

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 5, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on March 5, 2019 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. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the February 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the PA Community Rights Network soliciting the township to partner with them on a Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment. Supervisor Strauss said while their proposal is an interesting concept, it would be premature for the township to take any action.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Kim Moretti reported that in February she met with the township’s traffic consultant to discuss upcoming grants and projects, specifically the intersection of Route 23 and Township Line Road with the goal to add this project to the PA Transportation Improvement Inventory (TII). In February she hosted a meeting with managers from other municipalities that feed into the Valley Forge Sewer system in order to discuss sewer capacity needs. An annual planning meeting was held with the Supervisors, volunteers and staff to discuss goals and activities for 2019. In February a grant application was submitted to Chester County for Open Space Acquisition funds for the Crouse property. Lastly, staff participated in a site meeting of the Kimberton Superfund Site with Henry Company, EPA and DEP representatives. EPA will be issuing their five-year report in the next couple of months.

Carole Thompson of Silver Springs Road asked if the township was still pursuing the Piazza property as open space next to the Superfund site. Mr. Graham responded that the township was never able to come to an agreement over the sale price, so it has not been pursued.

John Colarusso asked if the EPA is optimistic over the reduction in the plume. Kim Moretti responded that they didn’t use the term optimistic, but they are pleased to see progress.

Public Works – Posted

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided Police Department Statistics for February, where they responded to 199 complaints, including 1 theft, 3 DUIs, 1 drug arrest, and 4 felony/misdemeanor

arrests. There were 22 accidents and 34 traffic citations issued. Officer Wilson participated in training for self-defense and arrest control tactics and will now train other officers.

West End Ambulance – Capt. John Osborne reported that they responded to 73 ambulance calls in February, which is up by 22 calls from last February. He announced the February 19 Stop the Bleed/CPR training class was well attended (40 people). They will be offering another Stop the Bleed training on March 19 at the Valley Forge Fire Company beginning at 6pm.

Phoenixville Regional Planning Update – Rusty Strauss reported that a well-attended public workshop was held on February 27th where the updated regional Comprehensive Plan was presented. The next step is for the individual municipalities to adopt the final draft of the plan. The plan is available through the Phoenixville Borough website if the public would like to view it.

The PRPC also reviewed a proposed zoning amendment and zoning map amendment presented by Phoenixville Borough. The map changes were found to be inconsistent with the regional comp plan; however they will become consistent when the new comprehensive plan is adopted.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2019-05, granting approval for a Minor Subdivision on Church Road.* Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2019-06, endorsing Landscapes3, the Chester County Comprehensive Plan.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2019-07, authorizing submission of an open space acquisition grant to Chester County.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Mrs. Moretti explained that the grant would provide funds for acquisition of the Crouse property along Spring City Road. The Township will also apply to PA DCNR for an acquisition grant. Jonathan Gayl asked how much the township was requesting and how much the township would have to pay towards the acquisition. Mrs. Moretti responded that the County grant application is requesting \$1.2M and the State application will request \$1.5M. The Crouse property purchase will be about \$5.1M with the township paying approximately \$2.5M from the Open Space Fund.

Mr. Graham commented that the township will proceed with the acquisition even if we don't get the grant. He further said that the township is fortunate to be able to acquire this property in that it will resolve 10-year old litigation, eliminate the possibility of a 300+ mobile home park, preserve 115 acres of open space and provide parkland.

John Trisch of Sherwood Lane asked what the township plans to do with the land. Mr. Graham responded that there are no plans at this time and that open space can be left just as open space.

Stock Illoway responded that the Open Space Committee and Park & Recreation Board are working on ideas on how to use the land; but we need to purchase it first.

There being no further questions the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize the Township Manager to work with the Chester County Consortium to engage the Cohen Law Group to assist with Verizon Cable Franchise renewal negotiations.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize submission of a grant application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for funds to purchase Power Document Management Simplified Software for the Police Department.* Mr. Campbell seconded the MOTION and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Carole Thompson announced that the township had lost a long time, very active community member with the passing of Barry Messere on March 1st. The Board thanked her for her announcement and agreed it is a great loss.

Jeanne Rapp of Chester Springs Road commended the township on the recent snow removal; however she asked that the plow driver slow down on her road.

John Trisch reported to the Board that the blasting taking place in the Kimberton Glen Subdivision project has affected his well and he now has muddy water. Mr. Graham responded that the township engineer will investigate. Ed Latshaw stated that the LTL inspector for that project will speak to Toll Brothers, the Chester County Health Department and possibly PA DEP about this issue. He said the blasting is being done to install utility lines and that underground blasting is hard to predict.

Announcements

Mr. Graham stated that he and Mr. Strauss both attended an Orion Communities event in Phoenixville, although no township business was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager