

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 3, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, and Township Manager Kim Moretti. Supervisor Ben Campbell was absent.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following a public hearing on a proposed ordinance.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the February 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti reported that she completed several grant applications in February; submitted the annual financial report to DCED online; prepared and submitted the annual Certified Local Government report to PHMC on behalf of the Historical Commission; participated in a Collective Bargaining online course over a six week period, and met with DCNR representatives to walk the French Creek Trail and discuss possible grant projects for this year. She provided an update on the reconstruction of the Rapps Dam Bridge where, according to PennDOT, the contract will be awarded in April with work to be completed by fall.

Public Works – Al Cushman’s report was posted for review.

Police Department – Chief Franciscus reported statistics for the month of February 2015: police responded to 209 calls, 1 burglary, 4 thefts, issued 34 traffic citations, and responded to 7 reportable accidents and 7 non-reportable accidents.

Resident Ed Cooley thanked Chief Franciscus and the Public Works department for installing new signage on Walls Street at the curves. Ed feels they have been effective and traffic has slowed down a bit.

Park & Recreation Board Report – Chairman Jerry Miller reported that the Park & Rec Board has scheduled several programs. On March 21 they will be conducting their annual French Creek Trail clean-up day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The public is invited to participate. On March 28th the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Kimberton Park. Every Saturday in March Sean McShane will be leading hikes along the French Creek Trail. Participants can meet at the Rapps Dam Bridge trailhead. Lastly, the Board has a vacancy to fill if any residents are interested.

Old Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve a timeclock extension for the Gappa Subdivision, Preliminary Plan Application, until June 2, 2015. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to accept the resignation of Shannon Wood from the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to award the **Equipment Rental Contract** for 2015 to Melchiorre Construction with a low bid of \$83,400. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-01**, authorizing the Township Manager to serve as agent with Berkheimer Associates relative to the collection of local taxes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-02**, authorizing township access to PennDOT electronic systems. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-03**, naming emergency service providers for 2015. Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to adopt **ORDINANCE No. 167**, amending the zoning ordinance provisions relative to wireless communications facilities. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to authorize submission of a **Vision Partnership Program grant** application to Chester County. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Piazza property discussion. Lee Johnson from the Open Space Committee was present to discuss the potential purchase of the Piazza property as open space. The property is located between Hares Hill Road and Route 113 adjacent to the Henry Company. It is 25+ acres, including a large house on Hares Hill Road. The OSC is recommending that the township work with Piazza to subdivide off two parcels – the 3.8 acres at the corner of 113 and Coldstream Road and the existing house on Hares Hill Road along with 5 acres – and then purchase the remaining 16+ acres as open space. The township could then sell off those smaller parcels, however, open space funds could not be used to purchase parcels if they are to be resold.

Ron Graham asked how much of the property is involved in the Superfund Site? This was unclear. Further discussion on the impact of the Superfund site followed with some open questions that the OSC will need to research.

Ron Graham asked what the OSC was proposing for use of the property. Lee Johnson responded that it could be kept as open space with no use, or used for trails or a park.

Jerry Miller commented that there appears to be a lot of steps needed to acquire what would be a small piece of open space. He said the Park & Rec Board had discussed the need for parkland and they feel the Davis property in the Village would provide more benefits to residents by allowing expansion of Kimberton Park, KYAL and the Kimberton Fire Co. Mr. Strauss responded that the OSC has been looking at the Davis property and sees the benefits.

Doug Fitzsimons commented that KVBA has discussed the potential of the Piazza property as open space and they feel it would be better to keep the property available for future development based on its proximity to the Village and the positive economic benefit it could have.

Jon Gayl concurred with Doug's comment and added that he sees potential for development that would benefit the over-55 community across Route 113, such as medical offices.

The Open Space Committee was directed to conduct further research on several issues prior to returning to the Board with a recommendation. Those issues include the impact of the Superfund site on the property; whether Piazza is willing to subdivide before selling the 16 acres to the township as open space; the proposed use of the open space parcel; whether the property should be considered for re-zoning; and the priorities of the OSC relative to acquisition of potential parkland properties in the township.

Public Comment

Jonathan Gayl wished to publically thank the Police Department for their prompt response to an auto accident in which his wife was involved.

Announcements

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager