA grant) The Township received notice of a \$700,000 grant award for construction and inspection of this project. The 2022 budget includes \$120,000 for survey and design. The County will provide a \$50,000 liquid fuel grant toward construction of this project. A kickoff meeting with PennDOT and CRPA was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. In December, the Township should expect to receive a reimbursement agreement that must be executed with PennDOT. Staff prepared a request for professional proposals from consultants in accordance with PennDOT solicitation requirements for professional services. This is a two-step selection process. Proposals were received from 3 firms: EADS Group, McCormick Taylor, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering. An evaluation team of Township and PennDOT personnel independently reviewed and rank the proposals. The team met and reviewed rankings on September 19<sup>th</sup>. MTA is selected as the top ranked firm. A scope of work for the design phase was developed by PaDOT and the Township and provided to MTA on September 26<sup>th</sup>. MTA is expected to provide their technical work and price proposal in 2 weeks.
- 21. Contract 2022-C23 Pine Grove Mills Lighting Design (18 new lights) Work includes the design of new ornamental lights in Pine Grove Mills mostly to the west of the flashing light. Work has not yet started on the design of this project.

22. Operating Budget for 2023 – The Public Works Director is working on the public works portions of the 2023 operating budget.



## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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#### PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monday, October 3, 2022

#### LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND OTHER PROJECTS

- 1. Active Plans are listed below for the Board of Supervisors (9/27/2022).
  - The Peace Center/Cemetery—Islamic Society Preliminary Land Development Plan (24-004-078C-0000)
  - Farmstead View Subdivision Plan (24-022-306-0000)
  - Fusion Japanese Steakhouse Preliminary Land Development Plan (24-015-038-0000)
  - Imbt Preliminary Subdivision Plan (24-004-017A-0000)
  - 1004/1006 West College Avenue Vertical Mixed-Used Preliminary Land Development Plan (24-002A-051-0000)
  - MP Machinery Preliminary Land Development Plan (24-433-007-0000)
  - MP Machinery Minor Subdivision Plan
     (24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000)
  - 165 Volos Lane Minor Land Development Plan (24-007-016-0000)
  - Salvation Baptist Church Preliminary Land Development Plan (24-004-078-0000)
  - o All Washed Up Auto Spa (24-012-023-0000 & 24-012-022-0000)
- 2. PZ Staff attended the Bi-Weekly meeting with Mackin Engineering, Planning Commission, PZ Weekly Meeting, Planning Weekly Meeting, Municipal/CRPA Joint Staff Meeting, the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee, the Spin Bike User Meeting, and attended PSU Land Use Webinar.
- 3. PZ Director attended the Leadership Team Meeting, the Route 45 Getaways Wrap Up Meeting, and attended the Utility Scale Solar Development: Considerations for Local Ordinances held by Centre County.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission met September 26, 2022, to review the Minor Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive.

#### **ZONING HEARING BOARD**

The Zoning Hearing Board held a Zoning Officer Determination Appeal Hearing at the August 23, 2022, meeting:

#### 1. Nixon Road (24-003-007M-0000)

On June 29, 2022, C. Anthony Fruchtl, Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. submitted an application for an appeal hearing at 24-003-007M-0000, on behalf of the property owner, Lindsey Kiefer. The property is zone Rural Agricultural (RA), and the applicant is appealing the Zoning Administrator's application of the Riparian Buffer Overlay Zoning District regulations. The Zoning Administrator has determined that a storage of land clearing material is not a permitted use within the Riparian Buffer and as a result, denied the Zoning Permit Application. *The applicant provided additional information that was requested by staff and the Board referred the review back to the Zoning Officer in light of the new information provided.* 

#### PINE GROVE MILLS SMALL AREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee met September 22, 2022. Committee members have been meeting with PZ Staff to discuss ordinance amendments and zoning map amendments. Staff is helping these members identify their specific purpose/goals for amending the zoning ordinance, identify their purpose/goals for creating an overlay zoning district, and review current regulations for Home Occupations/No-Impact Home Based Businesses.

The Committee reviewed season streetlight décor ideas and chose string lights to wrap around every other streetlight, a fall bow for every light, and a holiday wreath for every other streetlight. Concerns were expressed over the decorations that are lit up and how close the streetlights are to residential homes and opted to alternate every other pole to start. The Committee also discussed the idea of an event where residents of Pine Grove Mills could help decorate the streetlights in Pine Grove Mills.

The Committee is also working on developing educational materials for residents of Pine Grove Mills to inform them of different processes of: obtaining a home occupation permit, zoning permits for additions, the minor alteration process and uses permitted in the Village zoning district to help educate residents of the benefits of rezoning property to Village.

#### **ROUTE 45 GETAWAYS COMMITTEE**

The Route 45 Getaways Event took place July 29, 2022, to August 7, 2022, along State Route 45 and the Committee will be meeting September 7, 2022, at Pine Grove Hall to review this year's event and prepare the report for Happy Valley Agventure Bureau (HVAB).

The Committee received notification that Happy Valley Agventure Bureau (HVAB) awarded the Committee \$8,000.00 for infrastructure projects that will improve visitor/customer experience for businesses in Centre

County. Funding for the grant program was made possible by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as part of its Marketing to Attract Tourists program.

The Committee will utilize the funds for installing Tourist Oriented Directional Signing (TODS) for businesses that participate in the Route 45 Getaways event and to purchase footers and poles to display event banners across Route 45. Ideally, with additional signage, tourists and visitors will support the local economy in the arts, entertainment, recreation, and agricultural sectors along the Route 45 corridor. PZ Staff completed an application for businesses interested in obtaining TOD Signage.

<b>ORDINANCE</b>	

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADDITIONAL FEES AND PENALTIES ASSESSED, AND CERTAIN OTHER RELIEF, IN THE EVENT REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WERE NOT RECEIVED.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Ferguson, Centre County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (the "Township") is a Home Rule political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is a taxing district as defined in the Local Tax Collection Law, 53 Pa.C.S. § 8001, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township adopts its annual budget on or before December 31 of each year, and issues its real estate tax bills on March 1 of each year ("Real Estate Tax Bills"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Estate Tax Bills provide payment by certain dates, which it identifies as payment of the discount, face, and/or penalty amounts depending on when payment is made; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time there are errors and/or delays with the distribution of Real Estate Tax Bills and/or the delivery system for the same and property owners do not receive their Real Estate Tax Bills, and/or do not receive their Real Estate Tax Bills in a timely fashion to meet the payment deadlines; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 57 of 2022 authorizes, in certain prescribed and limited circumstances, for the waiver of additional fees and penalties associated with the Real Estate Tax Bills, and certain other relief (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Township is supportive of such relief.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Township and pursuant to the authority conferred to the Township by the Act:

- 1. Provided that affected Taxpayers do all the following:
  - a. Provide a waiver request of additional charges to the tax collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event, where a qualifying event is:
    - i. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership; or
    - ii. For the purposes of mobile or manufactured home, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a mobile or manufactured home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the mobile or manufactured home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

- b. Attest that the Real Estate Tax Bill was not received and/or was not received in a timely manner; and
- c. Provides proof of property transfer to the Tax Collector within the previous twelve (12) months and either:
  - i. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
  - ii. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home or an executed lease agreement between the owner and the lessee showing the date on which the lease began; and
- d. Includes payment of the face value of the Real Estate Tax Bill with the waiver request.
- 2. The waiver shall be on the standardized form developed by the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Act. The Township will have the waiver form available at its offices and on its website.
- 3. When a taxpayer's waiver is granted, the Tax Collector will not assess fees or penalties when Real Estate Tax Bills are paid under these provisions. Any existing claim or lien filed for an additional charge shall be deemed satisfied.
- 4. This Ordinance shall apply to any person duly elected and/or appointed to the position of Tax Collector.
- 5. Tax Collectors shall not be liable for accepting any payment pursuant to this Ordinance.
- 6. This Ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2023.

Centrice Martin, Secretary

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** as an Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ferguson on this \_\_\_\_day of October 2022.

# TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON By: Laura Dininni, Chair Board of Supervisors [SEAL] ATTEST:



# Mid-State Paving LLC 20th Anniversary 1999 - 2019

September 20, 2022 Invoice # 22CT012 - FINAL

Ferguson Township 3147 Research Drive State College, PA 16801

Attention:

Ferguson Township

Re:

Job Name:

Harold Drive Improvements

Contractors Job #:

22CT012

Engineer:

Ferguson Township

Engineer Project #:

NA

Owner:

Ferguson Township

Contract Date:

May 5, 2022

Application #2F	From:	07/21/22	To:	09/20/22	
	Original Bid Value				\$ 80,520.50
	Approved Change Ord	lers To Date			(1,965.47)
	Revised Bid Value				\$ 78,555.03
	Completed To Date				\$ 78,555.03
	Stored To Date				0.00
	Completed and Stored	To Date			\$ 78,555.03
	Retainage Withheld		0.00	%	0.00
	Completed & Stored T	To Date			\$ 78,555.03
	Less Previous Invoices	S			76,983.93
	Amount Due This Rec	luest			\$ 1,571.10

Balance to Finish, Plus Retainage

2021-C4 Harold Drive Improvements

Pay App #2 - FINAL Acct#: 32.439.610 Pay: \$1,571.10

CC: JOB FILE & AR

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TOTALS

NET CHANGES by Change Order

\$0.00

9/26/22

Project:	Harold Drive Improvements				Application Per	iod:		07/21/22	09/20/22		Applica	#2F	
Owner:	Ferguson Township								AND WELL		Applicatio	n Date:	09/20/22
General:	Mid-State Paving, LLC		-		Engineer			Fe	rguson Townshi	р	Contract	Date	05/05/22
	Site Construction				Contract #				NA				
Item #	<u>Description</u>	Bid Qty	<u>U/M</u>	Unit Price	Bid Value	Quantity Installed Previously	Quantity Installed This Period	Total Quantity Installed	<u>Value</u>	Matls Stored	Total Completed and Stored	% Complete	Balance to Finish
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1	Class 1 Excavation	196	CY	51.70	10,133.20	175.50		175.50					
2	Class 1A Excavation	20	CY	116.50	2,330.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0%	2,330.00
3	Class 4 Excavation	14	CY	125.00	1,750.00	34.80		34.80	4,350.00		4,350.00	248.6%	(2,600.00)
4	Base Course, PG64S-22, < .3 Million ESALs, 25 MM, 5" Depth	467	SY	26.75	12,492.25	472.00		472.00	12,626.00		12,626.00	101.1%	(133.75)
5	Subbase, 6" Depth (No. 2A)	467	SY	12.55	5,860.85	473.50		473.50	5,942.43		5,942.43	101.4%	(81.58)
6	Wearing Course, PG64S-22, < 3 Million ESALs, 9.5 MM, 1 1/2	650	SY	14.40	9,360.00	654.50		654.50	9,424.80		9,424.80	100.7%	(64.80)
7	Wearing Course (Scratch), PG 64S-22, < .3 MillionESALs, 9.5 N	5	TN	200.00	1,000.00	5.00		5.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	100.0%	0.00
8	Asphalt Tack Coat	825	SY	1.70	1,402.50	182.50		182.50	310.25		310.25	22.1%	1,092.25
9	15" Thermoplastic Pipe, Group III, 8'-2' Fill	37	LF	62.70	2,319.90	37.00		37.00	2,319.90		2,319.90	100.0%	0.00
10	Type M Frame and Bicycle Safe Grate	1	EA	725.00	725.00	1.00		1.00	725.00		725.00	100.0%	0.00
11	Standard Inlet Box = 10'</td <td>1</td> <td>EA</td> <td>1,980.00</td> <td>1,980.00</td> <td>1.00</td> <td></td> <td>1.00</td> <td>1,980.00</td> <td></td> <td>1,980.00</td> <td>100.0%</td> <td>0.00</td>	1	EA	1,980.00	1,980.00	1.00		1.00	1,980.00		1,980.00	100.0%	0.00
12	Mobilization	1	LS	15,250.00	15,250.00	1.00		1.00	15,250.00		15,250.00	100.0%	0.00
13	4" Pipe Underdrain, Type II Backfill	263	LF	15,80	4,155.40	275.00		275.00	4,345.00		4,345.00	104.6%	(189.60)
14	Thermoplastic End Section for 15" Pipe	1	EA	485.00	485.00	1.00		1.00	485.00		485.00	100.0%	0.00
15	Construction Surveying, Type B	1	LS	3,760.00	3,760.00	1.00		1.00	3,760.00		3.760.00	100.0%	0.00
16	No. 57 Coarse Aggregate	36	CY	55.15	1.985.40	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0%	1,985.40
17	Topsoil Furnished and Placed	5	CY	165.00	825.00	9.40		9.40	1,551.00		1,551.00	188.0%	(726.00)
18	Temporary Ultra-Short-Term, Rolled Erosion Control Product, T	28	SY	6.00	168.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0%	168.00
19	Rock, Class R-3(Modified)	2	SY	185.00	370.00	1.50		1.50	277.50		277.50	75.0%	92.50
20	Inlet Filter Bag for Type M Inlet	1	EA	170.00	170.00	1.00		1.00	170.00		170.00	100.0%	0.00
	M & P of Traffic During Construction	1	LS	1,500.00	1,500.00	1.00		1.00	1,500.00	-	1.500.00	100.0%	0.00
21		28	SY	10.50	294.00	140.00		140.00	1,470.00	-	1,470.00	500.0%	(1,176.00)
22	Seeding, Soil Sup and Mulching	20	SY	71.00	1.420.00	6.80		6.80	482.80		482.80	34.0%	937.20
23	Driveway Restoration	28	SY	28.00	784.00	54.00		54.00	1,512.00		1,512.00	192.9%	(728.00)
24	Swale Grading	20	31			34.00		54.00					
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A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSLYVANIA, THAT AUTHORIZES THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE CECIL IRVIN PARK PHASE 2 PROJECT.

**WHEREAS, FERGUSON TOWNSHIP** ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "Cecil Irvin Park Phase 2" ("Project Title"); and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Department a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the application package includes a document entitled Terms and Conditions of Grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

#### **NOW THEREFORE**, it is resolved that:

- 1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "Centrice Martin" who, at the time of signing, has a TITLE of "Township Manager" and the email address of "cmartin@twp.ferguson.pa.us".
- 2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
- 3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
- 4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "TITLE" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

#### **TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON**

		By: Laura Dininni, Chair Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:	[SEAL]	
By: Cer	ntrice Martin, Secretary	
that the for	regoing is a true and correc	rguson Township Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify t copy of the Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of ervisors held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.
Date:		Centrice Martin, Township Secretary



#### **RESOLUTION PAGE**

#### Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/grants

DCNR-C2P2 Applicant Information (\* indicates required information)

Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: FERGUSON TOWNSHIP Web Application ID: 2005482

Project Title: Cecil Irvin Park Phase 2.1

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(identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of this applicant, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

(signature of the governing body)

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the



# Proclamation

#### September 15 - October 15, 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month

**Whereas**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in recognition of the great cultural impact and achievements of the Hispanic American community; and

**Whereas**, Ferguson Township honors the variety of cultures, traditions, and faiths that make up our richly diverse community; and

**Whereas**, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors would like to acknowledge our fellow citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America: and

**Whereas**, in the United States, people of Hispanic origin make up 18.5% of the population; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic Americans are the largest ethnic minority group in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the influence of Hispanic Americans has greatly contributed to the culture, economy, development and achievements of our community and the United States; and

**Whereas**, the period of September 15 through October 15 is designated as the observance period for National Hispanic Heritage Month as it coincides with the anniversary of the independence of five Hispanic countries; and

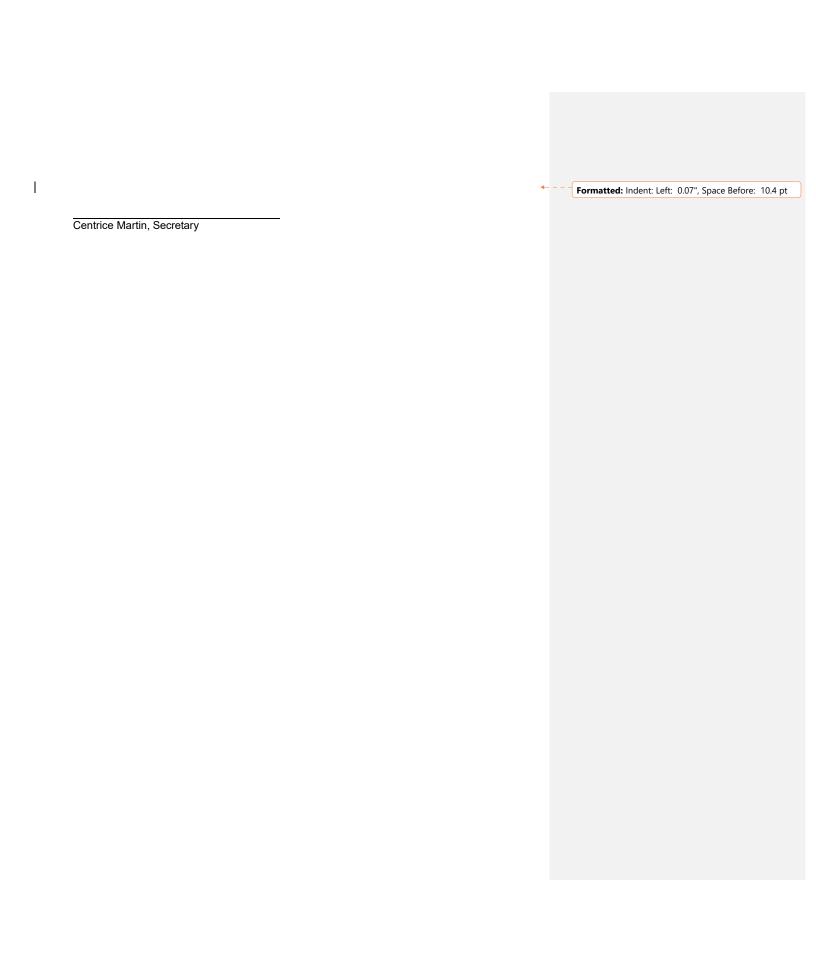
**Whereas**, Ferguson Township, by adopting this proclamation, commits to making our community a welcoming and inviting place for residents, business owners, visitors, and students of Hispanic heritage.

**Moto, therefore,** The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the period from September 15 to October 15, 2022, to be Ferguson Township Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all residents of Ferguson Township to celebrate the immeasurable value that our friends, families, and neighbors of Hispanic heritage add to our quality of life.

Proclaimed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.

Ferguson Township E	Board of Supervisors,
Laura Dininni, Chair	

RESOLUTION NO. 2022	Formatted: No underline
<b>XX</b>	
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  AUTHORIZING FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TO GRANT AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-	
06 WHICH ESTABLISHED AA PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES FROM THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE AND REPEAL RESOLUTION 2021-06.	
<b>WHEREAS,</b> the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #1066 on February 16, 2021, establishing a Stormwater Management Utility Fee for all property owners in	Formatted: Underline Formatted: Underline
Ferguson Township; and	romatted: Onderline
WHEREAS, the intention of the ordinance and fee is to offset the direct and indirect costs of stormwater management in Ferguson Township; and	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , a component of the Township's stormwater management obligations is to encourage and recognize best management practices for the conveyance and treatment of stormwater by property owners in the Township; and	
WHEREAS, in recognition of the unique attributes that agricultural properties possess to recharge the watershed and reduce the burden on public and private treatment of stormwater runoff, the Board of Supervisors is desirous of providing a partial exemption to qualified Agricultural Properties from the Stormwater Management Utility Fee; and	
WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors previously adopted Resolution No. 2021-06 to establish a partial exemption for agricultural properties from the Ferguson Township Management Utility Fee which required an annual application submission for the partial exemption to be applied each year pending review and approval by the Township.	
NOW THEREFORE, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors hereby-establishes a amends the Agricultural Properties Exemption Policy for the partial exemption for gualified Agricultural Properties from the Stormwater Management Utility Fee as described in the amended policy attached hereto and made part of this Resolution as Exhibit "A".	
RESOLVED this day of, 2022.	
TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON	
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By: Laura Dininni, Chair Board of Supervisors	
[SEAL]	
ATTEST:	



#### Exhibit "A"

#### Ferguson Township Stormwater Management Utility Fee Agricultural Properties Exemption Policy

Adopted: February 16, 2021 Amended:

#### **Purpose**

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance #1066 on February 16, 2021, establishing a Stormwater Management Utility Fee for the purposes of funding the Township's obligation to maintain its stormwater management infrastructure; complying with state and federal permit requirements; and to more equitably assess all property owners in accordance with each property's total impervious area. This policy is intended to provide a partial exemption for agricultural properties that limits the maximum fee assessed to twice the median assessment fee imposed on all other properties in the Township. It is the intent of this Policy to acknowledge the unique infiltrative characteristics of agricultural properties.

#### **Definitions**

- Agricultural Properties. Properties that meet the definition of "agricultural use" as defined in Section 2 of the Act of December 19, 1974, known as the "Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974," regardless of whether the area is comprised of more than one deeded tract.
- 2) Dwelling Unit. A dwelling used by one family or single housekeeping unit.
- 3) Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). The basic unit for the computation of Stormwater Program Fees. An ERU is based on the analysis of all single-family-detached-residential properties within the Township and is the value of impervious area found on the median. It is 3,097 square feet of impervious area. The ERU billing unit of 3,097 square feet is used to calculate the Stormwater Utility Fee for each parcel of developed property within the Township.
- 4) Impervious Area. A surface that prevents the percolation of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces (or areas) shall include, but not be limited to: roofs; additional indoor living spaces, patios, garages, storage sheds and similar structures; and any new streets or sidewalks. Decks, parking areas, and driveway areas are not counted as impervious areas if they do not prevent infiltration. Gravel or crushed stone shall be considered impervious area when designed or primarily utilized to support vehicular traffic. The Director may develop specifications for the mapping of impervious area for the purpose of this Article, including the establishment of a uniform threshold under which a contiguous unit of impervious area is considered de minimis and not subject to mapping.

#### **Policy**

- 1) By enactment of this Policy, Ferguson Township limits the maximum Stormwater Management Utility Fee assessed to Agricultural Properties in the Township whose total impervious area does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the property's total land area to no greater than twice the median assessment fee imposed on all other properties in the Township. As established by Ordinance, this shall equal a maximum of two (2) Equivalent Residential Units, or "ERUs".
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- 3) Property owners of Agricultural Properties shall submit a one-time application by September 30th with prior approval in the current filing year to receive the exemption when fee is due in the next year and subsequent years. The one-time application shall be filed between February 1 and September 30 of the year approval is granted. An initial aApplications for exemption must be filed by September 30th of the year previous to the year the fee is due. For example, an application must be filed by SeptebmerSeptember 30, 2023 for a fee due in fiscal year 2024.shall be filed each year in accordance with the maximum income thresholds, as may be revised. No applications shall be accepted after September 30th of each year without written authorization from the Township Manager. Property owners that received approval for the partial exemption do not need to file a new application for the exemption to apply in future years. Application approvals shall be valid indefinitely or until such time as the property is no longer used for agriculture as defined in the Act of December 19, 1974 or as amended. Applicants who fail to reapply for the exemption, or Property owners whose property no longer meets the definition of Agricultural Property as defined herein, shall be deemed ineligible for the exemption and will be subject to the applicable stormwater management utility fee for their respective property. in the upcoming fiscal year
- 3)4) It is the responsibility of the property owner or their next of kin/power of attorney to notify in writing to Ferguson Township Stormwater Engineer of ALL important changes to the impervious area.

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4)5) By October 31st of each year, the Stormwater Engineer Director of Finance shall review each application for an exemption under this policy and provide a written response to the applicant communicating the outcome of the review. Applications which are deemed rejected or non-compliant may be appealed to the Township Manager no later than November 30th of each year. On appeal, the Township Manager shall make a determination as to whether the guidelines prescribed above have been met and whether the property-household is eligible for the partial exemption. The outcome of the appeal to the Township Manager shall be communicated to the applicant no later than December 31st of each year. The decision of the Township Manager shall be binding and not subject to further appeal under this policy.

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES FROM THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE.

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #1066 on February 16, 2021 establishing a Stormwater Management Utility Fee for all property owners in Ferguson Township; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the ordinance and fee is to offset the direct and indirect costs of stormwater management in Ferguson Township; and

WHEREAS, a component of the Township's stormwater management obligations is to encourage and recognize best management practices for the conveyance and treatment of stormwater by property owners in the Township; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the unique attributes that agricultural properties possess to recharge the watershed and reduce the burden on public and private treatment of stormwater runoff, the Board of Supervisors is desirous of providing a partial exemption to qualified Agricultural Properties from the Stormwater Management Utility Fee.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a partial exemption for Agricultural Properties from the Stormwater Management Utility Fee as described in the policy attached hereto and made part of this Resolution as Exhibit "A".

RESOLVED this 16th day of February , 2021.

**TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON** 

Laura Dininni, Chair

**Board of Supervisors** 

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

David G. Pribulka, Secretary

#### Exhibit "A"

#### Ferguson Township Stormwater Management Utility Fee Agricultural Properties Exemption Policy

Adopted:	February	<u>16,</u>	2021
Amended:			

#### **Purpose**

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance #1066 on February 16, 2021, establishing a Stormwater Management Utility Fee for the purposes of funding the Township's obligation to maintain its stormwater management infrastructure; complying with state and federal permit requirements; and to more equitably assess all property owners in accordance with each property's total impervious area. This policy is intended to provide a partial exemption for agricultural properties that limits the maximum fee assessed to twice the median assessment fee imposed on all other properties in the Township. It is the intent of this Policy to acknowledge the unique infiltrative characteristics of agricultural properties.

#### **Definitions**

- Agricultural Properties. Properties that meet the definition of "agricultural use" as defined in Section 2 of the Act of December 19, 1974, known as the "Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974," regardless of whether the area is comprised of more than one deeded tract.
- 2) Dwelling Unit. A dwelling used by one family or single housekeeping unit.
- 3) Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). The basic unit for the computation of Stormwater Program Fees. An ERU is based on the analysis of all single-family-detached-residential properties within the Township and is the value of impervious area found on the median. It is 3,097 square feet of impervious area. The ERU billing unit of 3,097 square feet is used to calculate the Stormwater Utility Fee for each parcel of developed property within the Township.
- 4) Impervious Area. A surface that prevents the percolation of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces (or areas) shall include, but not be limited to: roofs; additional indoor living spaces, patios, garages, storage sheds and similar structures; and any new streets or sidewalks. Decks, parking areas, and driveway areas are not counted as impervious areas if they do not prevent infiltration. Gravel or crushed stone shall be considered impervious area when designed or primarily utilized to support vehicular traffic. The Director may develop specifications for the mapping of impervious area for the purpose of this Article, including the establishment of a uniform threshold under which a contiguous unit of impervious area is considered de minimis and not subject to mapping.

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# HARRIS TOWNSHIP

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: COG Finance Committee

FROM: Adam Brumbaugh, College Township Manager

Centrice Martin, Ferguson Township Manager

Amy Farkas, Harris Township Manager Doug Erickson, Patton Township Manager Tom Fountaine, State College Borough Manager

RE: 2023 COG Operating Budget

DATE: September 26, 2022

The COG detailed budget was released to the Finance Committee and the municipalities on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Since its release, the Municipal Managers have been discussing the proposed budget and our concerns with it. We feel strongly that we need to voice our issues with the budget and to also propose a path forward. We submit these comments in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration, as we value the relationship we enjoy with the COG and the services it provides to our residents.

#### 2023 Budget

The 2023 budget proposes substantial increases for the Nature Center operating budget (222 percent), the Active Adult Center (114 percent), Parks Capital (24 percent), Fire Protection (21 percent), COG Building Capital (43 percent) and Administration (28 percent).

The total increase is 16.86 percent this year. This is a significant jump from the increases seen over the last 5 years:

Year	Percent Increase
2017	1.95
2018	2.38
2019	4.81
2020	4.61
2021	2.51
2022	4.63

This translates into the following increases in our COG shares:

Municipality	Percent Increase	Increase in Dollars
College Township	23.26	\$302,201
Ferguson Township	18.57	\$399,089

Harris Township	16.16	\$105,738
Patton Township	15.80	\$271,917
State College Borough	12.70	\$249,697

These increases are proposed at a time when we are grappling with double digit inflation, escalating oil prices and supply chain issues that are driving up our costs and straining our own budgets. We are also still in the throes of recovering from a pandemic that saw a significant loss of revenue for all of us. Its important to note that despite this loss of revenue, we continued to fund the COG fully and were able to keep the agency whole during 2020 and 2021.

If the 2023 COG budget were approved today, we would be proposing the following tax increases:

Municipality	Millage Increase
College Township	0.7
Ferguson Township	0.66
Harris Township	0.45
Patton Township	0.6
State College Borough	0.43

These increases would just cover our increased share and would not take into consideration other needs in our municipal budgets.

#### Recommendations

As the COG Finance Committee begins review of the budget, we offer the following thoughts that should be considered as the document moves forward:

- (1) The COG is at its best when it works with its member municipalities to deliver services. As presented, this budget undermines that relationship by placing stress on our municipal budgets, which are already struggling under the market forces identified previously. Simply put, this budget is untenable and will greatly impact our ability to pay for direct services to our residents.
- (2) This budget should reflect the reality that we are still recovering from a pandemic and are grappling with double digit inflation. The total increase proposed seems ignorant to that point.
- (3) The total across the board increase should be in line with what's happened over the last five years. A double digit increase is not a viable solution.
- (4) As the budget is reviewed, we ask the Committee to fully discuss the need behind the asks. Do we need to fund everything in 2023? Can some of these items be tabled until a future year? Public safety needs should also be prioritized.
- (5) Its important to remember that new programs and new hires in 2023 will translate into costs that we must bear for years to come. The long-term impacts of these budget additions should be thoroughly vetted and considered.

#### **Moving Forward**

As we move into 2023 and beyond, we urge the Committee to consider changes to the COG budget that will make it more financially stable for the municipalities. We offer the following thoughts:

- (1) We urge the COG to move to a revenue-driven model. This would mirror our own budget process and would help to keep costs in line with what we as members can afford to pay.
- (2) Long term fixed expenditures should be reflected in the Capital Improvement Program.
- (3) Consideration should be given to moving to a fiscal year budget. This would help us adjust to unexpected events that impact our revenue streams, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

We value the relationship we enjoy with the COG. We hope that if we can all work collaboratively and cooperatively, we can find a financial compromise that will work for the COG and its members and that will allow all of us to continue providing high quality services to the residents of the Centre Region.



#### Interoffice Memorandum

**TO:** Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jenna Wargo, AICP

Director of Planning & Zoning

**DATE:** September 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Minor Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161

**Sandy Drive** 

Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. submitted on behalf of their client, the 'Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive' Minor Subdivision Plan. This plan proposes the adjustment of the lot line between the two parcels to add an additional 4,800 SF to TP 24-433-007-0000. No new lots are being created with this submission.

Since this is a minor subdivision plan, it will proceed as a Preliminary/Final submission that will be reviewed once by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Planning Commission reviewed the minor subdivision plan at the September 26, 2022, meeting and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Staff has reviewed the minor subdivision plan and is recommending conditional approval subject to the outstanding comments attached to this memorandum.

TO: Jenna Wargo, Director of Planning and Zoning

FROM: Kristina Bassett, Community Planner

DATE: September 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Subdivision of TP 24-433-7 and 24-433-8

Requirements for Subdivisions and Land Development Plans:

1. A time extension must be submitted with any revised plan. (Chapter 22, Section 303)

- 2. Prior to receiving final signature, all subdivision and land development plans must be submitted to the Township in digital format. The data shall be in a format readily compatible (i.e., without conversion) with the Township's geographical information system (GIS) software and shall provide a true and complete display of the subdivision or land development plan, in correct geographic location, configured in appropriate layers as specified by the Township. (Chapter 22, Section 304.6)
- 3. Proof of ownership must be provided to the Township. (Chapter 22, Section 401.1.A.(1).e). Please provide the deed for T.P. 24-433-008-0000-. The deed for TP 24-433-007-0000- was previously provided with the MP Machinery LDP submission.

TO: Kristina Bassett, Community Planner

**FROM:** Jeffrey Ressler, Zoning Administrator

DATE: September 19, 2022

**SUBJECT: MP Machinery and Testing Minor/Final Subdivision Plan.** 

1. A time extension must be submitted with any revised plan. (Chapter 22, Section 303)

- 2. A digital copy of the plan in accordance with Township requirements must be provided to the Township prior to final plan signature. (Chapter 22, Section 307.7)
- 3. The plan must be signed, all fees paid to the Township, and the plan recorded within the plan deadline.
- 4. The plan must include the signature of a licensed surveyor certifying the accuracy of the plan. (Chapter 22, Section 401.B.2.a)
- 5. The following statement must be included on the Record Plan: This Record Plan conforms with the Plan receiving final approval by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors on \_\_\_\_\_\_. All improvements are or will be installed in accordance with such Plan in a manner and time so specified therein. (Chapter 22, Section 403.Q)



### TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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TO: Jenna Wargo, Planning Director

FROM: Ron Seybert, Township Engineer

DATE: September 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Replot of Parcels 24-433-7 & 24-433-8

Initial Review (ES-436)

As requested, I have reviewed the 'Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-,007-,0000- and 24-433-,008-,0000- at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive' prepared by PennTerra Engineering, Inc. and dated August 15, 2022, for conformity to the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 22).

1. A pedestrian/bikeway path owned by Ferguson Township exists along the northern boundary of Parcel 8. The path location should be shown on the plan based upon the current topographic survey and the easement shown on the plan with the recording reference (R997/P254).

If you or the applicant have any questions, please contact me.

Copy: Plan Review file

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 7, 2022

To: Jenna Wargo, AICP

Director of Planning and Zoning

Ferguson Township

From: Mark Boeckel, AICP

Principal Planner

RE: Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000, ES 436 - Centre

**Regional Planning Agency Review** 

The Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) received this preliminary/final plan on September 1, 2022. This memorandum acknowledges receipt of the plan. The memorandum also fulfills the requirements of the Centre Region's Agreement of Relationship with the Centre County Planning Commission, relative to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code regarding submittal of subdivisions and land development plan reviews.

The CRPA staff finds the proposed plan to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (814) 231-3050.

From: Kausch, Greg

To: Wargo, Jenna; Bassett, Kristina

Cc: Oliva, Louwana; Steve, Campbell; May, Jim; Saylor, James; Boeckel, Mark

Subject: Subdivision / Re-Plot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:57:51 AM

#### Jenna / All:

Thank you for allowing the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subdivision plan referenced in the subject line above.

At the present time, CATA will have no formal comment. We had previously commented with respect to a land development plan for this site, and at that time determined that the proposed development would have little to no impact on public transportation operations within the area.

Should you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thanks!

Greg

Gregory M. Kausch Senior Transportation Planner Centre Regional Planning Agency 2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 4 State College, PA 16801 (814) 231-3050 (814) 231-3083 FAX gkausch@crcog.net From: Brian Heiser
To: Wargo, Jenna

Subject: RE: Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive

**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 9:12:10 AM

#### Good morning Jenna,

I have no specific comments regarding the proposed subdivision replot.

Should you need anything additional let me know.

Brian

Brian C. Heiser
Executive Director
State College Borough Water Authority
1201 W. Branch Rd.
State College, PA 16801
Phone (814) 238-6766
Fax (814) 238-2175

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From: Wargo, Jenna <jwargo@twp.ferguson.pa.us>

Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:08 PM

Cc: Martin, Centrice <cmartin@twp.ferguson.pa.us>

**Subject:** Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached submission for a minor subdivision of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive for your review.

Please have your reviews back to me by September 16, 2022 and include ES#436 in your response.

### Thank you.

**Jenna Wargo, AICP**Director of Planning & Zoning

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Township of Ferguson 3147 Research Drive State College, PA 16801 P: (814) 238-4651 C: (570) 452-5102

From: <u>Steven Bair</u>
To: <u>Wargo, Jenna</u>

Subject: RE: Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive

**Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:03:57 AM

No issues from the fire department perspective. Acceptable as proposed.

