

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 4, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on September 4, 2018 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chairman Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Manager Kim Moretti.

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

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the August 14, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of August the annual Liquid Fuels Audit was conducted by a State auditor. She had meetings with the township engineer and Valley Forge Sewer Authority staff to discuss sewer capacity; met with Chester County transportation planner to discuss potential granted-funded projects; began the annual MS4 report and the 2019 budget. On August 22 the township hosted a public meeting on the spotted lanternfly, an invasive bug from China that is spreading quickly. The Dept. of Agriculture is providing guidance on how to eradicate the pest.

Public Works – Posted

Police Department – Chief Wilson provided August 2018 statistics: 249 complaints, including 4 drug arrests 1 DUI, 14 accidents and 44 traffic citations.

The Citizens Police Academy begins again on September 5th for 10 weeks. 3 officers attended weapons simulation class this month. New technology is now being used to scan driver's licenses during a police stop. This system allows an officer to know immediately if there is an outstanding warrant. This system should help reduce paperwork.

Kimberton Fire Company Report – Posted

Planning Commission Report – John Schott reported that a meeting was held with the Davis' and a developer interested in their property. The goal of the Planning Commission with this project would be to insure that there is sufficient physical buffer between a new development and the existing uses of Kimberton Park and KYAL. At the August Planning Commission meeting a representative from the school district was present to discuss a potential school on Hares Hill Road – at the site of the approved, but unbuilt, 79 townhome development called Phoenixville Crossing. The Planning Commission response was favorable and the school district was encouraged to proceed. The school project is about 5 years away.

The Planning Commission has also been reviewing each of the draft chapters of the regional comprehensive plan, which will eventually be adopted as the township comprehensive plan. Traffic calming in Kimberton is an issue under discussion as well as the sidewalk plan along 724. The

Planning Commission would like to create a phased implementation schedule for the sidewalk project based upon the project budget.

The Planning Commission is looking for input from the Board of Supervisors on other ordinance amendments they would like to see. Sustainability is a top issue they will work on in 2019. Mr. Graham responded that he would like to see sustainability made a priority and perhaps a provision to offer increased density if incorporating sustainability into a development. Mr. Strauss suggested that the Planning Commission look at the Comprehensive Plan amendment from 2013 for guidance on other projects.

Carole Thompson asked if the township was built out yet. John responded that there are limited development opportunities and that the township is promoting redevelopment, particularly along the 724 corridor. He added that about 26% of the township is already under conservation easement or open space.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to enact **ORDINANCE NO. 184**, amending the Zoning Ordinance for uses permitted in the MU Mixed Use and C Commercial zoning districts as well as daycare provisions in Article 18. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to authorize an appraisal for East Pikeland Elementary School property at 1191 Hares Hill Road, per recommendation of the Open Space Committee. Mr. Strauss seconded motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dennis Ray asked what the township plans would be for the site. Mr. Graham responded that there are no plans at this time and an appraisal is the first step. It was acknowledged that one part of the building is historic and must be preserved.

Public Comment

Carole Thompson stated that she was very pleased with the paving of Silver Springs Road.

Dennis Ray asked when pedestrian crossings would be installed at Hares Hill and Kimberton Roads. Mrs. Moretti responded that after all road paving projects are completed, the line painting project will begin. The pedestrian crossing lines are painted by the Public Works crew.

Announcements

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32p.m.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager