

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 7, 2016**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell, Township Manager Kim Moretti and Solicitor Bill Lincke.

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

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the May 3, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mike Dimmerling of Kimberton Meadows asked that the name Tom Hickey be corrected to Mike Hickey in the May minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with changes.

Correspondence

Mrs. Moretti reported that a letter dated May 23, 2016 was received from Kimberton Meadows, LLC offering for dedication to the township the public improvements in the Kimberton Meadows Subdivision.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to direct the Township Manager to respond to letter of May 23, 2016 from Kimberton Meadows, LLC addressing the offer to dedicate public improvements in the Kimberton Meadows Subdivision to the township. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Resident Mike Dimmerling asked how the township would respond and Mrs. Moretti answered that the letter would inform Benson that their request is premature in that all of the improvements have not yet been completed.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to formally direct Township Engineer to review the status of improvements in the Kimberton Meadows Subdivision and provide a report to the township. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mike Dimmerling asked if there had been any release of escrow funds to the township based on the default action. Mrs. Moretti reported that the bank was withholding the funds based on advice from their attorney. Mr. Graham said the township is still prepared to move forward on the trail stabilization and that Mrs. Moretti is working with a landscaper to schedule the work. Mike further asked if there are any guarantees on installed landscaping. Ed Latshaw responded that after dedication of improvements there is an 18-month maintenance bond that would require the developer to replace dead planting that are in the public right-of-way only.

Paula Hahn of Kimberton Meadows asked if there was any progress on removal of the silt fence. Ed Latshaw explained that the NPDES permit in place will expire mid-July. Benson has informed the Chester Co. Conservation District that they plan to complete the work in June and if they do not DEP can start enforcement action. Ed feels that some of the silt fencing can be removed by the

township's public works department, but should only be done under the guidance of the Conservation District.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of May she continued to work on the annual MS4 stormwater report; worked on plans for the new amphitheater in Kimberton Park; and addressed personnel issues relative to Chief Franciscus' retirement. She announced that the township has been awarded a Green Light Go Grant from PennDOT to upgrade traffic signal heads at Route 113 and Coldstream Road, 113 and Firehouse Lane and 113 and Pothouse Road. She also announced the date of the Electronic Waste Recycling Day on June 18th at the Phoenixville High School parking lot. Anything with a plug will be accepted with a fee charged for some items.

Public Works – Posted.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson provided May statistics: Officers responded to 182 calls, including 4 thefts, 2 burglaries, 2 DUIs, 2 drug arrests, 62 traffic citations, and 22 accidents. Officers participated in a County DUI detail and a State Click or Ticket detail. The Police Association treated East Pikeland Elementary School students to an ice cream treat for the end of the school year.

Historical Commission Report – Jim Garrison reported that the Historical Commission along with Planning Commission members, attended a Historic Preservation workshop in Bethlehem about planning in a historic district. Volunteers are working on two upcoming events: 1) July 14th Trolley Tour which will visit Kimberton and the Continental Powder Works; and 2) annual Historic Walking Tour on August 18th in the Middle Pickering Historic District.

Park & Recreation Board Report – Jerry Miller reported that the Park & Rec Board met at Kimberton Park for their April meeting to discuss the new amphitheater project in the meadow below the tennis courts. They are working with planner Ed Theurkauf on the final design and ADA accessibility. The Board has offered guidance on two current Eagle Scout projects – one to build benches along the French Creek Trail and the other to blaze the final portion of the trail to Township Line Road.

Planning Commission – John Colarusso reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for the Davis property at their last meeting. They are still working on the zoning project for Kimberton Village. John Schott added that they will have a public meeting in September to present the draft Kimberton zoning. Public comments are encouraged. Mr. Graham asked that a draft of the zoning amendment be posted on the website.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 175**, authorizing continued participation in the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee with a revised Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve an Agreement with Walter Zaremba relative to condemnation of property at 470 Schuylkill Road, also known as Parcel 26-3E-4. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dennis Ray asked if this was the property that would facilitate a new traffic signal at Routes 724 and 23. The response was affirmative.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize execution of a Deed for a portion of parcel 26-3E-4 to PennDOT for future roadway improvements, per the Right-of-Way plan dated 5/31/16 as prepared by STA Engineering, Inc. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the **retirement of Chief Franciscus** effective May 31, 2016. Mr. Campbell seconded the Motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint **Sergeant Susette Wilson as Officer in Charge** of the Police Department, effective June 1, 2016. Mr. Campbell seconded the Motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-14**, adopting the updated Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan as the East Pikeland Township Comprehensive Plan including township supplements and addendums. Mr. Campbell seconded the Motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to **promote Officer Robert McCole** from a Part-time Police Officer to a Full-time Police Officer, effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Attorney Lincke suggested the Board approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** relative to the **Aquilante Property** at 481 Schuylkill Road pursuant to a plan approved by PennDOT. So moved and seconded by Mr. Graham with unanimous approval.

Public Comment

Chris Halliday of Spring City Road informed the Board of a problem he is having with invasive bamboo spreading from a neighboring property onto his own. He asked the Board to consider an ordinance to prevent property owners from planting invasive bamboo and address maintenance of existing bamboo. He provided a sample ordinance for use by the township. After discussion the Board directed Mrs. Moretti to have the Zoning Officer prepare an ordinance for their review.

Mike Dimmerling asked if the earlier motion made by the Board about a condemnation was a financial transaction? Attorney Lincke responded that the cost of the condemnation is \$205,500 based on an appraisal and includes a contribution to relocate possessions and cover legal fees as required under the Eminent Domain code. Mr. Graham added that most of the funds for the condemnation came from the township's Act 209 Traffic Impact Fee fund, which is created with developer's fees.

Mike Hickey asked if a timeline for the Cutler development had been set. Mrs. Moretti said that a formal construction schedule has not yet been determined.

Announcements

Mrs. Moretti announced that Rapps Dam Road, between Route 23 and Camp Council, will be closed to through traffic beginning June 20, 2016 for an unspecified period of time for redesign and reconstruction of the road in conjunction with the 400 Westside land development project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager