

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 2, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on October 2, 2018 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss and Manager Kim Moretti. Supervisor Ben Campbell was absent.

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

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the September 4, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during September she completed the annual MS4 report and submitted it to DEP. She attended a meeting at DEP with the township engineer to discuss the MS4 program and the township’s Pollution Reduction Plan. She also attended the Chester County annual Stormwater Summit. She reported that PennDOT proposes to replace a one-lane bridge on Merlin Road (over Pigeon Run) with a two-lane bridge. Since this bridge is located in a historic district she is working with the Historical Commission to urge PennDOT to design a bridge that will blend more naturally with the rural and historic setting. While the township would like to see the bridge remain one-lane, PennDOT’s regulations are that any project paid with State or Federal funds would require the project meeting current standards and therefore the bridge must be made two lanes.

Public Works – Posted

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided September 2018 statistics: 242 complaints, including 1 drug arrest, 3 DUIs, 1 theft, 8 felony/misdemeanors, 17 accidents and 34 traffic citations. Officers participated in several training programs, including: Large Scale Events, Drug Identification and Testing, Simulated Fire Arms and a Marijuana class.

Kimberton Fire Company Report – Posted

Open Space Report – Rusty Strauss reported that committee members conducted a site visit to the Graham property in order to provide input on the conservation easement document that will be prepared. There was a joint committee meeting of Open Space and Park & Recreation to discuss recreational needs in order to assist with future open space planning. The OSC is actively looking at other properties in the township with the potential for open space purchase or conservation.

Park & Recreation Report – Jerry Miller reported that a very successful Date Night Movie Night was held at Kimberton Park on September 21. It was estimated that about 600 people attended. The next events will be a Halloween Movie Night on October 27th at the Kimberton Fire Co. and a French Creek Trail clean-up on November 3rd. The Park & Rec Board is requesting an increase in their budget for 2019 in order to provide additional recreational programming and park and trail improvements. The Supervisors suggested that the budget request be submitted to Mrs. Moretti.

Mr. Strauss stated that one Kimberton resident complained to him about the noise from the band at the September 21 movie night. He suggested that all area residents be specifically notified prior to the next event of this type in order to avoid complaints.

Old Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 4 for 400 Westside**, in the amount of \$224,772.78, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **5-year agreement with Brandywine Valley SPCA** to provide Animal Protective Services. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize Township Manager to advertise to hire **Barbacane, Thornton and Company** to prepare the 2018 annual financial report. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to reject all bids for purchase of a pre-owned Tractor with Boom Mower. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Moretti reported that only one bid was received in the amount of \$80,650, however the equipment did not meet the township's specifications.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to reject all bids for purchase of a pre-owned Front-End Wheel Loader. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Moretti reported that only one bid was received in the amount of \$104,573, however the price exceeded the township's budget for this equipment.

New Business

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to accept **resignation of Caesar Muzzioli** from the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jerry Miller stated that Caesar has served on the Park and Rec Board for at least 10 years and will be missed.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve proposal from Shainline Excavating for snow removal for the 2018/19 winter season. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-13**, authorizing the Zoning Officer to enforce Section 2325 of the Second Class Township Code and serve notice to property owner at 1298 Hares Hill Road to remove shrubbery that is obstructing site distance at the intersection, or the township will do so. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Chief Wilson reported that while the shrub in question was trimmed it still creates a site distance problem and should be entirely removed. She said cars have to pull out into the intersection in order to see. She added that the lack of site distance can become a liability for the property owner if an accident should occur at this intersection. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Kimberton Village Traffic Calming – Helena VanVliet, resident of Kimberton Village and member of the Planning Commission, gave a presentation on possible methods to be considered by the township to create traffic calming on Kimberton Road in the Village. She presented three options: 1) Speed table at bottom of hill near Kimberton Whole Foods that would also serve as a pedestrian crosswalk. 2) Paint a pedestrian walking area on the bridge near Kimberton Inn, making it a one lane bridge, which would reduce the speed of drivers. 3) Consider making Kimberton Road, between Hares Hill Road and Coldstream Road, one-way heading away from the Village.

Discussion on these alternatives followed. The impact on Village businesses needs to be considered and public input should be sought. Ed Latshaw pointed out that PennDOT's Traffic Calming Handbook has specific requirements to be followed. Mrs. Moretti suggested that the traffic engineer be engaged to provide input on the steps needed and cost involved. The Board authorized her to contact TPD to begin the process. Chief Wilson said that the Police Dept. will conduct a speed study on Kimberton Road.

Public Comment

Michael Whitehead and Miquon Robinson, owners of 1298 Hares Hill Road were present to discuss the letter from the township requiring them to remove shrubbery at the corner of the property. The shrubs obstruct visibility at the four-way stop intersection. Mr. Whitehead said he has cut the shrub back, but feels that the stop sign on Hares Hill Road is in the wrong place and that is the problem, not the shrubs. The Board and Chief Wilson disagreed with him and were firm that the shrubs need to be removed. They added that since Hares Hill Road is a State Road, the township does not regulate the stop sign. Mr. Graham stated that Chief Wilson went to the intersection after the shrub was cut and it is still a problem and needs to be cut further back more or removed. Mr. Whitehead agreed that he will cut it further, but feels it will have no effect on the visibility at the intersection.

John Osborne, Captain of West End Ambulance, reported that they responded to 55 calls in East Pikeland Township in August and 62 in September. East Pikeland calls equate to 45.1% of all of their company calls. In July they offered free CPR training with 9 participants. In November they will be conducting their annual membership fund drive. They were happy to participate in National Night Out in August and plan to return next year. When asked about their response times to emergencies, Cpt. Osborne said it is approximately 3-4 minutes.

Announcements

Mr. Strauss reported that he and Mr. Campbell had lunch together but no township business was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager