

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 12, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on November 12, 2019 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Phoenixville. 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 October 1, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti reported that the 2020 budget draft has been prepared and distributed to the Board of Supervisors. The Crouse property ribbon cutting was held on November 2nd with State and County officials in attendance. The Community Visioning program for the property was highly successful with about 60 attendees and a lot of good input on future uses of the property.

Grant news:

- Submitted grant application to PECO Green Region for Ridge Road open space dog park project.
- Submitted report and request for reimbursement for Bullet-Proof Vest Grant.
- Submitted multi-modal grant application to PennDOT for Route 23 sidewalk project.
- Announcement made today that the township will receive DCED Multimodal grant funds, also for the Route 23 Sidewalk project.

Public Works – Al Cushman reported on his Department activities for the month of October, including traffic line painting, curbing and road repair, response to weather impacts, and employee training. He announced that the Saturday hours for the mulch yard will end for the season on November 23rd. To date 151 loads of mulch/compost have been delivered. The crew cleaned up the Crouse property in preparation for the ribbon cutting and power-washed both the township building and the amphitheater at Kimberton Park. The Ford 2006 pickup truck was sold on Municibid for \$4576.

Mr. Strauss asked about boom mowing activity on Hollingsworth Drive for which he received a complaint from a resident. Al responded that according to the Second Class Township Code any growth encroaching into the road can be cut back by the township and it is the resident's responsibility to clean up the debris. The Board directed Al to remove said debris this week.

Don Szabo asked if the bank on Township Line Road at his property would be mowed with the rented boom mower. Al responded that it will be addressed.

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided statistics for October: 190 complaints, including 3 thefts, 1 criminal mischief, 1 drug arrest, 3 fraud cases, and 5 felony arrests. There were 15 accidents, 5 mental health calls, and 9 traffic citations issued during the month. All officers have completed Mental Health Certification. Officer Weaver has attended Field Sobriety and Violent Encounters training.

Resident Don Szabo asked how much revenue the township makes from traffic citations and what is the minimum speed to issue a citation. Chief Wilson responded that it is a small amount of revenue, about \$12.50 per citation. She further responded that officers have been assigned to sit on Mowere Road to monitor speed and it is at an officer's discretion on when to pull over a speeder. In a 25mph zone the minimum speed to issue a citation is 35mph.

West End Ambulance – Report from John Osborne. 60 calls in October for a total of 730 for the year. About 40% of all calls are in East Pikeland. West End will hold a Stop the Bleed program at Valley Forge Fire Co. on November 16 at 7pm. Cpt. Osborne provided medication tracking cards that will be distributed to residents. A fund drive letter will be mailed soon to area residents. Cpt. Osborne acknowledged Officer Ken Smith who responded to an overdose before the ambulance arrived, and was able to properly administer Narcan to save the victim's life.

Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee – Rusty Strauss provided an update on PRPC activities. The regional comprehensive plan was approved by all municipalities however it will need to again be amended in order to incorporate West Pikeland into the regional planning. It is anticipated that a County Vision Planning Program grant will be used to fund the update. PRPC also conducted two zoning amendment reviews and one development plan review for consistency. At their October meeting they discussed the Ready for 100 program and how that might become a regional initiative. Additional discussion will be held on this issue.

Planning Commission – John Schott reported that there are currently no plans under review by the Planning Commission, however they did have a presentation about workforce housing from Church Housing at their last meeting. The Planning Commission is working with Ed Latshaw on Low Impact Development and Sustainable Housing provisions.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-25** accepting a Deed of Dedication for tax parcel Nos. 26-1-61.68, referenced as open space on Ridge Road. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-26**, accepting a Deed of Dedication for tax parcel No. 26-1-61.73, referenced as open space on Ridge Road. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-27**, authorizing submission of a grant application to the PECO Green Region program to fund engineered plans for a dog park. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-28**, authorizing a Certification of Appropriateness for 2208 Kimberton for a partial roof replacement, as recommended by the HARB. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2019-29**, authorizing submission of a grant application to PennDOT for a Multimodal Transportation Grant for the Route 23 Sidewalk project. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize advertisement of draft township budget for fiscal year 2020. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Don Szabo commented that a newspaper article indicates that the Phoenixville Area School District will be purchasing new land for a future school. He asked the Board if they had any information on that purchase. Mr. Graham responded that a school project would not fall under the jurisdiction of the township and that Mr. Szabo should address his concerns to the school board.

Fred Beeler of 115 Viola Road issued a complaint about the condition of 113 Viola Road with debris and trash on the property. Mrs. Moretti responded that the Zoning Officer has been in touch with the property owner and that they are actively cleaning up the property. Mr. Beeler disagreed and feels there should be more enforcement. Mr. Graham said that he will speak with the Zoning Officer.

Announcements

Mr. Graham announced that the Board of Supervisors have been together on several occasions during the month, including the Crouse Ribbon Cutting, Community Visioning Workshop and Election Day, however no township business was decided.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager