

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 3, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Manager Kim Moretti.

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

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the March 6, 2018 Board of Supervisors minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti made several announcements:

- The Rapps Dam Covered Bridge will be closed indefinitely after a truck hit it on March 29th.
- The Hares Hill Bridge is scheduled to be closed from June 11 to August 24 for the repair of the stone wingwalls leading up to the bridge.
- The Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 had beautiful weather and a great turnout.
- New automatic timed locks will be installed on the Kimberton Park restroom doors.
- French Creek Trail Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 21. Volunteers are welcome.
- Shred Event scheduled for May 5th at the Technical College High School (TCHS).
- Household Hazardous Waste collection day scheduled for April 7 at (TCHS).
- A volunteer clean-up of Spring City Road netted 50 bags of trash totaling 780lbs. 13 elementary school students plus their parents participated.

Public Works – Report was posted.

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided March 2018 statistics: 225 complaints, including: 6 DUIs, 1 drug arrest, 1 criminal mischief complaint, 13 felony/misdemeanors, 13 accidents and 28 traffic citations.

The “Coffee with a Cop” event held on March 24 at the Burger King was a success and will be repeated again in June at O’Grady’s. Two officers participated in “Operation Nighthawk” which is a county-wide DUI enforcement effort. Over 1400 vehicles were stopped during the operation and 120 DUI arrests were made.

Jonathan Gayl asked how the township was going to address the issue of trucks trying to cross over the covered bridge. Chief Wilson responded that the road is posted for no truck traffic and that when truck drivers use commercial GPS devices they are directed away from Rapps Dam Road where there is a height restriction. With this most recent accident the driver was using a phone mapping app which does not include height restrictions.

Doug Fitzsimons asked about the nature of the 225 complaints received by the Police Department. Chief Wilson responded that those complaints include ambulance calls, domestic violence, retail thefts, accidents, assisting other police departments, alarms, commercial business checks and overdoses.

Environmental Advisory Council Report – Betsy Burns reported that the EAC currently has 7 members that meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. Their goals for 2018 include holding programs and events that will engage the community, such as bird walking along the French Creek Trail, roadside clean-ups, raingarden workshops, increasing the EAC’s presence on social media, and expanding the composting and recycling programs. On Earth Day, Sunday April 22, the EAC will hold a roadside cleanup where volunteers are welcome to participate. More information on these program will be found on the township website and Facebook page. EAC members will be participating in an EAC workshop on April 14 in Malvern. On April 24 a public information session will be held at the township building on the Penn State Extension’s Master Watershed Program.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to ratify a Declaration of Snow Emergency made on March 21, 2018*. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve a 90-day timeclock extension for the Miller Pond Subdivision Preliminary Plan Application, ending July 6, 2018*. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve an Amendment to the Conservation Easement Agreement for the Bryn Coed open space.

Attorney Jennifer Wunder, representing the Evergreen Trust, asked that the motion be amended to add a condition.

Amended motion to read: *Approval of an Amendment to the Conservation Easement Agreement for the Bryn Coed open space, conditioned upon the ability to make certain changes to include additional or substitute ownership based on revising the current purchase agreement and allowing for a change in the allocation of some of the limitations listed in the agreement, pursuant to Section 2.04 and subject to the approval of the township solicitor.*

Mr. Strauss seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve an agreement for the Assignment of Interest in the Bryn Coed Open Space Conservation Easement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2018-04, authorizing submission of a Transportation and Community Development Initiative grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to fund a study of the Route 23/Township Line Road intersection. Mr. Campbell seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to award the 2018 Road Repair Contract to Dan Malloy Paving with a low bid of \$42,405. Mr. Campbell seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to award the 2018 Equipment Rental Contract to Dan Malloy Paving with a low bid of \$59,400. Mr. Campbell seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to award the 2018 Chip Seal Paving Contract to Asphalt Industries with a low bid of \$94,014.80. Mr. Campbell seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize Chief Wilson to begin the hiring process to hire a new full-time patrol officer. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Charlie Line informed the Board of Supervisors that he is working on a project that would require a change in zoning to allow a sustainable, moderate income, age-restricted project on the Piazza property. He is proposing that a zoning overlay be adopted for the property that would include uses similar to those allowed in the MU district. He has a specific proposal that he would like to present to each township committee and asked the Board for their support to do so. The project would earn a LEED Platinum certification when complete.

Mr. Strauss responded that the township is already looking at a township-wide sustainability ordinance and is not interested in incorporating changes on a piecemeal basis. The Planning Commission will also be reviewing zoning uses in the TU and MU districts to determine if there are other uses that would be appropriate.

Mr. Campbell responded that he does not have enough information here to make an opinion. He suggested Mr. Line start at the Planning Commission.

Mr. Graham asked Mr. Strauss if the Open Space Committee was still considering the Piazza property as an open space acquisition. Mr. Strauss said they were if the owner is still interested.

Mr. Line stated that he does have an agreement of sale for a portion of the project. The larger portion agreement is conditioned upon an approved plan by the township.

Announcements

Mr. Strauss announced that he and Mr. Graham had met during the past month, however no township business was discussed.

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

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager