

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 1, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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.

Special Presentation

The Board recognized new Eagle Scout, Matthew Steplewski of Troop 85 in Phoenixville, for his contribution to the township and community with his Eagle Scout project. Matthew constructed a bulletin board and bench for the French Creek Trail trailhead on Hares Hill Road. Matthew was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the August 4, 2015 and August 18, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Mrs. Moretti informed the Board that the requested "Comfort Letter" had been received from the EPA relative to the Kimberton Superfund Site and the potential purchase of the Piazza property as open space. The letter provides a history of the site and details any restrictions or controls on adjacent properties.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti announced that PennDOT has notified the township that they plan to pave Hares Hill Road in the next few weeks. The road has been in terrible condition since last winter's storms. During the month of August Mrs. Moretti participated in several subdivision/land development meetings, including the Cutler Subdivision, Pikeland Glen, 400 Westside and Kimberton Meadows. She wrote and edited articles for the fall issue of the newsletter, prepared a Request for Proposals for hiring a CPA, recruited new volunteers for the Act 209 Transportation Advisory Committee and worked with the solicitor on open space purchase projects.

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

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson reported statistics for the month of August 2015: police responded to 240 calls including: 3 drug arrests, 6 thefts, 1 burglaries, 1 DUI, 7 misdemeanor/felony arrests, issued 41 traffic citations, and responded to 6 reportable accidents.

Planning Committee Update – John Colarusso reported that the Planning Commission had reviewed four projects that were recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval, including: Gappa Subdivision, 400 Westside, Kimberton Whole Foods and the Kingsway Art Gallery. They are now

concentrating on reviewing the zoning for the Kimberton Retail district and invite the public to participate. A Public Meeting will be held on October 12th.

Park & Recreation Update – Chairman Jerry Miller reported that the Park & Rec Board met on August 20th and approved a student project to build benches for the French Creek Trail; discussed Movie Night scheduled for October 3rd featuring the *Wizard of Oz*; and discussed the Kimberton Arts Building that is for sale. They feel the building could be used as a community center for park and rec events, exercise classes, entertainment, rental for parties and historical displays. It would also provide the township larger meeting space, if needed. The concern is if someone else buys the building here may be issues with parking.

Jon Gayl asked when the township would be notified about the grant application for an amphitheater at the park. Mrs. Moretti responded that the notifications would possibly be made by DCNR in the fall.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for a Certified Public Accountant to audit the financial records for 2015 and prepare the State-required financial report. MOTION was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to accept the resignation of part-time police officer Jim Robb, effective August 14, 2015. MOTION was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously. Mr. Graham commented that Officer Robb was a great officer who has found full-time employment elsewhere.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to appoint Matthew Paris as a part-time police officer, effective September 1, 2015. MOTION was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously. Matt Paris introduced himself to the Board and provided his background in law enforcement.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Stephanie Nattle as township secretary, effective August 20, 2015. MOTION was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to appoint Emily Miller as part-time administrative assistant, effective September 8, 2015. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to appoint Andrew Batten to the Park & Recreation Board with term expiring 12/31/16. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the 2016 Police Pension Fund Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$80,640. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the 2016 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$9,996. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

400 Westside – Longview Development

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to grant a waiver for 400 Westside Land Development from Chapter 22, Section 308.O.5 of the Codified Ordinance, to allow HDPE storm sewer pipe with a service life of 50 years. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-16**, granting final approval to 400 Westside Land Development Plan, with conditions. Mr. Campbell seconded the MOTION and it passed unanimously.

Fei Xue from Longview Development thanked the Board of Supervisors and township officials for working with them to get approval on this project. They are hoping to break ground in October. Mr. Graham responded that this was the right project, on the right property, at the right time and he feels it is a project the community will be proud of.

Luludoli Subdivision

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to grant the request for the following waivers from the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance for the Luludoli Subdivision:

- 1) Section 301. B - to combine the Preliminary and Final plan as a one-step process
- 2) Section 304.C.7.b(11) – to not provide existing features onsite within 100' of the site
- 3) Section 304.C.7.b(12) – to not provide natural resources and topography
- 4) Section 304.C.7.b(13) – to not provide a Wetlands Delineation Report
- 5) Section 304.C.7.b(19) – to not provide existing topography plan

Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-17**, granting final approval to Luludoli Subdivision. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jon Gayl asked where this subdivision was located. Mrs. Moretti explained this is the Scott property in Kimberton, adjacent to Kimberton Park and the purpose of the subdivision is for the township to purchase one of the subdivided parcels as open space. Barry Hallman asked why the waivers were granted. Mr. Moretti explained that there would be no improvements to the property, just a simple subdivision.

Public Comment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager