

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 2, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on July 2, 2019 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 7:00p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the June 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

The township received a letter from the Phoenixville Public Library requesting municipal financial support. Library Board representative and township resident, Ted Bierer, provided information on the library, it's funding sources and needs. Residents in the audience commented that the library is a great resource and financial support from the township should be considered. After some discussion, the Board directed Mrs. Moretti to consider a contribution in the 2020 budget process, amount to be determined.

Mr. Strauss asked if the township had received a letter from West Pikeland Township expressing their interest in joining the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee. If they decide to join the regional comprehensive plan will need another update. John Schott commented that this would be an ideal time to ascertain the interest of East Vincent and Spring City joining the PRPC. Mr. Strauss responded that neither municipality has shown much interest. He then asked the other Supervisors if they had any issues or concerns about adding West Pikeland to the PRPC, and they responded they had none.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti reported that the township received notification of a \$20,000 grant from the Schuylkill Highlands program to pay for half of the cost of a master site plan for the Crouse property. She also reported that the township is still in consideration for an open space acquisition grant from DCNR and that a multi-modal grant application for the 724 Corridor sidewalk project is due to DCED at the end of July. She is working with the township engineer on the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) for the impaired Stony Run. After DEP approval the township will be responsible for addressing the impairment with projects such as mitigating streambank erosion, managing stormwater flow/velocity and improving riparian buffer areas. During June a new electronic sign was installed at the township building. Lastly, Mrs. Moretti continues to work with Valley Forge Sewer Authority on the sewer capacity issue impacting the township.

Public Works – Report from Al Cushman was posted.

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided statistics for June: 267 complaints, including 1 DUI, 2 drug arrests, and 2 thefts. There were 13 accidents and 14 traffic citations issued. Officers Paris and Ehmann participated in a week of SWAT physical training that prepared them for responding to a SWAT emergency while not being on a SWAT team; Sgt. Heyman participated in the Active Shooter Exercise at the Renaissance Academy. Officer Corbo became certificated by the NRA as a rifle instructor.

Hares Hill Road resident Jerry Daniels was present to report that his property is regularly damaged by drivers running off the road when they try to negotiate the bend in the road at fast speed. Chief Wilson listened to Mr. Daniel's issues and will follow up with him after the meeting.

Mike Gaydos of Hares Hill Road complained about trucks driving over the weight restricted Hares Hill Bridge. Chief Wilson responded that trucks are a problem on both French Creek bridges because truckers are not using commercial GPS. She will seek assistance from PennDOT in issuing citations.

West End Ambulance – Cpt. Osborne reported that they had responded to 90 ambulance dispatches in June resulting in a 38% increase for the year over 2018 calls. 41% of their calls in 2018 were in East Pikeland. Assisted Living facility calls account for 14% of their overall call volume in the entire call area.

Historical Commission – Jim Garrison reported that 3 members of the Historical Commission attended the PA Historic Preservation Conference in June and included topics on barn and farm historic preservation and adaptive reuse of schools. Mr. Graham asked Jim how many historic barns are in East Pikeland, to which Jim responded that he would have to review the historic resources list.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 1 for Kimberton Glen, Phase 2 Active Adult Community, in the amount of \$544,145.01*, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 4 for Kimberton Glen, Phase 2 Conventional Lots, in the amount of \$173,040.00*, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to direct the township manager to process a lease agreement with the Kimberton Fair Committee to use a portion of Kimberton Park for their event from July 22 though July 27, 2019*. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-14**, supporting the Ready for 100 movement in support of a transition to 100% renewable energy.* Mr. Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-15**, appointing an Act 209 Transportation Committee.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-16**, authorizing execution of an Agreement between Schuylkill River Greenways and East Pikeland Township for a Master Site Plan grant for the Crouse property open space.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-17**, authorizing submission of a grant application to PA DCED, Commonwealth Funding Agency for a multi-modal grant for the Route 724 Corridor.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-18**, authorizing execution of an Agreement to renew the Certified Local Government program.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Jim Garrison explained to the Board that the PA Historic and Museum Commission proposed new rules for CLG communities which will allow for more grants, enhanced standing with National Register Nominations, and free technical assistance.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to grant the following waivers from the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance for 639 Schuylkill Road Lot Consolidation Plan:*

- a. *Section 304.C.7.b(3) waiving requirement for a boundary survey.*
- b. *Section 304.C.7.b(12) waiving requirement for locating historic and natural features.*
- c. *Section 304.C.7.b(20) waiving requirement for contour elevation data on the plan.*
- d. *Section 305.C.2.a(1) waiving requirement for a full field survey of the property.*
- e. *Section 403.A.1 waiving requirement for setting of concrete monuments along the property boundary.*

Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-19**, granting Preliminary/Final Plan approval for a lot consolidation plan for 639 Schuylkill Road.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion

Pollutant Reduction Plan - A 30-day public comment period has been announced for review of the Stony Run Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). The plan is available for public review in the township office.

St. Basil's Ballfield – Mrs. Moretti explained that when St. Basil's church went through the land development process in the early 2000's a condition of approval was that the proposed ballfield be made available to the public – in lieu of the payment of fee in lieu of open space/recreation. With the closing of the school, the church pastor has decided that the liability of allowing the public to use the ballfield is too high and the public has been turned away when trying to utilize the field. She reported that the township solicitor is going to reach out to the Philadelphia Arch Diocese to get a better understanding of the concerns of allowing the public to use the field. Mr. Graham commented that the church officials need to understand that it is their obligation to make it available to the public, not their option to keep people out.

Public Comment

Jonathan Gayl announced that the annual Shakespeare in the Park event will be held at Kimberton Park on July 13th and feature "Much Ado about Nothing."

Mike Gaydos complained about the condition of the French Creek Trail in that there are piles of mulch along the trail, puddles and benches that require maintenance. Mr. Strauss responded that he had spoken to staff and the Park & Recreation Board about trail maintenance issues to be addressed. Resident Ron Hoinowksi, whose property abuts the trail, mentioned that the piles of debris were a result of the recent heavy rains and flooding.

Announcements

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager