

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 6, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the September 1, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager –During the month of September Mrs. Moretti participated in several subdivision/land development meetings with engineers, developers and PennDOT. She began preparing the 2016 township budget, participated in police contract negotiations, attended a Chester County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting, attended a stormwater management seminar and continued to work with the solicitor on open space purchase projects. Family Movie Night was moved into the Kimberton Fire Co. on October 3rd due to rain. Lastly, she announced that the township has been notified that Hares Hill Road will be paved before the end of the season.

Public Works – Al Cushman’s report was posted for review.

Police Department – Chief Franciscus reported statistics for the month of September 2015: police responded to 221 calls including: 1 drug arrest, 4 thefts, 1 DUI, 4 misdemeanor/felony arrests, issued 35 traffic citations, and responded to 7 reportable accidents. Officers participated in training activities such as use of force, hazmat response, and police reporting writing.

Open Space Committee – John Schott reported that the township is still working with the Dietrich estate on preserving the Bryn Coed property, 100 acres of which is located in East Pikeland Township. The negotiations for the Piazza property have not been successful, so the Board of Supervisors is backing off of this project at this time. The Scott property adjacent to Kimberton Park will be settled on later this month. The Brownfields property off of Township Line Road is moving towards settlement.

Environmental Advisory Council – Leo Kaercher reported that his committee is down to 4 members and that he is recruiting volunteers. So far in 2015 the EAC has reviewed four development projects and recommended that they each submit an environmental assessment short form to the EAC and Planning Commission for review. Those projects included the Gappa Subdivision, Longview’s 400 Westside, Kingsway Gallery and the Kimberton Whole Foods expansion.

Mr. Strauss suggested the EAC take on new projects in order to attract volunteers. He suggested other environmental issues such as: recycling, electronic recycling, and pesticide spraying.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Strauss, to accept the resignation of Jamie DeFelice from the Historical Commission effective immediately. He explained that Mr. DeFelice is moving out of state. There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.

Kimberton Meadows Update

Mr. Campbell asked Ed Latshaw and Ed Theurkauf to provide an update on the Kimberton Meadows Subdivision.

Ed Latshaw reported that a lot of progress was made in the subdivision in September but very little in October. The two big items to be completed are: road repair/paving and landscaping. LTL was notified that road paving was to begin this week, but so far that has not happened. Ed has sent notices to both Benson and their road contractor asking them for a schedule and asking them to notify residents prior to the commencement of paving work.

Resident Mike Dimmerling asked the Board how they were going to proceed now that the deadline for completion per the settlement agreement has passed. Mr. Graham responded that the township is hoping that the developer will finish the project because the other choice is to go back to court, which means no work will get done.

Mike Dimmerling asked when the street lights were going to be activated. Mrs. Moretti responded that the paperwork had been submitted to PECO by the township. She will follow-up with PECO.

Barry Hallman asked when the silt fence would be removed from the site. Ed Latshaw responded that only when the State and County confirms that the stormwater permits are completed. Barry also asked if the trails were to be paved and Mr. Latshaw responded that was part of the road paving project.

Jonathan Gayl asked if the funds held in escrow are sufficient to complete the project if Benson pulls out. Ed Latshaw responded that there is sufficient funding in escrow.

Ed Theurkauf reported that his last landscaping report is dated August 26, 2015 where he detailed what was complete, what the landscaping deficiencies were and he provided a recommended course of action. He has not seen any evidence that additional work has been completed. He reported that the value of the remaining work is approximately \$31,000 and that about 80% of the work has been completed. He feels that the remaining escrow should be sufficient to finish the work. Ed does not have a complete list of landscaping that has died, but Benson is responsible for replacing that also. Ron Graham asked Ed to provide a percentage of what needs to be completed and to circulate that assessment to Benson and the HOA.

Mike Dimmerling asked if there is a timeframe in which landscaping must be planted? Ed Theurkauf responded that planting is successful up until the ground freezes.

Barry Hallman asked how late in the season the roads can be paved. Ed Latshaw responded up until early December or before temperatures drop below 40 degrees.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Traffic Planning and Design to conduct an **Act 209 Transportation Impact Fee Study Update**. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint **Act 209 Transportation Advisory Committee** members: John Schott, John Greenwood, Chris Meszaros, Kim Dunn, Byron Anstine and Rusty Strauss. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-18**, authorizing submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to PennDOT relative to the Cutler Subdivision project. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to adopt **ORDINANCE 171**, amending Chapter 15 of the Codified Ordinance to change the speed limit on Township Line Road, between Schuylkill Road and Kimberton Road to 25mph. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

John Schott announced that the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on Monday, October 12th at 7pm in order to obtain public comment on the Kimberton Retail zoning district.

Mike Dimmerling asked when the Rapps Dam Covered Bridge would re-open. Mrs. Moretti responded it would be later this week.

Barry Hallman asked if the Cutler Subdivision was still active. Mr. Graham responded very much so and that it is currently moving through the engineering review stage. The developer is proposing 168 single-family homes and 164 over-55 homes.

Doug Fitzsimons announced that the Pikeland Historical Society was sponsoring a Historic Lecture on Friday, October 23rd at 7pm at the township building. The speaker will be Nicholas O'Dell and the topic will be about the historic connection Kimberton has with the creation of Penicillin.

Announcements

Mr. Graham announced that the Board of Supervisors had met in September to discuss personnel issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager