



## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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Ms. Kathleen Matason, Chairwoman  
c/o Pam Salokangas, Director  
Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority  
Centre Region Council of Governments  
2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 1  
State College, PA 16801

Re: Ferguson Township Comments on Whitehall Road Regional Park

Dear Ms. Matason:

At the Regular Meeting of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the following comments were approved by the Board to be submitted for consideration by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority as the land development plan is prepared for Whitehall Road Regional Park:

- The Board wishes to encourage permeable paving surfaces to be used in the parking areas. If permeable parking is not possible, then paved parking is preferred over gravel parking.
- Consideration should be given to the undeveloped portions of the park after the initial phase is constructed. Succession and reforestation should be given consideration, particularly since there is no current timetable for development of future phases of the park.
- The Board requests that the Authority refrain from grading the undeveloped portions of the park until such time as they are ready to be developed. This will be crucial in preserving small animal and bird habitats in the area.
- The Board would like to request that the Authority revise and update the Park Master Plan after the development of the initial phase. The update should consider all future phases of Whitehall Road Regional Park.
- The Board encourages consideration of green infrastructure and low impact parkland development with the development of the first and subsequent phases of the park. This is consistent with the strategies identified in the current Park Master Plan's emphasis on sustainable parkland development through the Sustainable Sites Initiative.
- Mitigation of noise and light pollution should be provided where possible. This may include screening and natural buffering with sufficient height to prevent spillover lighting from impacting adjacent properties.

I respectfully request that you consider these comments as the Authority proceeds with the development of the first phase of Whitehall Road Regional Park. On behalf of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, thank you for your service to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, and thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,  
Township of Ferguson

David Pribulka  
Township Manager

c: Correspondence file  
Jim Steff, COG Executive Director

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