

## Board of Supervisors Meeting July 21, 2008

### West Pikeland Township Finance Review Committee Presentation Regarding An Additional Playing Field In Pine Creek Park

During the course of our investigation regarding the full financial impact of a decision to build a new playing field, we uncovered several non-financial considerations to construction of fields in the proposed location. Each of these issues, on its own, may be a very compelling reason to reverse the current course of field construction:

#### 1. Safety

- Lionville Fire Chief called for another entrance/exit from the park that was not subject to flooding. The bridge has a posted limit of 7 tons (14, 000#) which would not support his vehicles.
- On Jan. 2, 2007 BOS commissioned the Twp Engineer to find another entrance/exit “that did not involve flooding” and none was found.

#### 2. Comprehensive Plan

- In 2005 the WPT Open Space Recreation & Environmental Resources Plan was updated after a questionnaire was developed and mailed to all residents and workshops were conducted by a diverse body of volunteer citizens. The only expansion for active recreation, including 2 soccer fields, was at Windolph Knoll .

#### 3. Have the rules changed?

- We were not able to find anything in writing prior to the September 2007 demands by LYA to substantiate their claim that we were already one half field behind and we needed to build 1 ½ fields immediately to bring us in compliance with LYA rules. Our pre-season sign ups were 291 in 2007.

Bill Cracas’ election brochure (Exhibit 1) for Supervisor, dated September 2003 is very clear on the LYA rule requiring 1 field per hundred children, measured at the end of each hundred. He was the Twp liason with LYA. It indicates we would not need another field until we reached 300 children.

#### 4. Significant change to the local environment

- The infrastructure at PCP is already over taxed. Long lines to cross the bridge before and after events, and from PCP to Rte 113 for all to make a left turn across traffic, requests for second bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> access road, and two requests already for a traffic light at Yellow Springs Road and 113. A light will increase traffic on YSR every day by making it easier for commuters to cut through.
- These events will more likely have to occur with a doubled population in the park. There is no such thing as a temporary field.