

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2019
7:00 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Board of Supervisors held its second regular meeting of the month on Monday, July 15, 2019, at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

Board:	Steve Miller	Staff:	Dave Pribulka, Township Manager
	Richard Killian		Centrice Martin, Assistant to the Manager
	Laura Dininni		Lindsay Schoch, Community Planner
	Lisa Strickland		Dave Modricker, Public Works Director
	Ford Stryker, Absent		

Others in attendance included: Faith Norris, Recording Secretary; Carol King-US Census Bureau; John Spychalski and Louwana Oliva-CATA; Carolyn Yagle-EPD; Patrick Geary-Cornerstone Wealth Advisory; Robin Homan; Michelle Spiering; Barry Karchner.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the Monday, July 15, 2019, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

III. CITIZENS INPUT

None.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. 2020 Census Presentation. Ms. King, Partnership Specialist from the Philadelphia office of the US Census Bureau, reviewed the services, the importance and awareness for the 2020 Census and the public's options for taking the Census that is effective on April 1, 2020. She noted those who are interested in a job at the Census Bureau can visit www.census.gov/jobs.
- b. Centre Area Transportation Authority. Mr. Spychalski and Ms. Oliva highlighted some schedule changes with summer underway for the CATA Ride patrons and residents in West Ferguson Township. CATA Ride has eliminated the token app and has replaced it with a cash and prepay options. For efficiency, mid-day trips on some routes will be eliminated due to low ridership and replaced with the emergency ride home program, including parts of West Ferguson Township. Timely work by staff led to secure funding for five Articulated CNG powered buses.

Community Engagement/Strategic Plan Progress Report. Ms. Martin provided key highlights from her memo and report. Analytics related to the Township's social media accounts were reviewed. In addition, the Township holds public engagement sessions for projects conducted by the Township. The Ferguson Township Police Department hosted the Bike Rodeo and a Meet-n-Greet for residents in the Turnberry development.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Killian moved that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2019. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. AUTHORIZATION OF ZONING MAP AND ZONING & SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the history and recapped major points. He thanked those who had provided input throughout the nearly three-year process. Ms. Yagle discussed the map changes and major components. Environmental Planning & Design has worked with the Ferguson Township Planning Commission to fine-tune the documents. Details followed on input received and how the information was incorporated into the amendment ordinances and map process including the Quick View of land uses, terminology and impacts from other Ferguson Township ordinances, i.e., Sourcewater.

With the Board consensus, a worksession will be scheduled for the Board to address and discuss specific topics such as use conflicts prior to the Public Hearing. Specific detailed questions are to be sent to Messrs. Miller and Pribulka to compile for this Zoning/SALDO worksession.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **increase** no-impact home-based businesses per household to two. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on the effects of increasing the number of no-impact home-based businesses permitted per residence.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Killian moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** advertisement of the zoning map, and zoning and subdivision and land development ordinance amendments for public hearing and action on September 16, 2019. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE WEALTH ADVISORY AND INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN

Mr. Pribulka introduced the item for defined municipal and employee contribution plans as well as the request for proposals and recommendation. Mr. Pribulka, as Township Manager, is the coordinator of the Non-Uniform Pension Committee per provision in the Administrative Code. Mr. Geary presented an overview of what fiduciary oversight services provide for clients. No questions were asked.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** the Township Manager to enter into an advisory services agreement with Cornerstone Wealth Advisory and Insurance Services, LLC for investment advisory services to the Township's Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Mr. Killian seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller called for a five minute recess. Following the recess, Mr. Miller changed the order and the next item discussed was the Stormwater Timeline and Schedule.

c. STORMWATER FEE FEASIBILITY STUDY TIMELINE AND SCHEDULE

Mr. Modricker reviewed the timeline schedule and elements of stormwater management. Discussion followed on the current Phase II schedule of the Study and points to consider prior to adoption that includes public engagement. Topics included schedule of fees, taxes, borrowing options, report updates to the Board through Board reports, and having an elected Board to vote on adoption vs. an appointed Board. Following discussion, the Board elected to table how to proceed until after the new year.

d. REVIEW OF DRAFT DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the history and each section of the draft ordinance that was modeled after Susquehanna Township. The request for a draft ordinance was initiated by a previous Board member in 2018. Discussion followed on options for the establishment of a local Human Relations Commission. The state's Human Relations Commission recommendation was not incorporated due to concern for conflict of interest that was addressed in the draft ordinance. Noted, there is regional interest for a Human Relations Commissions.

Board discussion followed on input, interested parties, individual concerns, regional and state commission contracting options, participants, intent and is it fair to all partners, and quality and timeliness of services. A separate discussion topic was on the multiple filings provision, potential for conflict and jurisdiction. The Board determined by consensus to change the wording to "no effect" instead of "no jurisdiction" in Section 214.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Voucher Report for June
- b. Special Events Permit – Family Fun Ride
- c. 2019-C8 Pay Application 2 – Pavement Markings: \$38,140.20
- d. 2019-C8 Pay Application 3 – Pavement Markings: \$17,843.25
- e. Public Works Maintenance Facility 2nd Extension Request
- f. Hummel Subdivision Extension Request

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

2. CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 3062 ERNEST LANE, STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY

Ms. Schoch reviewed the application and history.

Ms. Dininni moved that the Board of Supervisors **authorize** a public hearing on the conditional use application submitted by the State College Borough Water Authority for a water treatment plant at 3062 Ernest Lane and refer the application to the Planning Commission for review and comment. Mr. Killian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CENTRE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (CCEDP) EVALUATIVE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROJECTS

Mr. Pribulka reviewed the CCEDP provisions for retention and expansion projects within the Centre County region. These are guidelines and there is no commitment at this point.

Discussion followed on specific line items and projects' criteria and terms. An audited financial statement was requested of the CCEDP. Ms. Dininni noted her disappointment in lack of environmental criteria.

Mr. Killian moved that the Board of Supervisors **endorse** the Centre County Economic Development Partnership Evaluative Approach to Economic Development Retention and Expansion Projects. Ms. Strickland seconded the motion. Discussion followed on guidelines and first steps. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Mr. Pribulka reported on discussion on the relocation of the Parks office – recommendation was Option #4 for a 7-year lease with 5 year out with interior improvements. There was concern on length of commitment. Mr. Killian confirmed that this was endorsed by the Finance Committee.
2. Finance Committee. Mr. Killian reported the lease for the relocation of the Parks office, the COG 2020 Program Plan and the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan will be at an upcoming COG meeting for feedback.

Clarification followed on both committees endorsing Option #4 for the Parks office lease. A separate discussion followed on the interior improvements.

3. Joint Parks Capital and CRPRA. Ms. Dininni reported on updates for the Parks office relocation and Musser Gap Valleylands Project.

There was discussion on costs and the renovation clause for the Parks office lease. Expanded discussion on the Musser Gap Valleylands Project included a Lunch and Learn; top 3 plans noted from the survey.

b. STAFF REPORTS

1. Township Manager. Mr. Pribulka reported on the following items. Kristina Aneckstein has assumed the role of Community Planner effective July 8th, that will replace Lindsay Schoch. Applicants are forthcoming around August 19th for the Board's consent and new hire for the Township's Planning Director. Mr. Pribulka reviewed a grant application notification received from Patton Township for the construction of a shared use path along Valley Vista/Science Park Road. The Township successfully received a rebate for a Level 2 Electric Charging Station – one port will be used for the Township's new Chevy Bolt that was purchased under PaDEP's Alternative Incentive Program; the 2nd port will be open to the public during business hours free of charge. The cost for the charging station, electric vehicle and installation is under budget.
2. Interim Planning and Zoning Director. Ms. Schoch reported on the following items. On track for the tentative schedule for the Zoning and Subdivision Land Development update. The report was provided with the agenda. This is Ms. Schoch's last Board meeting since her announcement of taking a position with College Township next month. She thanked the Board and staff members for serving the last four years at the Township and has learned so much personally and professionally.

Discussion followed on the established escrow for the Whitehall Road Regional Park that was for the full submission of the land development plan. Expanded discussion followed on the phasing/provisions of the park in one land development plan for the entire acreage.

3. Public Works Director. Mr. Modricker reported that the Stormwater Advisory Committee will have its 4th meeting on July 17th for discussion on private systems that serve a public purpose. The Tree Commission met tonight and the tour was completed on trees planned for removal. In the maintenance update, it was noted while work is being done on side streets people are parking on surrounding streets to accommodate the work. Microsurfacing work is scheduled to start July 22nd as well as potential Sealcoating work to be done on bike paths and parking lots in Ferguson Township and State College Borough. Communication to the biking community for the work will be transmitted by Message Boards and through the assistance of Trish Meek.

IX. **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None.

X. **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. Coffee & Conversation, Naked Egg Café, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 19, 320 Pine Grove Road. Confirmed representatives noted.
- b. Ms. Dininni noted that Jon Kauffman is hosting Sweets and Swifts (Chimney Swifts), July 18, Ferguson Township Elementary, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Miller called for adjournment. With no further business to come before the before the Board of Supervisors Mr. Killian motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Pribulka, Township Manager
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 08-05-2019