

**East Pikeland Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
November 1, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Wednesday, November 1, 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. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the October 3, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Department Reports**

Township Manager – Mrs. Moretti reported that during the month of October the 2018 township budget was drafted for distribution to the Board of Supervisors and advertising for public comment. Staff conducted a site visit to other municipal dog parks and community gardens during the month of October. Michelle Stewart will be working on a proposal for these facilities in East Pikeland Township.

The township is taking steps to repair the eroded streambank on Pickering Road. Dead trees have left the creek exposed and there is not enough streambank to install a guiderail. LTL has submitted an Emergency Permit application to DEP, which has been approved. Work will be done through the township's Equipment Rental Contract with Dan Malloy Paving.

On October 21 the township involved volunteers in a rain garden installation at the Kimberton Park Amphitheater. The project was managed by Michelle Stewart and township resident Janet Burgoon served as advisor. Mrs. Moretti thanked Janet for her time and Janet explained what a rain garden is and how she became a Certified Master Gardener through the Penn State Extension program.

Public Works Report – Posted.

Police Department – Chief Wilson reported that during the month of October the Police Department responded to 227 calls, including 2 thefts (at Planet Fitness), 1 criminal mischief call, 1 assault, 2 drug arrests and 3 DUI arrests. They issued 40 traffic citations and responded to 26 accidents.

Officer Wilson attended active shooter training and weapons instructor training at the new County gun range. Sgt. Heyman represented the Department at the annual Fall Fest at Yeager's Farm. Sgt. Heyman, Officer McCole and Chief Wilson attended a "wave of violence" seminar in Philadelphia. All officers attended NIC Certification training to learn how to test drugs in the field. This will reduce the cost of sending a drug out to the drug lab for testing.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to accept the resignation of Chris Baker from the Environmental Advisory Council, effective immediately.* Motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a *MOTION to authorize re-advertisement for bids for the Snyder's Mill restoration project.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Mr. Campbell made a *MOTION to appoint Betsy Burns to fill a vacancy on the Open Space Committee with term ending December 31, 2019.* Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham made a *MOTION to authorize advertisement of the 2018 Township Budget for public comment.* Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Moretti stated that the proposed budget will also be posted on the township website.

## **Public Comment**

Gary Beam of Heimbach Lane expressed concern over the changing of the Emergency Services Resolution passed in March which eliminated Liberty Fire Co. as a first responder. He is concerned that this is a safety issue in his area of the township which is closer to Spring City than to Kimberton Fire Co. He is also concerned about how the new developments in the northern part of the township will be serviced by emergency responders.

Mr. Graham responded that the Board of Supervisors gave this issue much consideration and feels that the Spring City Fire Co. does not have the personnel available to man fire trucks for an emergency situation. The example of a barn fire on Spring Hollow Road was given where the barn burned down while waiting for additional fire companies to respond because Liberty did not have the manpower or equipment needed. The lack of volunteers is an issue with the Board and this is the reason the resolution was changed. Gary Beam said he will take these comments back to the Liberty Fire Co. members.

## **Announcements**

Saturday, November 4 – from 9am to 12 noon – French Creek Trail Clean-up. Volunteers should meet at the Rapps Dam trailhead.

Mr. Strauss announced that he and Mr. Graham both attended an Open House at 400 Westside in October; however no township business was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Submitted by,  
*Kimberly Moretti, Township Manager*