

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
June 6, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 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 7:00 p.m. following a public hearing on the proposed Floodplain Ordinance amendment.

**Minutes**

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the May 2, 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 MS4 stormwater report has been completed and is ready for submission to DEP. She attended a Multi-Modal Transportation meeting spearheaded by Chester County Planning Commission; met with adjacent municipalities to discuss collaborating on the MS4 program; had various meetings with developers on active and future subdivision and land development projects; and worked with the Historical Commission on reviewing and editing their bylaws. Several candidates were interviewed for a new staff position, a Community Resources Coordinator. A summer intern from West Chester Univ. was hired to create GIS mapping for the MS4 program. Settlement took place on the Bryn Coed open space on June 1. Lastly, Mrs. Moretti reported that earnings in the Open Space, Capital and Police Pension investment accounts have done extremely well in the first four months of the year.

Doug Fitzsimons asked if the Bryn Coed open space was a purchase of the land or of the development rights. Mrs. Moretti explained that the township's role is to place a conservation easement on the property that will allow 2 future lots to be created.

Jonathan Gayl asked when the Kimberton Park Amphitheater would be available for use. Mrs. Moretti responded that utility bids came in too high, so electrical and plumbing work will need to be rebid. The site work has begun, but the weather has not cooperated in order to complete the grading, walking paths and rain garden.

Public Works Report – posted.

Police Department – Sgt. Wilson reported that during the month of May the Police Department responded to 226 calls and made 1 drug arrest, 1 DUI arrest, 2 thefts, 1 assault, and 1 criminal mischief arrest. They issued 50 traffic citations and responded to 16 accidents. Officer Paris attended Municipal Incident Response Training. Officers Ehmann and Fagley were recognized by the county EMS association for their response to an accident at Shelley's Lumber. Officer Fagley participated in a Veterans' Day Parade at Pennhurst Veteran's Hospital.

Historical Commission Report – Jim Garrison reported that the Historical Commission had worked with an architect to prepare bid documents for the preservation of Snyder’s Mill, which would include a roof, windows and a door. Only 2 bids were received, and both were over budget. The feeling is that the Prevailing Wage requirements and the busy time of the year for contractors resulted in bids higher than estimated. The project will be reviewed with the architect and re-bid in the fall.

The Historical Commission approved amended bylaws which provide a basis of authority for the Historical Commission. The bylaws and other governing documents created by the Historical Commission are well respected and used as guidelines for other historical organizations in the County.

The annual Historic Walking Tour is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will feature the Continental Powder Works along the French Creek Trail.

Jim reported that he has been asked to serve on the Chester County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for Landscapes 3.

Park & Recreation Board – Jerry Miller reported that the two Park & Recreation events held in April were very successful – the Easter Egg Hunt and the French Creek Trail Clean-up. Another clean-up will be scheduled for the fall. In May the Board met with an Eagle Scout candidate who wishes to create a concession stand for use at the Kimberton Park amphitheater.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve waiver of Section 423 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Kimberton Glen Subdivision in order to allow for the removal of topsoil from the township, conditioned upon the following:*

- *A maximum amount removed is 75,000 cubic yards, as verified by the township engineer.*
- *An increase of replacement topsoil on lots, common areas and right-of-way to 8” depth.*
- *20 truckloads of topsoil to be delivered and stockpiled at the township yard, and*
- *Township to receive a contribution, in an amount to be determined, for any topsoil removed by the developer.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve Escrow Release No. 1 for 400 Westside in the amount of \$2,556,894.12, as recommended by the township engineer.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to approve hiring of Michelle Stewart as Community Resources Coordinator, effective July 5, 2017.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Moretti introduced Michelle Stewart, who was in the audience, and explained that the Community Resources Coordinator will be responsible for the open space, park & recreation and environmental education programs.

Review of bids for **restoration of Snyder's Mill**. Mrs. Moretti announced that two bids had been received for the project, however both were over budget for the project. Those two bids were:

Daniel Reisinger, Inc. \$121,000  
CRJ Construction \$161,800

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to reject all bids dated May 24, 2017 for Snyder's Mill Restoration project and direct Historical Commission to work with consultant on rebidding the project in the fall*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Review of bids for **Utility Contracts** for Kimberton Park Amphitheater. Mrs. Moretti announced that no bids had been received for the plumbing contract and two bids, that exceeded the project budget, were received for the electrical contract. Those two bids were:

Greg Vietri, Inc. \$91,500  
A.N. Lynch Co., Inc. \$97,500

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to reject all bids dated May 31, 2017 for the Kimberton Park Amphitheater utility project and direct Township Manager to review bids specs with township engineer and rebid the projects*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 179**, reducing the speed limit on North Rapps Dam Road to 25mph*. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Resident Toni Quattrone asked which portion of Rapps Dam Road this applies to? Mrs. Moretti responded that it is for North Rapps Dam Road, from Route 23 to Route 113.

Sandy Burke of South Rapps Dam Road commented that speeding is a problem on her road also, however the speed limit is already set at 25mph. She asked what could be done to control speed and cut-through traffic. Mr. Graham asked Sgt. Wilson to conduct a traffic study to get a better idea of the problem.

Mr. Strauss made *MOTON to enact **ORDINANCE No. 180**, restricting parking on North Rapps Dam Road*. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Moretti explained that currently contractors for the 400 Westside project are parking along Rapps Dam Road which brought the problem to the attention of the township.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE No. 181**, amending the Zoning Ordinance relative to Floodplain Management*. Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2017-14, issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement windows at 2200 Kimberton Road, as recommended by the HARB.* Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 2017-15, issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for alternations to a barn at 1250 Hares Hill Road, as recommended by the HARB.* Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to appoint Susette Wilson as Chief of Police.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham commented that Susette has been an officer in East Pikeland Township for 30 years. She is the backbone of the department and well respected by her fellow officers, the township residents and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Campbell added that Susette is the best person for the job. The Board has great faith in her ability to run the department.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements**

Mrs. Moretti announced that the July meeting would be held on July 11 due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Mr. Strauss announced that the Board of Supervisors had met with legal counsel in May to discuss on-going land use litigation and problems related to the provision of public sewers. Mr. Graham added that the Valley Forge Sewer Authority controls sewer operations for which the township has no control. The litigation in question is mandating the township to provide sewer, but VFSA is reluctant to cooperate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by,  
*Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager*