

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
May 2, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell, Solicitor Bill Lincke and Township Manager Kim Moretti.

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

**Presentation**

Al Cushman, Director of Public Works, presented the **Exemplary Citizenship Award** to Amanda Monachelli, a Phoenixville High School Student who for the past ten years has organized a roadside clean-up in the township. Beginning in 2008, when she was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at East Pikeland Elementary School, Amanda and her “Clean-Up Crew” took on a roadside litter control project along one mile of Spring City Road. Tons of trash have been removed from the road over the past ten years due to the student’s efforts. When Amanda reached high school she reorganized her Clean-Up Crew into the high school’s Clean-up Club. Amanda was recognized by the Township for her ten years of dedication to the community. (*Resolution 2017-10*)

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the April 4, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Department Reports**

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Kimberton Park was a success, as was the April 22<sup>nd</sup> French Creek Trail clean-up with over 40 volunteers participating. She continued to work with the township solicitor on the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement, drafted articles for the next InCommunity newsletter, edited bylaws for the Historical Commission and met with Kimberton Fire Company representatives regarding the audit process. In April she advertised for a new staff position – a Community Resources Coordinator, who will be responsible for managing the open space, environmental, park and recreation programs. The Kimberton Park amphitheater utility contracts will be put out for bid in May.

Public Works Report – Al Cushman reported that in April his crew supported two roadside clean-up projects, delivered 45 loads of mulch/compost to residents, responded to a record 91 PA One Call notifications, assisted in preparing a stormwater management plan for the Valley Dell Subdivision and participated in monthly safety training. Al also attended the PSATS Public Works Symposium with many workshops offered. In April the township’s 2006 Ford 550 dump truck was put up for sale with the high bid received through the electronic Municibid site being \$14,885. Those funds will in turn be used to purchase a new truck for the department.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson reported that during the month of April the Police Department responded to 215 calls and made 2 drug arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 3 theft and 1 burglary arrests, issued 8 citations and responded to 8 accidents. Officers Smith and Paris attended crisis intervention training; Detective Ehmann participated in the Krapf school bus rodeo and Sgts. Heyman and Wilson attended leadership training classes.

Planning Commission Report – John Colarusso reporting that the Planning Commission has been finishing up the Kimberton zoning amendment project and has no active land development plans under review.

Open Space Committee - Rusty Strauss reported that the township will soon be settling on a conservation easement on 100 acres in the township that is part of the 1,500 acre Bryn Coed Farm property that spans West Pikeland, West Vincent and East Pikeland Townships. The committee continues to work with appraisers on valuing land with the potential for open space purchase or placement of conservation easements. Two property owners in Kimberton have recently been approached; however one declined the appraised value presented and the committee continues to communicate with the other property owner.

Resident Ro Whitelock asked what the township’s budget is for open space. Mr. Strauss responded that the Open Space Fund has over \$4M and that funds are spent as projects are identified, so there is no set annual budget.

Environmental Advisory Council – Dennis Ray reported that the EAC met in April to review and approve an Environmental Assessment Short-form as presented for a land development project on Spring City Road. No other business to report.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to authorize execution of an **Agreement of Sale and Conservation Easement documents for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Bryn Coed Farms property, conditioned upon review and approval by the solicitor.*** Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to award the **2017 Road Repair Contract to United Tectonics Corp. with a low bid of \$139,852.*** Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2017-11, authorizing the Township Manager to submit an application to PennDOT to install flashing beacons on the stop signs at the intersection of Hares Hill Road and Route 23.*** Motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and approved.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2017-12, approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign at Centennial Lutheran Church.*** Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2017-13, supporting a Citizen's Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting*. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss provided a map of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and explained that legislative districts are created to benefit the legislators rather than the voters. A non-partisan organization called Fair Districts PA is trying to get a constitutional amendment passed to create a non-partisan commission that would be in charge of the redistricting process. Anyone seeking more information should go to FairDistrictsPA.org.

Mr. Graham stated that the State of Delaware has recently addressed this same issue.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to authorize advertisement for bids for Snyder's Mill Restoration Project*. Mr. Strauss seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize advertisement for bids for utility installation to the Kimberton Park Amphitheater*. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize advertisement for a public hearing to consider both a zoning amendment and a subdivision/land development ordinance amendment to the Kimberton Retail District*. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Jonathan Gayl stated that the Kimberton Village Business Association still has an issue with language in the proposed ordinance and he would like to see more discussion prior to advertising for a public hearing. Mr. Graham responded that the advertisement will not be made until the Planning Commission is prepared to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, which will likely be for a July hearing. He suggested that KVBA representatives address their issues with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize advertisement for a public hearing to consider an amended Floodplain Ordinance, as required by FEMA*. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to appoint Lori Beck to the Open Space Committee, with term expiring December 31, 2019*. Mr. Campbell seconded and it passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

None

## Announcements

Mrs. Moretti announced the following events:

- Annual Shred Event on May 6, from 8am to 12 noon at the Technical College High School campus on Charlestown Road.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Owen J Roberts Middle School on May 20 from 9am to 3pm

Mr. Strauss announced that the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee is conducting a survey of regional residents; a link of which is available on the township website. Lynn Schmitt asked how seniors who do not have access to computers are supposed to respond to an on-line survey. Mr. Strauss responded that paper copies of the survey will be available at the township building in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Submitted by,  
*Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager*