

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 7, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti. Chairman Ron Graham was absent.

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

Audit Report Presentation

Steve Kutsuflakis of Barbacane Thornton was present to provide an overview of the township audit process. His staff prepared the 2016 Annual Financial Report which is due to the PA DCED by April 1 of each year; they provided recommendations on internal controls and made minor adjustments to the financial reporting process. Copies of the audit report were provided to the Supervisors for review and comment.

Public Presentation

Victoria Laubach of Green Valley Association (GVA) and planner Ed Theurkauf gave a presentation on the benefits of Riparian Buffers.

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the February 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Township received an application from Altair EcoVillage for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Strauss explained to the audience the process that is triggered by this application.

MOTION made by Mr. Strauss, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to authorize the Planning Commission to review the proposed Altair EcoVillage zoning amendment and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Upon vote, motion carried.

John Schott from the Planning Commission asked if there is any timeframe for the Planning Commission to following in providing a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. While there is not a timeframe, it is expected that they will review the proposed amendment in the next couple of months.

Lynn Schmitt asked if the decision on the EcoVillage ordinance will be made by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Strauss explained that the Planning Commission is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors. They will review the application and make a recommendation to the Board. All discussion is held in public meetings and public input is

welcome. The Board of Supervisors has said in the past that they are in favor of the EcoVillage concept, but details need to be evaluated prior to the Board making any decision on the proposed ordinance.

Jonathan Gayl invited the public to attend a meeting on April 6th at 7pm at the township building where Altair will explain more about the EcoVillage concept.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that in February, based on public request, she started a FaceBook page for the township and will be posting announcements and events. She has been working with the State Auditor on the pension audits and with Barbacane Thornton on the township financial report for 2016. The Kimberton Park Amphitheater project is progressing with the structure more than halfway constructed. The 2016 recycling report was submitted to Chester County this month and she met with representatives from the Chester County Planning Commission to discuss designating Route 23 as a Scenic Byway.

Public Works Report – Posted. Mr. Campbell reported that he participated in a road inventory tour with Al and Kim to identify which roads will be repaved this year. They also discussed replacement of department vehicles.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson reported that during the month of February the Police Department responded to 181 calls and made 2 drug arrests, 2 DUI arrests, issued 43 citations and responded to 22 accidents. Officers participated in annual taser training and took a class on how to work with autistic persons. Officer Paris participated in vehicle and equipment inspection class. The Police Department and Emergency Management also have FaceBook pages.

Planning Commission Report – John Colarusso reported that the Planning Commission has reviewed a sketch plan for a pole barn on Ridge Road; a land development plan for a contractor's establishment on Spring City Road and a sketch plan for the Davis property in Kimberton. They are wrapping up the Kimberton zoning project and hope to have a public meeting in the next couple of months. A property owner from the MU district attended a Planning Commission meeting to stress the need for public sewer extension on Schuylkill Road in order to promote redevelopment.

Kimberton Fire Co. Report – Fire Chief Doug Gable reported that the station responded to 34 calls in February, 15 of which were in East Pikeland Township. They participated in training and logged 845 miles on their trucks. John McNulty, new president of the Kimberton Fire Company introduced himself to the Board.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2017-05, appointing Emergency Service providers for East Pikeland Township*. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve hiring William Edes as a part-time police officer, effective March 7, 2017.* Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and unanimously approved. Sgt. Wilson stated that Officer Edes began his law enforcement career at East Pikeland as a part-time officer in the 1990's. He is now a full-time officer in East Vincent.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to accept the resignation of Rick Bullotta from the Park & Recreation Board.* Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

John Vondercrone asked if there were rules and regulations about use of the township meeting room. Mrs. Moretti explained that it can be used for organization meetings; such as homeowner's associations, Scouts, and other organizations, but not for entertainment or event purposes. An organization interested in using the room needs to make a request through the township secretary.

Announcements

Mrs. Moretti announced that East Pikeland Township is under a quarantine based on a newly identified invasive insect – the spotted lanternfly - that feeds on trees. The quarantine means that any product that could possibly have egg sacs on it cannot be exported outside of the quarantine area. Much of northern Chester County and Berks County are in the quarantine area. The public is being asked to assist in the eradication of these insects by destroying the bugs and egg sacs.

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

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager