

**East Pikeland Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

April 1, 2014

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Pikeland Township was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2014 at the Township Building, 1158 Rapps Dam Road, Kimberton. Present were Chairman Ron Graham, Vice Chair Rusty Strauss, Supervisor Ben Campbell and Township Manager Kim Moretti.

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 7pm following a public hearing on a proposed ordinance.

Special Presentations

Special Citizen Recognition awards were presented to Stephen Labik of Clover Lane and Tina Wisely of Woodmere Way for reporting thefts from vehicles which resulted in arrests being made.

Special Recognition awards were presented to Police Officers in the following categories:

- Most DUI arrests in 2013 (total of 5) award to Officer Ken Smith.
- Most Traffic Citations in 2013 (total of 197) award to Officer Rick Fagley.
- Officer of the Year to Officer Joe Heyman, as elected by his fellow officers.
- Recognition of the entire Police Department for 97% clearance of reported crimes during 2013.

Minutes

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to approve the March 12, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Township Manager's Report – Mrs. Moretti reported that in March a healthcare benefits refresher program was held for employees; she participated in several meetings with developers on proposed projects; met with PennDOT regarding damage to the Hares Hill Bridge; and is working on the second pedestrian bridge project on the French Creek Trail. The township is seeing an increase in land development/subdivision projects. The number of building permits issued has also risen this past month.

Public Works Report – Posted

Police Department – Chief Franciscus provided a report of March 2014 statistics: 190 police responses, 4 thefts, 1 burglary, 5 DUIs, 6 felony/misdemeanors, 1 drug arrest, 86 traffic citations were issued and 5 reportable accidents. Officer Ehmann and Corp. Martin attended training programs this month.

Kimberton Fire Company 2013 Annual Report – Posted

Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee – Rusty Strauss distributed the 2013 Annual Report for the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee and gave an update on activities. There are five municipal members of the PRPC – East Pikeland, West Vincent, Schuylkill, Charlestown and Phoenixville Borough.

With the assistance of a consultant the PRPC reviews proposed ordinances or development proposals that may have a regional impact. Ordinances are reviewed for consistency with the regional Comprehensive Plan. In 2014 the group is going to update the Comp Plan and possibly replace the consultant they have been using. They are preparing a Request for Quotes for a new planner, perhaps someone with more familiarity to the region.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Campbell made a MOTION to award the 2014 Equipment Rental Contract to Dan Malloy Paving, Inc. with a low bid of \$48,940. Mr. Strauss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize an appraisal of the Brownfields/Shrawder property for the purpose of a trail and/or conservation easement or an open space purchase. Mr. Strauss pointed out the property location on the trail plan. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to adopt **ORDINANCE No. 161**, amending the 2002 Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to create the REV Rapps Dam Road and Route 23 Revitalization Overlay District. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Kimberton Village Zoning – Doug Fitzsimons of KVBA and their planner, Bob Smiley, provided a scaled-back plan for the Kimberton Village zoning overlay. The overlay now includes the three properties previously discussed with the Board that are instrumental to the Kimberton Village circle concept. The proposed ordinance would be an overlay to Article 11 (KR zoning) and would address three main issues: overlay concert, preservation of other restrictions and natural features exemption. KVBA plans to take the proposal to the Planning Commission for their comments and are asking for the Board to authorize the township engineer and planner to provide their review comments. After adoption of the overlay ordinance the land development projects can proceed and the township can move forward with the village circle concept.

Mr. Strauss made a MOTION to authorize the township engineer and township planner to review the proposed overlay ordinance. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Lynn Baker of Meadow Lane expressed concern about how the former bowling alley property is being used. She said the owners are burning in burn barrels behind the building and also working on cars. The zoning officer will be asked to follow-up on the complaint.

Ms. Baker also expressed concern about the hazardous situation at Rita's Water Ice on the first day of Spring each year. She said that cars park on Meadow Lane and damage properties and that the traffic on Route 23 is hazardous. Chief Franciscus said he will follow-up with the property owner.

John Kenney of Express Propane explained that he has two propane tanks on his property at 383 Schuylkill Road and was told by the zoning officer that they needed to be removed. Mrs. Moretti explained that they are in violation of the sign ordinance and are considered advertising structures. Mr. Kenney asked the Board for permission to keep them. Mr. Graham responded that the Board will need the zoning officer to provide details on the issue before they could comment.

Announcements

Saturday, April 5th – Clean-up along the French Creek Trail from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers are welcome.

Saturday, April 12th – Easter Egg Hunt at Kimberton Park – 10 am.

Saturday, May 3rd – Shred Event at CAT Pickering Campus – 8 am to 12 noon.

Jon Gayl announced that *Shakespeare in the Park* will be held on Friday, July 11th at Kimberton Park. The production will be “Twelfth Night”

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kim Moretti, Township Manager