AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST PIKELAND, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE EAST PIKELAND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF 2001, AS AMENDED, TO CREATE DESIGN STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMPLETE STREETS, TO AMEND PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STREET TREES AND TRAILS, AND TO CREATE STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE ACCESSIBILITY.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Pikeland, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 201, Definitions, is hereby amended to add new definitions thereto as follows:

Complete Street. A street designed to safely and effectively accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, and including green infrastructure for environmental protection and aesthetic enhancement.

Green Infrastructure. The use of ecological systems including plantings, soils, geology, microclimate, and biological resources to advance environmental protection, while providing functional aesthetics and social benefits.

SECTION 2. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 405.A, is hereby amended to add a new subsection 1 as follows:

1. Designated Complete Streets shall have modified cartway and shoulder requirements as specified in Section 428.

SECTION 3. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 405.B, is hereby amended to add a new subsection 4 as follows:

4. For implementation of Complete Streets.

SECTION 4. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 417.E, is hereby amended as follows:

E. Sidewalks shall be located within the street right of way a minimum of three (3) feet from the right of way line, except when part of a Complete Street design in accordance with section 428. Generally, a grass planting-strip should be provided between the curb and sidewalk. Handicap ramps shall be provided at all intersections.

SECTION 5. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 418, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 418 SHADE TREES AND SCREEN PLANTING

Street trees of 3-inch minimum caliper shall be planted by the applicant no less than six (6) inches from the outer edge of the right-of-way, spaced no more than fifty (50) feet apart. No fences, hedges, free standing...
walls, or planting (except street trees) shall be permitted within the rights of way of a street. Except where in conflict with overhead utilities, large canopy shade tree species shall be utilized along streets.

When recommended by the Planning Commission, and required by the Board, screen planting shall be placed by the developer. The initial minimum height and density of such screening shall be approved by the Board. Shade trees and screen planting shall be used in conformance with Section 1709 of the Zoning Ordinance. The developer is encouraged to use plant material selected from the Plant List found in Appendix E and where practical to use plants that are native species.

When a specific landscaping plan is prepared and approved by the Township, the developer may provide for the rearrangement of required street trees into clusters of trees to blend with other proposed landscaping on lots.

SECTION 6. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Section 424.E.2, is hereby amended as follows:

2. Provision of Trails

   In all subdivisions and land developments, provision shall be made for the reservation and/or dedication of trail corridors and the construction of trails in accordance with the Comprehensive Trail System delineated in the East Pikeland Township Municipal Trail Plan and the Plan for Open Space and Economic Development supplement to the East Pikeland Township Comprehensive Plan, and for the provision of trail links to the system.

SECTION 7. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Article IV, is hereby amended to include a new section 428 as follows:

SECTION 428 COMPLETE STREETS

In order to promote fully functional roads that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation, PA Routes 23, 113, and 724 shall be designed as Complete Streets. Complete Streets shall include the following features and shall be designed as described in Appendices C and D:

   A. Right-of-way shall be 60 feet minimum width.

   B. Each of two motor vehicle travel lane shall be 11 feet width.

   C. Each of two bicycle lanes shall be 5 feet width.

   D. Each of two sidewalks shall be 5 feet width.

   E. Landscape strips between the road pavement edges and sidewalks shall be 9 feet width and shall accommodate street trees. This strip shall narrow as necessary for vehicle turn lanes and bus stops.

   F. Bus stops with shelters shall be designed in accordance with Appendix D, subject to SEPTA and PennDOT approval.

   G. Pedestrian crosswalks designed for universal accessibility shall be provided at all street and driveway intersections.
H. Dimensional requirements are subject to change based on site conditions or other regulatory requirements. However, the functional objectives of providing safe and effective accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation shall be met.

SECTION 8. The East Pikeland Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 2001, as amended, Article IV, is hereby amended to include a new section 429 as follows:

SECTION 429 BICYCLE ROUTES

In order to promote effective multi-modal accessibility, and to create a bicycle circulation system consistent with the Bikeway Plan contained in the Plan for Open Space and Economic Development supplement to the East Pikeland Township Comprehensive Plan, subdivisions and land developments shall designate safe bicycle routes using the following strategies as appropriate to conditions:

A. Multi-purpose trails.
B. Bicycle lanes alongside the vehicle cartway.
C. “Sharrows” consisting of pavement marking to designate shared use of the roadway by bicyclists.
D. Posting of “Share the Road” and/or “Bike Route” signs.

SECTION 9. APPLICABILITY. The provisions hereof shall supersede any ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take become effective five (5) days after its enactment as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ___ day of ___________, 2014 by the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
EAST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Attest
By: _________________________