Steven W. Bair, EFO, CFO
Fire Director/Chief of Department
Centre Region Council of Governments
400 West Beaver Avenue
State College, PA 16801
814-237-4127

From: Wargo, Jenna <jwargo@twp.ferguson.pa.us> Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 9:20 AM

**To:** Bassett, Kristina <kbassett@twp.ferguson.pa.us>; Ressler,Jeff <jressler@twp.ferguson.pa.us>; Seybert,Ron <rseybert@twp.ferguson.pa.us>; Maginnis, Larry <lmaginnis@twp.ferguson.pa.us>; Kausch, Greg <gkausch@crcog.net>; Mato, Shelly <smato@crcog.net>; Christopher D. Schnure <cdschnure@centrecountypa.gov>; Steven Bair <sbair@centreregionfire.com>; 'Brian' <bri> <bri> <bri> <brian@scbwa.org>; Cory Miller <crmiller@uaja.org>

**Subject:** FW: Subdivision/Replot of TP 24-433-007-0000 and 24-433-008-0000 at 2151 and 2161 Sandy Drive

#### Good morning—

For those that haven't provided your review to me, I wanted to send out a reminder that this is due tomorrow.

Thank you.

#### Jenna Wargo, AICP

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Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:08 PM

**To:** Bassett, Kristina <<u>kbassett@twp.ferguson.pa.us</u>>; Ressler,Jeff <<u>jressler@twp.ferguson.pa.us</u>>; Seybert,Ron <<u>rseybert@twp.ferguson.pa.us</u>>; Maginnis, Larry <<u>lmaginnis@twp.ferguson.pa.us</u>>; Boeckel, Mark <<u>mboeckel@crcog.net</u>>; Kausch, Greg <<u>gkausch@crcog.net</u>>; Mato, Shelly



### Owner's Certification T.P. 24-433-008

County of personally appeared before me and certified that they were the owners of the properties shown on this plan and acknowledge the same to be their act and plan and designs, the same to be recorded as such, according to the law. Michael P. Manahan, Sr. Georgina Manahan

> Notary Public Commission Expires

## Owner's Certification T.P. 24-433-007

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Dr. M.P. Manahan, Sr. Executive Director witness my hand and seal, this date

witness my hand and seal, this date

Notary Public

Township Planning Commission Ferguson Township Planning Commission Approved

Commission Expires

Date Secretary Date

Township Supervisors Ferguson Township Supervisors Approved

Chair Date Secretary Date

# Township Engineer Certification

have reviewed and hereby certify that the plan meets all engineering design standards and criteria of the Ferguson Township Code of Ordinances.

Professional Land Surveyor Certification

I, Nevin L. Grove, a Professional Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that this plan correctly represents the tracts of lands as shown.

Date

PLAN PURPOSE:

Signature

Recorder's Stamp Here

# SURVEY FEATURES LEGEND

Property Line, Lot Line or Right of Way Line —— - - — Adjoining Property Line —— — Building Setback Line

— — — Roadway Center Line Property Corner Found Property Corner To Be Set

EXISTING CURVE TABLE CURVE | LENGTH | RADIUS | TANGENT | CHORD DIRECTION | CHORD | DELTA C1 | 113.06' | 265.00' | 57.40' | S 24° 22' 43" E | 112.20' | 24° 26' 41"

TP 24-433-15

SANDY DRIVE

50' R-O-W 25' PAVED CARTWAY

# EXISTING FEATURES LEGEND

— · — · — · — W Existing Water Service Lateral

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Existing Fire Hydrant

Existing Utility Main Valve

Existing Utility Meter

Existing Clean-Out

Existing Flood Light

Existing Deciduous Tree

Existing Evergreen Tree

Existing Parking Spaces Count Identification

Existing Sign

Existing Shrub

Existing Bollard

Existing Utility Lateral Valve

Existing Light Pole/Standard

Existing Storm Sewer Inlet Type-M

Existing Storm Sewer Inlet Type-C

Existing Manhole

EXISTING BUILDING

Ex. Elec. Vault ——

**ENGINEERING INC** == Existing Curbing & Edge of Pavement Existing Concrete Areas

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA REGION OFFICE: 3075 ENTERPRISE DRIVE Existing Retaining Wall SUITE 100 STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801 Existing Contours w/ Elevation (1's & 2's, PH: 814-231-8285 \_\_\_\_ Existing Contours w/ Elevation (5's & 10's) Fax: 814-237-2308 \_\_\_\_s\_\_\_\_ Existing Sanitary Sewer w/ Manhole

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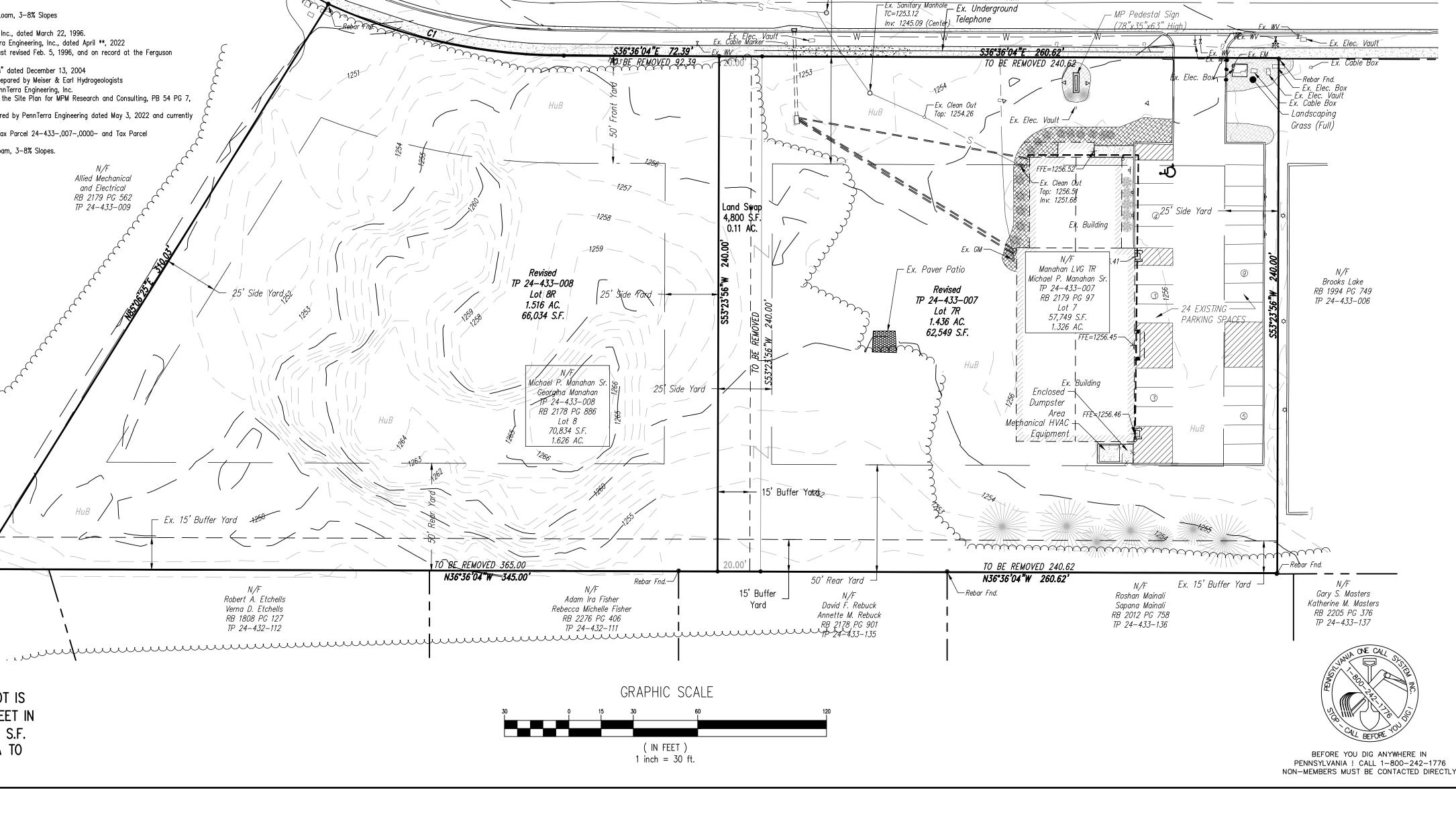
MINOR/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLANS

SUBDIVISION/REPLOT OF TP 24-433-,007-,0000-

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-AT 2151 AND 2161 SANDY DRIVE

21316

AUGUST 15, 2022



—Ex. Sanitary Manhole TC=1252.14

Inv. Out: 1243.39

50' Front Yard

PROJECT NOTES

GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

AREA & BULK ZONING DATA

c. Area & Bulk Category 2

d. LOT WIDTH MINIMUM: 100'

SIDE (EACH)- 25'

g. HEIGHT = 45' MAXIMUM

a. Tax Parcel: 24-433-,007-,0000- and 24-433-,008-,0000-b. Address: TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: 2161 Sandy Drive, State College, Ferguson Township, Pennsylvania

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: Michael P. and Georgina Manahan

Use: Lot 7/Lot 7R - Existing: Research, Development, Engineering and/or Testing Laboratory

c. Owner/Developer: TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: MP Machinery & Testing, LLC

e. Size: TP 24-433-007 (Existing) = 1.326 Acres (57,749 Square Feet)

Land Swap = 0.110 Acres (4,800 Square Feet)

a. ZONING DISTRICT: Light Industrial, Research and Development (IRD)

Use: Lot 8/Lot 8R - Exisitng: Vacant/Wooded

TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: 240.62' ACTUAL WIDTH

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: 205.45 ACTUAL WIDTH

TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: 1.436 ACRES (62,549 S.F.)

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: 1.516 ACRES (66,034 S.F.)

BUFFER YARD- 15' (per Ferguson Township Zoning Officer)

f. YARD SETBACKS (AREA & BULK CATEGORY 2)

i. Required Loading Zone Spaces: 1 (Lot 7)

Gas: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania,

Electric: West Penn Power,

Cable TV: Comcast,

For additional information, refer to:

GENERAL UTILITY & ACT 287 INFORMATION:

PA Once Call Serial No.: 20220041395

e. MINIMUM AREA: 1 ACRE (43,560 S.F.)

TP 24-433-008 (Existing) = 1.626 Acres (70,834 Square Feet)

TP 24-433-007 (Proposed) = 1.436 Acres (62,549 Square Feet)

Proposed: To be determined in future.

b. USE: Existing & Proposed- Research, Development, Engineering and/or Testing Laboratory

Development Site Total Area (Tax Parcel 24-433-,007-,0000-) = 57,749 square feet

Development Site Total Area (Tax Parcel 24-433-,008-,0000-) = 70,834 square feet

Impervious Coverage Total = 34,698 square feet (59.9%)

Impervious Coverage Total = 0 square feet (0%)

TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: 60% Allowable Impervious Coverage = 34,761 square feet

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: 60% Allowable Impervious Coverage = 42,500 square feet

Sewage: University Area Joint Authority (UAJA), 1576 Spring Valley Road State College, PA 16801, 814-238-5361

Water: State College Borough Water Authority (SCBWA), 1201 West Branch Road, State College, PA 16801, 814—238—6766

2550 Carolean Industrial Drive, State College, PA 16801, 814-278-5840

This site is comprised of the following soil type: HuB - Hublersburg Silt Loam, 3-8% Slopes

2800 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801, 814-231-5355

224 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801, 814-231-6511

1155 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801, 814-238-5050 Township Roads and Public Stormwater: Ferguson Township

Contours shown are taken from survey data collected in the field.

3147 Research Drive, State College, PA 16801, 814—238—4651

TP 24-433-008 (Proposed) = 1.516 Acres (66,034 Square Feet)

d. TP 24-433-,007-,0000-: Record Book 2179, Page 97

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: Record Book 2178, Page 886

TP 24-433-,008-,0000-: 2151 Sandy Drive, State College, Ferguson Township, Pennsylvania

Fax: 814-234-0248

Phone: 814-234-8860 (121)

Proposed: Research, Development, Engineering and/or Testing Laboratory

Dr. M. P. Manahan, Sr. – Executive Chairman

Email: MPManahan@MPMachineryandTesting.com

250 Meadow Street Drive, State College, PA 16081

2161 Sandy Drive, State College, PA 16801

b. "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan", prepared by PennTerra Engineering, Inc., dated April \*\*, 2022 c. "The Greenleaf Manor PRD - Master Plan", dated March 7, 1995, last revised Feb. 5, 1996, and on record at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. d. "Greenleaf Manor P.R.D., Findings of Fact and Terms and Conditions" dated December 13, 2004 "Phase 1 Final P.R.D. Plans" dated March 22, 1996, prepared by PennTerra Engineering, Inc.

a. "Stormwater Management Plan" prepared by PennTerra Engineering, Inc., dated March 22, 1996.

e. Hydrogeologic Assessment of Sinkholes" dated January 29, 1996, prepared by Meiser & Earl Hydrogeologists g. Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plan for G. Edwards Company and the Site Plan for MPM Research and Consulting, PB 54 PG 7,

h. MP Machinery and Testing Preliminary Land Development Plan prepared by PennTerra Engineering dated May 3, 2022 and currently

There are NO sinkholes, depressions, water courses and/or floodplains on Tax Parcel 24-433-,007-,0000- and Tax Parcel

Thomas B. Keller II

Dawn E. Keller

RB 1993 PG 218 TP 24-432-113

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBDIVISION PLAN/REPLOT IS

WIDTH AND TO EXPAND LOT 7'S AREA BY 4,800 S.F. LOT 8 WILL CONVEY THE LAND WIDTH AND AREA TO

TO EXPAND LOT 7 (T.P. 24-433-007) BY 20 FEET IN

This site is comprised of the following soil type: HuB - Hublersburg Silt Loam, 3-8% Slopes.

Allied Mechanical and Electrical RB 2179 PG 562 TP 24-433-009

N/F Robert A. Etchells

Verna D. Etchells

RB 1808 PG 127

SandyWoods Limited Partnership

RB 1184 PG 672

TP 24-433-14



### HERITAGE/SIGNIFICANT TREE NOMINATION FORM

Ferguson Township, Centre County

DATE: 7-19-3012	NEIGHBORHOOD: FATRBROOK
PERSON NOMINATING THE TREE:  DARRYL SLimak	PROPERTY OWNER: DARRYL + SUSAN SLIMER
ADDRESS: 821 Teaberry Lowe State College, PA 16803	ADDRESS: 211 Greenlee Lane Penngylvania Furmace, PA 16865
PHONE: 814-880-4163	PHONE: 814-880-4163
SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR:	SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER: De Stingle
DATE: De Scrick	DATE 7-19-2022
DESIRED DESIGNATION: HERITAGE: LOCATION:	SIGNIFICANT:
IS THE TREE LOCATED ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROI	PERTY?: Private
SINGLE TREE:	MORE THAN ONE (give number): 2
HISTORICAL FACTS: see attached.	
TRUNK DIAMETER (in inches) AT 54 INCHES ABOVE	GROUND LEVEL (DBH): 176 137
APPROXIMATE AGE (years) 168 13	CONDITION Generally heating / very good
NOTE WORTHY & BEAUTY: Wery nice SHAI FORM Large SHAI	wonderful DE: overarching Size HISTORY
PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO AND NARRATIVE EXPLAINMENT. See attached	INING WHY YOU FEEL THE CRITERIA FOR HERITAGE TREES HAS
** Very impressive trees, large trumbes, species, beautiful forem with m	unusual trees to be so large and heating for this rultple trunks / links incombing out from the large trunk bo
	RNAL USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED BY TOWNSHIP:	
ARBORIST INSPECTION DATE: FTTC A	APPROVAL: BOS APPROVAL:

RETURN NOMINATION FORM BY EMAIL TO: dmodricker@twp.ferguson.pa.us

#### **EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter "A	Agreement"),	made this	day of
by and between property	owner, party	of the first	part, (hereinafter
referred to as "Grantor"),			

#### **AND**

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, a Home Rule Municipality having a principal office at 3147 Research Drive, State College, Centre County, Pennsylvania, party of the second part, (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" or "Township") (both Grantor and Grantee/Township are each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner of real estate situated in the Township of Ferguson, at property address, as more particularly described in Centre County Deed Book 2199, Page 750, and known as Parcel Number 24-006A.059 (hereinafter the "Property").

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed that, in lieu of condemnation, the Grantor will convey to the Township a permanent easement for tree preservation and maintenance purposes to provide for management of certain of the tree(s) at the Property.

WHEREAS, Grantor and the Grantee desire by this Easement Agreement to provide for the required permanent Tree Preservation and Maintenance Easement upon the Property.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor and Grantee agree as follows.

- 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated in this easement.
- 2. <u>Grant of Easement.</u> The Grantor hereby grants to Grantee a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of preserving and maintaining a Heritage Tree desired by the Grantor and approved by the Township in the easement area as depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein (hereinafter the "Tree Preservation and Maintenance Easement"). The Tree Preservation and Maintenance Easement is to be for the purpose of preserving and maintaining the Heritage Tree(s) at the Property. The easement shall be abandoned by the Township, subject to written approval of both parties, upon determination by the Township Arborist or other certified arborist that the tree is deceased, and continued maintenance is no longer required.
- 3. <u>Tree Preservation and Maintenance</u>. The Township shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Heritage Tree(s) at the Property and thereafter, Grantor shall not place or plant any permanent obstructions in the Tree Preservation and Maintenance Easement, or restrict Township's access to the same, without consent of the Township. This language

shall not limit the right of the Grantor to repair the septic field on the property if notice of such work is provided to Township before being undertaken.

- 4. <u>Covenant Running With the Land</u>. Tree Preservation and Maintenance Easement shall constitute a perpetual covenant running with the land for the benefit of the Grantee and its successors and assigns.
- 5. <u>Indemnification</u>. Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Grantor and its heirs and assigns from and against all claims and demands, including reasonable counsel fees, for injury or alleged injury or death to persons, or damage to property, caused by, arising from, incidental to, connected with or growing out of any actions of Grantee, its agents or subcontractors. With respect to the foregoing, Grantee shall not be responsible, in any event, for damages caused to Grantor's property by falling limbs from the Heritage Tree or the falling of the Heritage Tree itself or for damage to adjoining properties, or personal injuries, alleged personal injuries, or death resulting from the same.
- 6. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be independent and severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or portion of this agreement shall not affect the enforceability or validity of any other provision or portion thereof. The easement shall be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This easement shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Centre County, Pennsylvania, at the expense of the Township.
- 7. <u>Township Ordinance</u>. This Agreement shall be further governed by the requirements of Township Ordinance No. 1062, enacted January 18, 2021, and any amendments thereto (hereinafter the "Ordinance"). All terms herein, unless otherwise defined herein, shall follow the definitions provided in the Ordinance. The Parties shall have all rights as provided under the Ordinance in addition to the rights conveyed herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

GRANTOR.

BY:

Darkyl Slimak

BY:

Susan Slimak

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

:

COUNTY OF CENTRE

On this, the day of September 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared DARRYL SLIMAK and SUSAN SLIMAK, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they have executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

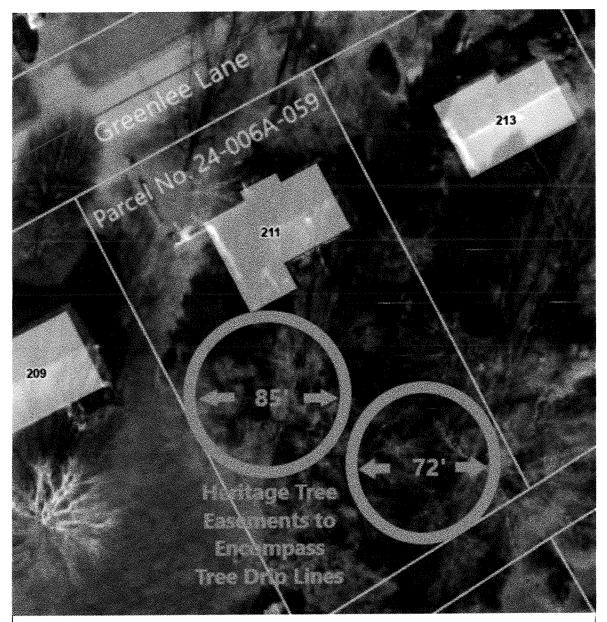
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Crystal A. Judy, Notary Public

Centre County My commission expires July 15, 2023 Commission number 1291969

Member, Penrisylvania Association of Notaries

ATTEST:	TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON
Centrice Martin, Secretary	BY: Laura Dininni Chair Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF CENTRE	: : :
On this, the day of undersigned officer, personally appeared Laura Dir. Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Township being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing it the purposes therein contained.	of Ferguson, and that she as such officer, instrument on behalf of the Township for
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto	set my hand and official seal.

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**



SLIMAK HERITAGE TREE EASEMENTS
PARCEL 24-006A-059
211 GREENLEE LN, PENNSYLVANIA FURNACE, PA 16865
EXHIBIT "A"

These impressively large and shapely, old but still quite healthy "sister" Silver Maple trees are situate on the farm property originally owned by Captain George Meek of the 1st Continental Army, when a 305 acre tract was acquired by Meek in Ferguson Township in 1790. The largest of the 2 trees is the most beautiful and harkens back to a time frame prior to The Civil War, circa 1854+/-. The sister tree located nearby is circa 1891, still within the 19th century. It is reportedly exceptional for Silver Maples to exceed 130 years, and these sisters are approximately 168 and 131 years old as of 2022. Both trees sprouted while the property remained owned by heirs of the Meek family, and are in the Meek settlement of Fairbrook, very near the intersection of Tadpole and Whitehall Roads, and the historic Meeks' Cemetery and Church.

Focusing on the largest and oldest tree, it has an impressively large, 176" circumference trunk measured at 54" from the ground, which at about that point divides into a beautiful and shapely multi-trunk, vase-shaped configuration typical for this species. It has a high, overarching canopy which provides shade to the area below, which remains green year round, and provides habitat for the many birds, squirrels, rabbits, toads and other critters which frequent the semi-riparian area which these trees flourish in.

The trees were likely within the pasture of the nearby Meek barn and home, and from their early days provided shade to livestock, the availability of maple syrup and other uses, and to the current time, shade and space for picnicking and a child's swing and play area.

The current owners, Darryl and Susan Slimak, are open to welcoming, with advance notice, forestry and other students and interested members of the public to view and study these wonderful trees.





