

## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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Mr. James Steff Executive Director Centre Region Council of Governments 2643 Gateway Drive State College, PA 16801

Dear Jim:

On July 25<sup>th</sup> the COG General Forum referred six questions to the participating municipalities in the Regional Parks Program for response by September 5<sup>th</sup>. The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors has provided the following responses:

- 1) Does Ferguson Township still support the construction of a regional park at Whitehall Road (to be answered only by Ferguson Township)?
  - o The Board was unable to reach a consensus on this question.
- 2) Does the governing Board/Council desire to move forward with the planned Whitehall Road Regional Park? If no, please note why. If yes, please continue...
  - The Board was unable to reach a consensus on this question.
- 3) Should the construction of Whitehall Road Regional Park be postponed until the Regional Parks Comprehensive Plan is complete (probably in late 2018)? If yes, please note why. If no, please continue...
  - No there is not a desire to wait until the completion of the regional parks comprehensive plan to develop the Whitehall Road Regional Park; however, there was a suggestion that there be some data collected prior to moving forward on the development of the park.
- 4) Are there "show stoppers" that would prevent the construction of Whitehall Road Regional Park from moving forward? If so, please list them.
  - o If there were no emergency access
  - If the Borough Water Authority stated that there is a significant risk to the wellhead recharge area
  - If the COG identified some data (via market analysis and a community survey) that did not support the development of the amenities that are identified on the master plan
  - o If artificial crumb rubber turf is included in the development of the park
- 5) Does the approved Whitehall Road Regional Park master site plan offer the park amenities that we want? If no, please discuss/note why.
  - In terms of phasing the Board needs more information what is included in phase 1.

- 6) Are the municipalities willing to modify the approved master plan and/or the phasing schedule for Whitehall Road Regional Park?
  - Yes

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this response.

Sincerely,

Township of Ferguson

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Township Manager

c: Board of Supervisors Correspondence file