

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 5, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell, Manager Kim Moretti and township solicitor, Bill Lincke.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the May 1, 2018 Board of Supervisors minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of May she participated in 2020 Census training, attended an Adelphia Pipeline public meeting, attended the Phoenixville Region Multi-Modal plan meeting, followed up on many stormwater complaints, and submitted a grant application for bullet-proof vests with the Department of Justice. Mrs. Moretti announced that the Park & Rec Board is conducting a community survey on park and recreation facilities and encouraged the audience to participate. The June 2 Kimberton Park Party has been postponed to June 16 due to the weather and on June 23 there will be a Classic Movie Night at the park with a showing of Casablanca.

Jon Gayl asked if the Adelphia pipeline runs through his property. Mrs. Moretti responded that she will look at maps in the office and let him know.

Chuck Melle asked about the extent of the work at the Hares Hill Bridge when it closes on June 11. Mrs. Moretti responded that the stone wingwalls will be dismantled and rebuilt to historic standards.

Public Works – Posted.

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided May 2018 statistics: 212 complaints, including: 1 burglary, 3 thefts, 3 drug arrests, 6 felony/misdemeanors, 13 accidents and 28 traffic citations. Police officers held a Coffee with a Cop event on June 2 at O’Gradys with a good turnout, including Sen. Rafferty. Chief Wilson and Sgt. Heyman participated in a Terrorism class; Officer Paris and Det. Ehmann participated in DUI enforcement programs; 3 officers participated in Stewards of Children training, and Officer Wilson and his son participated in the law Enforcement Memorial run from Philadelphia to Washington DC. The Citizen’s Police Academy held a mock DUI trial in which Supervisor Graham participated as the defense attorney.

Chief Wilson reported that the township received several emails from residents of Waterfall Way concerned about the increase in traffic that will result from the Hares Hill Bridge closure this summer. She informed the Board that the Police Department is in the process of conducting a speed study on Waterfall Way – one week before the bridge closes and then during the first week of closure. This will help to determine whether additional speed enforcement is warranted on the road. She informed the

residents that the township cannot legally install a stop sign on Waterfall Way since a full traffic study would be needed to warrant the stop sign and a stop sign cannot be used to control speed. Furthermore, a temporary stop sign (without a traffic study) would not be enforceable and would create a liability for the township. Several residents were present at the meeting and spoke out about the increased traffic and traffic speed.

Kimberton Fire Company Report – Posted

Planning Commission Report – John Colarusso reported that the Planning Commission is reviewing uses in the MU zoning district; reviewing Miller Pond Subdivision plans and reviewing the Phoenixville Regional Comp Plan which will become the Township comp plan once approved.

Open Space Report – Rusty Strauss reported that the list of properties with potential for open space acquisition or conservation easement is being ranked for committee review. The current projects are the Kolb property on Wall Street and the Graham property, which is already owned by the township and the committee is recommending that a conservation easement be put on the property. The Wagner Estate is interested in selling their property; however the two appraisals are inconsistent and there is no negotiation going on at this time.

Valley Forge Sewer Authority Report – Chuck Melle reported that he knows there have been a lot of questions in the township about additional sewer capacity and that the Joint Sewer Board will be addressing this issue at their upcoming meeting. He said that during his 15 years on the VFSA Board there has never been a request from one municipality to purchase EDUs from another, so therefore a process to do so has not been established. In other VFSA news, the PACT II lawsuit is on-going and moving to mediation. VFSA's engineer, Bucharth Horn, is also a party to the suit. The Valley Creek Trunk Line sale in Tredyffrin Township has seen no movement. Jon Gayl asked how many excess EDUs do Willistown Township and East Whiteland Township have available to sell. Chuck responded that the quantity would be enough to meet East Pikeland's needs.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve a **timeclock extension for the Miller Pond Subdivision** plan until October 3, 2018. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-05**, adopting an **Investment Policy Statement**. Mr. Strauss asked if this will require our investment advisors to make any changes. Mr. Campbell responded that the investment advisors are already in compliance. There being no further questions, Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 3** for the Kimberton Glen Subdivision, Phase 1 Active Adult Lots, in the amount of \$1,247,395.50, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 4** for the Kimberton Glen Subdivision, Phase 1 Conventional Lots, in the amount of \$230,124.79, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve a new **lease agreement with the Kimberton Youth Athletic League**. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve a two-year **contract with Signal Service, Inc.** for traffic control maintenance. Mr. Campbell seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize an **appraisal for open space purposes** for the Kolb properties on Wall Street. Mr. Campbell seconded and it was approved.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize the Police Department to **sell the 2010 Chevy Tahoe** on the on-line municipal bidding site. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize the Public Works Department to **purchase a 2018 Ford F550** Dump Truck at State Contract pricing. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved.

Discussion

Miller Pond Subdivision. Dan Popplewell, engineer for the project, had presented a letter to the Board looking for input on three different issues before seeking final plan approval. 1) A five-acre residual lot is included in the plan. The owner would like to offer this land to the township as open space. John Colarusso informed the Board that the Planning Commission has recommended that the land be deed restricted as open space and attached to one of the other lots. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is that the land would have no value to the township, although the environmental features on the property should be projected.

2) A small triangle of land between Kimberton Road and Pughtown Road is also being offered to the township. After discussion, the consensus from the Board was that this land should be dedicated to the township upon plan approval.

3) Sidewalks along Kimberton Road frontage are being requested by the Planning Commission as a condition of plan approval. The property owner/developer, Tom Degnan informed the Board that the cost of sidewalks is prohibitive for what is essentially two new homes. Ron Graham lifted up the question posed by the applicant on whether Section 417 of the SLDO applies to this plan. He suggested the solicitor provide a legal opinion on whether this project meets the definition of "subdivision" before deciding if sidewalks should be required.

Jon Gayl asked who will maintain the pond. Tom Degnan responded that the pond will be part of Lot 5 on the plans.

Stormwater Issues

A. Winslow Drive. Three of four neighbors on Winslow Drive were present to discuss an issue with the Board of Supervisors. Brian Miller spoke for the group. The issue is that the owners of 4 Winslow Drive have altered their property and removed the stormwater basin resulting in an impact of stormwater runoff onto adjacent properties. The Zoning Officer has sent letters to the property owner; however they have been largely ignored. The neighbors wanted to clarify the

enforcement process and want to see more action by the township. Ed Latshaw responded that the property owners will be required to reinstall a stormwater facility on their property in compliance with the land development plan, either the same as the original design or a redesign that complies with the township stormwater ordinance.

Ron Graham responded that he is aware of the issue and knows that an enforcement notice was sent to the owner. He asked the township solicitor to explain the process. Mr. Lincke responded that the owner has 30 days to comply with the enforcement notice and must show that they have taken reasonable steps within that 30 days or they will be cited. A reasonable step in his opinion is that the owner produces engineered plans within the 30 day time period. If no steps are taken, the Zoning Officer files a citation with the District Justice.

Public Comment

Greg Doebbling of Viola Road reported that the house at 113 Viola Road has a lot of junk in the yard and an abandoned car on the road. Mrs. Moretti will ask the Zoning Officer to follow up with a notice of violation of the property maintenance code.

Rochelle Bader of 282 Kimbel Drive distributed a letter to the Board detailing the problems with stormwater runoff on their property. The Public Works Director will be directed to look into the problem.

Jonathan and Janel Work, residents of Waterfall Way, were present with their 8-year old son, Maxwell. Max told the Board that while riding his bicycle he was almost hit by a car on Waterfall Way. The Work family is concerned about the increasing traffic and high speed of traffic on Waterfall Way. Mr. Graham responded that we know there will be an increase in traffic, temporarily, with the Hares Hill bridge closure. He is relying on the Police Department to monitor the situation and make recommendations to control the speed of traffic. Janel Work asked what specific traffic calming methods will be utilized. Chief Wilson responded that besides the speed sign that is tracking traffic speeds, that she can place an officer on the street when traffic is most active.

Announcements

The July Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on July 10th due to the holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager