

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
February 4, 2020**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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 7:00p.m.

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting minutes and the January 6, 2020 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 the month of January she prepared annual reports for state agencies; worked with the auditors; researched grant programs and prepared the annual Certified Local Government report. The township fund balance is just over \$9M. The Crouse property steering committee met to provide input on the Master Site Plan. She and John Schott attended a 724 Corridor meeting hosted by the Chester Co. Economic Development Council.

Public Works – Posted. Resident Don Szabo reported that on January 25<sup>th</sup> he drove around the township in a rainstorm and found that stormdrains were clogged with leaves. He also questioned why township trucks do not have a township logo or US DOT number on them.

Police Department – Officer Rob Wilson provided the January 2020 Police Department Statistics including 1 drug arrest, 2 DUIs, 2 felony/misdemeanor arrests, and 21 traffic citations were issued. There were 13 accidents.

In January the department was trained in use of Tasers and CPR, AED and bloodborne pathogens certifications were conducted. Officers met a young man, Alex Mann, who is severely autistic and is on a journey to visit as many police departments as he can. The entire Police Department has been certified in Mental Health Training and is part of the County Critical Incident team.

Beginning in March the Citizens Police Academy will begin and residents interested in participating should contact Officer Dan Corbo.

Open Space Committee – Stock Illoway provided committee highlights from 2019, including: compilation of a property database, outreach to property owners, formal protection of the Graham property on Hares Hill Road, acquisition of the Crouse property and a new volunteer training packet was prepared by staff. By the end of 2019 1,325.15 acres had been preserved in East Pikeland Township, equating to 23% of the land in the township.

2020 goals include: follow-up with prospective landowners, protecting land along the French Creek, working with the Park & Rec Board to create more trail connections, updating maps, committee

tour of protected and high-priority properties, and educating new committee members. The committee has set a goal of preserving 25% of the township acreage by 2025.

Don Szabo commented that the township spent taxpayers dollars on the purchase of the Crouse property and he claimed that the property is contaminated by fly ash from the Cromby generating station. Mrs. Moretti responded that both Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental studies have been done on the property and no contaminants were identified.

Kimberton Fire Company – January report was posted.

West End Ambulance – Asst. Chief. John Osborne reported that they responded to 58 ambulance calls in East Pikeland Township in January. There are Stop the Bleed and CPR public training programs scheduled for February 27 and March 26 at the Valley Forge Fire Co. The ambulance corps is working with Tower Health on a program for new parents.

Jonathan Gayl asked if the ambulance corps has seen a rise in calls for opioid overdoses. Asst. Chief Osborne said they see a rise in the number of these types of calls when a new batch of drugs are introduced in the community that that either they or the Police Department will administer Narcan – depending on who arrives at the scene first. He will provide specific statistics for the township and County at the March meeting.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint Doug Gable and Thomas (Toby) Messere to the Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board for 2020. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 4 for Kimberton Glen, Crossover Blvd.**, in the amount of \$102,140, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint Ron Hoinowski as a voting member of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee for 2020. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint Kersten Appler as alternate voting member to the Federation of Northern Chester County Communities for 2020. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize execution of **Chester County Vision Partnership Grant Contract** for the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan Update project. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize **RESOLUTION 2020-02**, approving an amended Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions & Easements for the Use and Maintenance of a private

driveway for the Kimberton Valley Homes development, Phase III. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-03**, issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness to 2123 Kimberton Road for a new business sign. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Lease Agreement with Mark Martin of M&M Farms** for the Crouse Property for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jonathan Gayl asked what development of the property means for the lease agreement. Mrs. Moretti responded that there is a clause in the lease that it will be terminated if the township is prepared to move forward with development of the property prior to the three years.

### **Public Comment**

Don Szabo had the following issues to address:

- 1) He asked when the turn arrow will be installed at the Route 23/Mowere Road intersection. Mrs. Moretti responded that the developer is obtaining quotes for the project.
- 2) He asked if the rumor was true that the township would be purchasing the East Pikeland Elementary School property. Mr. Graham told him that was a false rumor.
- 3) He asked where the \$2M from Toll Brothers, in lieu of a township park, had gone. Mr. Graham responded that the township has received \$1M so far and that it is in an investment account and has not been spent. The second million will come to the township when they have obtained 50% of the building permits for the project.

He thanked the township for the great work they do.

John Trisch of Sherwood Lane asked when his road would be provided with public sewer and drainage remediation. Ed Latshaw had previously met with him to explain that Sherwood Lane is a private lane and stormwater remediation would be a private property issue. There are no plans to provide a public sewer extension to Sherwood Lane. He also asked whether the school district had responded to his letter of support about the LERTA. Mrs. Moretti said they had not.

Announcements – Mr. Graham reported that he attended the Open Space Committee meeting at which Mr. Strauss was also present. There were no township decisions made at that meeting.

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

Submitted by,  
*Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager*