

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 3, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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.

Minutes

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve the September 5, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Mrs. Moretti reported that notification was received from PennDOT relative to a weight restriction that will be placed on the bridge on Merlin Road crossing over Pigeon Run. The weight limitation is for 29 tons. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in the next two years.

Department Reports

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that annual safety training for employees was held in September and led by a risk management specialist from HA Thomson, the township insurance broker. The 2018 budget is currently being drafted and will be ready for Board review in early November. She has been attending multi-modal Transportation meetings which the Chester County Planning Commission has coordinated for the Phoenixville region. Staff and the township engineer conducted a site walk on the Latshaw farm property to view areas along the Stony Run for potential streambank restoration in order to address the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan requirements. The township may be applying for a TreeVitalize grant in order to fund the project.

Stock Illoway commented that TreeVitalize and other DCNR Grants are in jeopardy of being raided in order to balance the State Budget. He urged everyone to contact State Representative Becky Corbin and urge her to vote against cutting DCNR funds in order to balance the budget.

Public Works Report – Posted.

Police Department – Chief Wilson reported that during the month of September the Police Department responded to 196 calls, including 5 thefts, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 2 criminal mischief calls, 3 drug arrests and 1 DUI arrest. They issued 30 traffic citations and responded to 6 accidents. Sgt. Heyman attended High Impact Supervision class; Detective Ehmann was instrumental in an arrest of two juveniles who were on a crime spree; and Officers Smith and Wilson assisted with a death in the Wawa parking lot. The Police Association participated in a Veteran's Day celebration at O'Grady's restaurant. Officer Corbo in participating in a fundraiser for men's health during the

month of November. Officer Corbo is managing details for a Citizen's Police Academy which will be held on Wednesdays beginning November 15 through January 17. Residents are invited to participate; space is limited to 20 people over the age of 18, and submission of an application is required.

Open Space Committee Report – Stock Illoway thanked the Board for assigning new staffer, Michelle Stewart, to work with the committee. He feels this will be a real asset to their program. He reported that the OSC priorities are: protecting the Kimberton Fairgrounds by acquiring additional acreage; finishing the French Creek Trail and connecting it to regional trails; and acquiring the Woodbridge open space. A joint meeting between Open Space and the Park & Rec Board is scheduled in November. The OSC is now using a new property database to track progress. The Open Space Fund balance is approximately \$4.3M.

Park & Recreation Board – Jerry Miller reported that the Board has made a recommendation to add Joanne Jones as a new volunteer. On September 23rd the Outdoor Movie Night event was held at Kimberton Park. While there were some technical difficulties, the event turned out well with a great attendance. A rain garden building workshop will be held on October 21st and residents are welcome to participate. A French Creek Trail clean-up day will be held on November 4th.

724 Corridor Project Report – John Schott reported that he and Kim Moretti have been attending meetings coordinated by the Chester County Economic Development Corp. focused on encouraging economic development on the 724 corridor. The Planning Commission will be involved in a project to map the 724 corridor in East Pikeland and indicate areas of potential development or redevelopment. Discussion has focused: trail connections, open space goals, and how to overcome obstacles that would prevent re-development, such as infrastructure needs and expansion of services along 724. John stated that representatives from East Pikeland serving on the Valley Forge Sewer Authority Board need to be brought into the loop so that they understand the goals on the corridor.

Old Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 2 for Kimberton Glen – Crossover Blvd.** in the amount of \$293,246.85, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 2 for Kimberton Glen – Phase 1 Conventional Lots,** in the amount of \$360,426.88, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve **Escrow Release No. 2 for Kimberton Glen – Active Adult Lot Construction,** in the amount of \$180,252.00, as recommended by the township engineer. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to approve **RESOLUTION 2017-19**, accepting a Quitclaim Deed of Dedication for Open Space at Atria/Woodbridge. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint Joanne Jones to fill a vacancy on the Park & Recreation Board with term expiring 12/31/18. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to appoint Milissa Hirst to fill a vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council with term ending 12/31/18. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Carole Thompson of Silver Springs Road asked the township to consider paving her road next year.

Announcements

The November Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1 at 7pm due to Election Day on the normally scheduled meeting date.

The township is having a Half-Price Mulch and Compost sale in order to reduce inventory. Residents would pay only \$25 for a truckload delivered to their home.

Mr. Strauss reported that both he and Mr. Graham attended the September Open Space Committee meeting; although no decisions were made. He also reported that they both attended a private social event and no township business was discussed.

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

Submitted by,
Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager