



TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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Neighborhood Association Open Forum Minutes **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Township Staff Attendees:

- Township Manager, Centrice Martin
- Assistant Township Manager, Jaymes Progar
- Planning and Zoning Director, Jenna Wargo
- Public Works Director, Dave Modricker
- Communications Coordinator, Lyndsey Biddle

Ferguson Township Residents & HOAs: 13 in person, 8 online

- Kristi Brawley, Saybrook
- Tara Shaffer, Saybrook
- Bob Hershey, Cobble Creek Manor II
- Lewis Watt, Thoroughbred Crossing
- Dottie Gough, Ridgefield Terrace
- Diane Bloom, Turnberry
- W. Kenneth Jenkins, Teaberry Ridge
- Bob Barbash, English Meadows
- David Martin, Stonebridge Board
- Donna Martin, Stonebridge Board
- Raven Matulevich, The Landings
- Andrew Wess, Foxpointe (Hunters Chase)
- Tom Eakin, Thoroughbred Crossing
- Ronald McLaughlin, Greenleaf Manor
- Caitlan Smith, Paradigm Properties
- Bob (Surname not given)
- Jeanne Woodrow, HOA resident

- I. Welcome Message – Township Manager, Centrice Martin started the meeting at 7:00 p.m., welcomed attendees, and led introductions.
- II. Discussion Topics (7:05 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)
 1. Strategic Plan Update – Township Manager, Centrice Martin

- a. Ms. Martin introduced the [2017 Strategic Plan](#) and added that the 2023 Plan will hopefully be ready by August. She pointed out some changes and additions including branding, and offered a follow up link to the current Plan will be shared. (Please view link above.)
2. Planning and Zoning Update –Planning & Zoning Director, Jenna Wargo
 - a. Ms. Wargo introduced the Township’s new full-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Fallecia Ehrmann.
 - b. Ms. Wargo introduced the Township’s new T2 Parking System and explained how permit management will change. There will be no more handwritten tickets, and tickets can now be easily paid online, but an in-person option will remain.
 - i. Caitlan Smith asked how the new system will affect permits for guests. Ms. Wargo explained that each area has a limit to the number of allowed permits, and homeowners can choose which cars they allot their permits to.
 - ii. Diane Bloom asked if people who have already paid for their permits will have to pay to renew. Ms. Wargo explained those who already paid will get a free renewal.
 - c. Ms. Wargo introduced the Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) Rewrite Project which is an area that has not developed as expected. There have already been three public input sessions and a design charrette. She showed where to find [information about the TSD zoning rewrite](#).
 - i. Kristi Brawley asked what work is being done at the Animal Hospital on W College Ave. Ms. Wargo explained that is part of a land development plan and stormwater drainage system.
 - d. Ms. Wargo showed attendees where to find the Township’s [Land Development Plans](#) on the website. She went through a list of current land development plans, what the plans entail, and what stage they are at.
3. Parks and Recreation Update – Assistant Township Manager, Jaymes Progar
 - a. Mr. Progar introduced the [2023 Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan](#) which give the Township a vision of how to move forward with parks and recreation planning. This Plan included Fairbrook Park and Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Master Plans which were both approved by the Board in March 2023.
 - i. Tara Shaffer asked what the timeline is for Greenbriar-Saybrook Park. Mr. Progar explained the playground equipment is a priority and the plan will go to the Parks and Rec Committee to move forward. Ms. Martin added that the

playground will be upgraded this year. She explained we are currently seeking funding for Suburban Park. Ms. Shaffer asked where to find information as updates occur. Ms. Martin directed her to sign up for constant contact to receive agendas and to check the Township news on the website. Ms. Martin offered to send a link to the RPOS Plan after the meeting. (Please see RPOS link above.)

- ii. Andrew Wess asked how realistic it would be to consider funding for a park at Hunters Chase. Ms. Martin replied that the Board is open to a discussion on it.

4. Public Works Update –Public Works Director, Dave Modricker

- a. Mr. Modricker introduced the Township Arborist, Larry Maginnis, and suggested residents direct any tree-related questions his way at Imaginnis@twp.ferguson.pa.us. He also introduced the concept of mulch volcanoes and reminded that those mulching Township trees should have a permit and are not allowed to over mulch.
 - i. Bob Hershey asked if the Township has a schedule for mulching trees. Mr. Modricker replied that the Township does not, and that it is done when needed.
- b. Mr. Modricker discussed a contract to prune street trees in May. He suggested residents call the Arborist if any trees have overgrown branches.
- c. Mr. Modricker introduced Arbor Day, to take place on April 29, 2023 at 4pm at Tudek Park where residents can help the Township plant trees.
 - i. Caitlan Smith inquired about a rumor that the Township would be removing pear trees which are determined to be invasive. Mr. Modricker said the plan is not to disrupt or replant them unless they suffer from disease.
 - ii. Andrew Wess asked what to do when roots raise above sidewalk level. Mr. Modricker explained the Township will try to work with homeowners on the issue but, in general, he advised to let the trees grow unless they become unhealthy.
- d. Mr. Modricker introduced the Slab Cabin Run project for stream stabilization to address sediment that is getting into the waterway. The Township is working with the Fish Commission to be cautious of fish habitat protection.
- e. Mr. Modricker discussed that the Stormwater Management & Utility Fee application period will be open from May 1st to September 30th and that if you have an existing credit, there is no need to reapply.
- f. Mr. Modricker brought up that the Township is considering allowing

HOA's to piggyback on the Township's pipe cleaning and pipe lining projects. This is something that is still uncertain and required review by the solicitor. It's something that may first be done with one HOA as a pilot program to see how it goes.

- g. Mr. Modricker introduced the Blue Course Drive paving project that is taking place this summer between Circleville Road and Martin Street. He added that the Township is also installing school flasher on W Cherry and on Martin St.
- h. Brush and Leaf Collection started at the beginning of April and there will be a second round starting April 17, 2023. The full schedule is available [here](#).
- i. Caitlan Smith asked Mr. Modricker to discuss Centre Wisp. He explained that Centre Wisp installed fiber cable along Farmstead Lane and during the process damage was caused to trees. A notice was sent to the company and the owner has engaged a landscaping company to fix everything that was disturbed. Kristi Brawley asked if Centre Wisp is installing high speed internet in that neighborhood. Mr. Modricker is unsure.
 - i. Bob Hershey asked if internet service providers have to get permission to provide services in the Township. Ms. Martin explained that Shentel had an ordinance approved to provide services. Ms. Wargo went on to explain the small cell and monopoles ordinance amendments which aim to increase internet speeds and coverage respectively
- j. Caitlan Smith asked if homeowners or landscapers can remove the flags left in place after Centre Wisp finished their work. Mr. Modricker suggested contacting Centre Wisp to inquire.
- k. Andrew Wess asked if there is any plan to adopt a No Mow May to promote areas for pollinators and asked that if this were to occur, that the Township remind residents in developments that their development's grass and weeks rules would supersede that. There are currently no plans.
- l. Bob Hershey asked if there is any update on the park next to The Yards. Ms. Martin said it is her understanding that parts of it will be ready this summer. Ms Wargo added there will be parking there.
- m. Bob Hershey and Diane Bloom both pointed out that when cars park on both sides of the street at Shellers Bend and Rushcliffe it is hard for traffic to pass through. They added that Rushcliffe and Shellers Bend are not being monitored.
- n. Bob Burbash pointed out that along Shellers Bend there are white dotted sections boxed off and he asked what their purpose is. Mr. Modricker replied that these are areas where tree roots are

disrupting the asphalt and the repair work will be done this summer.

- o. Kristi Brawley asked about an overgrown wooded area that is encroaching on the sidewalk. Ms. Wargo explained that this can be enforced and the Township can communicate with the property owner.
- p. Andrew Wess asked if there are areas in the Township that the Police Department is looking to do more speed enforcement. Mr. Modricker directed him to contact the Police Department directly.

III. Future Meeting Date

- a. The room confirmed **Wednesday, November 8, 2023** as the next HOA Meeting date.