

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 1, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on December 1, 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; Steve Ross, Interim Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on November 25, 2008 for personnel reasons.

IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL

- A. *Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2008* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2008 meeting. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. *Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting with the correction that Mr. Barker will submit an email letter forfeiting his compensation as Supervisor. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- C. *Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2008* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD – No official comments.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. *Chester County Vision Partnership Grant Agreement* – Mr. Ross announced that the Chester County Planning Commission approved the Vision Partnership Program grant for \$50,000 toward the upgrade of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the three party agreements between the Township, Thomas Comitta Associates, and the Chester County Planning Commission. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- B. **Updates to the Cultural Center Use Policies** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board is currently submitting their recommendations to update the current policy. A discussion ensued regarding the application process approval period. The Board agreed that a three-month approval period would be preferred but accommodations could be made in certain circumstances. The Board will review a final draft at the December 15, 2008 meeting.
- C. **Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force** – Mr. Ross recommended that the Board defer appointments until the December 15, 2008 meeting.
- D. **Horseshoe Trail East** – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to extend the contract with Bill Anskis Co. for a Bog Turtle Study to be completed and found acceptable by DEP, and further recommended the Township not consider enforcing the Liquidated Damage provisions during the delay in construction. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Ross instructed the engineer to ask DEP for a waiver for emergency encroachment into the stream. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. **Pine Creek Park – addendum to Engineer Contract** – Mr. Ross stated that he requested Alberto Vennettilli, of Carroll Engineering to attend this meeting to discuss additional engineering expenses of \$8,000 due to additional services required by the Chester County Conservation District. Mr. Vennettilli was not present. A discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of Carroll Engineering obtaining requirements of the Conservation District designs before construction. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize Mr. Donatelli and Mr. Ross to meet with representatives of Carroll Engineering to work out the details of the \$8,000 cost amendments to the original contract and pursue the obtaining of a waiver similar to what has been done at Horseshoe Trail Bridge East. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Ross will contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the possibility of obtaining a waiver and E. B. Walsh and Associates on any background information on Bog Turtles at the site. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from check #1734. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- B. **Resignation from Land Trust** – Mr. Cracas announced he has been appointed to the Chester County Agricultural Development County and therefore submitted his resignation from the Land Trust. The Board and Mr. James Rowan of the Lands Trust thanked Mr. Cracas for his service. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to appoint Dr. Bright to the Lands Trust. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Shemonsky noted the following:

- A. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting December 15, 2008
- B. ACMEC Hearing, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. HYS Holiday Stroll, December 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Wayne Freese asked the status of the Upper Pine Creek Culvert project. Mr. Ross will review the status of the project and review Yerkes Associates review of the bridge.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary