

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 13, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on November 13, 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 7:05p.m. following an Executive Session in which personnel matters and litigation were discussed with special counsel.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the October 2, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during October she completed the 2019 township budget; prepared a report of grant opportunities that will be available in 2019; conducted facilities inspections with the Safety Committee; attended a municipal forum on park and recreation programs; continued to address stormwater complaints and met with VFSA representatives to discuss sewer capacity. The township held a Halloween Movie Night at the Kimberton Fire Co. that was successful.

Public Works – Posted

Police Department – Sgt. Heyman provided October 2018 statistics: 244 complaints, including 4 drug arrests, 2 DUIs, 1 theft, 8 felony/misdemeanors, 12 accidents and 29 traffic citations. Officers participated in several training programs and community events, including a Fall Fest at Yeager’s and a Food Truck Festival. The Citizen’s Police Academy will be repeated again in the spring.

Kimberton Fire Company Report – Posted

Historic Commission Report – Jim Garrison reported that the Commission will work with the Chester County Historic Preservation Network on Design Guidelines for historic districts that can be used consistently throughout the county. This is part of the Landscapes3 goals that will also include working with PHMC’s new Certified Local Government Guidelines.

The Commission will continue to protect historic bridge and bridges in historic districts, notably the Pigeon Run Bridge on Merlin Rd. in the Middle Pickering National Register Historic District. Ron Graham asked what options are available for the Merlin Road Bridge over Pigeon Run. Jim explained that bridge construction will impact wetlands and possibly neighboring driveways. This will present a challenge to PennDOT. Kim Moretti has asked PennDOT for a meeting to discuss this project.

Jim also reported that there may be an opportunity for further archaeological surveys related to the Continental Powder Works historic site in the next year. There will be a dedication event for Snyder’s Mill in the Spring with new interpretive signs at the Mill and the Kimberton Grange.

The Summer Kitchen on Mowere Road has presented a challenge. Since it was preserved a year ago it has continued to deteriorate. Unlike Snyder's Mill the structure has no standalone use or significance. Options the township should consider include:

- 1) Subdivide a building lot off of the Kimberton Glen open space and include the summer kitchen to be incorporated into new residential or commercial construction on the lot.
- 2) Renovation of the structure with long-term maintenance by the township. Cost of renovation estimated to be \$15,000 to \$25,000 depending on the intended use. Moving the building would cost substantially more. Township would need an easement from Kimberton Glen to maintain the structure and land around it and identify a passive or active use for the structure.
- 3) Demolition of the structure if no use or preservation strategy is identified.

Barbara Quinter was present and she asked if the structure could be stabilized while the township considers these options. Kim Moretti will discuss stabilization with Jim and the Public Works Department. She will also approach Toll with the idea of subdividing the parcel.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize a Phase 1 environmental assessment be made of the "Graham" property at 1244 Hares Hill Road, which is under review for a conservation easement. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made the following MOTIONS relative to 400 Westside:

- MOTION to authorize **RESOLUTION 2018-14**, approving a Deed of Dedication granted by 400 Westside, LP for additional right-of-way on Rapps Dam Road.
- MOTION to approve an Agreement to Vacate a portion of Rapps Dam Road to 400 Westside, LP.
- MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 185**, vacating a portion of Rapps Dam Road to 400 Westside, LP.

Mr. Campbell seconded these motions and they were unanimously approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize **RESOLUTION 2018-15**, approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 2161 Kimberton Road for exterior renovations, as recommended by the HARB. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize advertisement of a proposed Sidewalk Ordinance. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize advertisement of the 2019 township budget. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize **RESOLUTION 2018-16**, amending the Articles of Incorporation for the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

John Osborne, Captain of West End Ambulance, reported that they responded to 55 calls in East Pikeland Township in October for a year-to-date of 544 calls in the township. In December they will be offering a *Stop the Bleed* class for the community and a CPR class will be offered in January. More information on these programs can be found on their Facebook page.

Announcements

Mr. Graham reported that he and Mr. Strauss has spoken outside of public meetings, but no township business had been discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to re-convene the meeting to accept additional Public Comment.

Angela Ecenbarger of Pickering Road stated that no speed limit signs are posted on Pickering Road and she feels that there is a lot of speeding. Kim Moretti responded that she will investigate what the approved speed limit is on the road. Mr. Graham stated that the Police Department can conduct a speed study and make a recommendation to the Board to adopt an ordinance to change the speed limit.

Mr. Mansmann of 1050 Pike Springs Road was present to express concerns that the township zoning is making it difficult for him to sell his property that has an existing landscaping company on it. A landscaping contractor was prepared to purchase the property but was told they needed a use variance, which the Planning Commission did not support. Mr. Strauss responded that the existing landscaping company is a pre-existing, non-conforming use that was never permitted by the township. The use proposed is a contractor's establishment and considered a change in use, not a continuation of the existing use, and contractor's establishments are not allowed in the AP zoning district. John Schott added that the Planning Commission asked the potential buyer to provide information on proposed changes to the property, but they did not. John Colarusso suggested that the realtor who has the property listed become more familiar with the zoning requirements before marketing the property.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager