

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP  
1645 ART SCHOOL ROAD  
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

October 6, 2008

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on October 6, 2008 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Wayne O'Connell, Sergeant of Police; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board met in Executive Session on October 6, 2008 for real estate matters.
- IV. **MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL**
  - A. ***September 15, 2008 Regular Session*** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
  - B. ***August 19, 2008 ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing*** – Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the minutes the August 19, 2008 hearing. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- V. **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**
  - A. ***Linda Glaum*** asked if the Government Study Commission has submitted their budget and disclosed private funding.
  - B. ***Suzanne Kaplan*** requested that the Township install street signs to warn motorists of hazardous winter conditions caused by road puddles on the west side of the bridge between Route 113 on Horseshoe Trail.
  - C. ***Sandy Heilman*** asked how much it cost to have the Township Engineer re-evaluate the proposed Pine Creek Park field plan. The Board advised her to submit a request for information form at the office.
  - D. ***Nancy Bartley*** invited the public to the upcoming Fall Festival at Pine Creek Park on October 18, 2008. Ms. Bartley also wished to express her opinion that the recent Township newsletter incorrectly stated that the Planning Commission denied the initial playing field plan because of a tree line. Ms. Bartley stated that the Planning Commission was concerned how the plan was affecting the existing trails.

- E. **Robert Shemonsky** stated he was listed as the author of a financial article in the newsletter and wished it be noted he did not write the article.
- F. **Wayne Freese** expressed his opinion that the CPA report listed in the Township newsletter was incorrect.
- G. **Cathy McLaughlin** stated that the Township needs to continue to find locations for additional playing fields and there needs to be better communication and understanding between residents with opposing views regarding the use of Township parks.
- H. **John Matthews** urged all residents to read the Home Rule Charter. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding political tables at the upcoming Fall Festival. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the Government Study Commission to have an information table at the Fall Festival on October 18, 2008. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Cracas, Mr. Hallman III, and Dr. Bright voted Nay. The motion did not carry.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. **Appraisal Services**

1. **Property A.** – Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize appraisal service by J. Brian O’Donnell for property “A” in the amount of \$4,000.00 for purchase of the property for proposed conservation and trail easement. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
2. **Property B.** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize appraisal service by J. Brian O’Donnell for property “B” in the amount of \$2,800.00 to purchase property for proposed conservation and trail easement. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
3. **Property C.** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to appropriate the Township to enter into an agreement with Natural Lands Trust to provide \$119,700.00 in funds towards the easement purchase of property “C”. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
4. **Mr. Hallman III** stated that it is important to make it known that all these properties will have public access.

B. **Palmer House**–Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the boiler system proposal submitted by Precision Air Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$9,825.00. Dr Bright seconded the motion. It was noted that this was the low bid and the approval was upon advice from the Township Solicitor. Mr. Hallman, Dr. Bright, and Mr. Shemonsky stated their opposition to the process of the purchase.

C. **Ordinance 2008-03-Establishing a Park and Recreation Board** – Mr. Shemonsky presented Ordinance 2008-03 amending Ordinance 1998-03 in its

entirety to establish a Park and Recreation Board defining its powers and calling for annual reports. The Ordinance was duly advertised and the Proof of Publication was marked as Exhibit 1. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-03. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- D. **Ordinance 2008-04-Park Ordinance** - Mr. Shemonsky presented Ordinance 2008-04 amending the Park Ordinance of 1999 in its entirety to establish regulations for the use of Township owned parks and open space. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-04. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III noted a correction to Section 5. Powers and duties of the Park and Recreation Board shall have general supervision of all Township parks programs. Sgt. O'Connell requested that Section 3(1) should include "except for police and emergency vehicles". Sgt. O'Connell also suggested that the newly enacted Ordinance should be posted at the Park with the rules and regulations. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-04 with the noted correction. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- E. **Vision Partnership Program Grant – Resolution 2008-10-25** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-10-25 authorizing the filing of the appropriate forms for the Chester County Vision Partnership Grant for eligible funding up to 75% of the costs involved in the proposal for planning services submitted by Thomas Comitta Associates to update the West Pikeland Township Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- B. **HYS Site Plan** – Steve Cattone and Rob Lukens of Historic Yellow Springs presented a draft Sight Plan to solve accessibility and safety issues for the village of Historic Yellow Springs.
- C. **Appointment to Land Trust** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to appoint Lisa Lacroix to the West Pikeland Township Land Trust. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- D. **Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the following concert dates: Saturday, December 6, 2008, Friday-Sunday, December 19, 20, 21, Saturday, January 24, and 31, 2009, April 25, 2009, May 30, 2009, and August 15, 2009. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- E. **Federation of Northern Chester County Communities** – Lisa Lacroix summarized the project, which will assist the Township in obtaining grant opportunities. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the Township to become a member of the Federation of Northern Chester County Communities in the amount of \$200.00. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the details of the project. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion that West Pikeland Township becomes a participating municipality in the

Federation of Northern Chester County Communities. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- F. **Resolution 2008-10-24** – Authorizes the Township Manager to serve as the Board of Supervisors agent to execute contract documents for the Horseshoe Trail Road East Bridge Repair Project. Mr. Shemonsky questioned the need of the appointment of the Township Manager as an agent. A discussion ensued, and the Board agreed to table adoption of the Resolution at this time.
- G. **Traffic Detour** – Mr. Shemonsky read a letter from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and PennDOT proposing a detour route for the Bodine Road Bridge over the turnpike in Charlestown Township. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that Board members submit their comments and recommendations to the Township Manager. Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Township Manager obtain more information before the October 20, 2008 meeting.
- H. **Main Line Cycling Club** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve Main Line Cycling Club to use the Township Meeting Room bathroom facility 8:30 am to 11:00 a.m. on October 12, 2008 during the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Tour for Breath. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- I. **Fall Festival Park Permit** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Amplified Sound Permit to the West Pikeland Township Park and Recreation Board for Larry Roney-One Man Band to perform during the Fall Festival on October 18, 2008 at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

#### VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **Composting Workshop** – October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Meeting Room, 1645 Art School Road, Chester Springs.
- B. **Fall Festival** – Pine Creek Park, October 18, 2008, rain date October 19, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- C. **Next Board of Supervisors Meeting** – October 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- D. **ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing** – October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. reserved as a tentative date for additional testimony if needed.
- E. **Act 537 Preliminary Draft Sewage Facilities Plan Presentation** – Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room.

#### IX. **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. **Linda Glaum** requested that the Windolph Knoll Master Plan Committee submit plans for Windolph Knoll to the Park and Recreation Board.
- B. **Harold Hallman III** questioned why the bid specifications for Pine Creek Park were advertised. Mr. Hallman III also stated he observed Township mowing equipment being driven on Route 113 and stated he found this unacceptable.
- C. **Steve Cattone** reminded everyone of the Yellow Springs Antique Show.
- D. **Harold Hallman III** requested the Board consider electronic mailing of the Township newsletter. A mailing list will be provided for persons who do not use a computer.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary