

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on April 7, 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; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief 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 SESSIONS** – The Board had no Executive Sessions to report.
- IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD** – There were no comments from the attending public.
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Traffic Studies – Horseshoe Trail and Messner Roads Report – John R. Caruolo, P.E. of Caruolo Associates, Inc., submitted his traffic study. Mr. Caruolo recommended that Messner Road requires a need for traffic calming by installing two speed bumps, and that the road should remain one-way given the width of the cartway and poor sight distances at its intersection at Conestoga Road. Mr. Caruolo gave his recommendations for traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds on Horseshoe Trail Road. A discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the existing speed bumps. Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Board would review the traffic study and decide on the appropriate recommendations at the April 21, 2008 meeting.
  - B. Adoption of Open Space Ordinance 2008-01 –Mr. Shemonsky presented Ordinance 2008-01 and presented Exhibit #1, Proof of Publication. Mr. Barker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-01 creating the West Pikeland Open Space Committee and providing procedures for reviewing Open Space property interests considering for acquisition by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
  - C. Park and Recreation Committee Recommendations

1. Park Land Manager –Mrs. Bartley was present for discussion. Mr. Shemonsky requested that details that are more specific are need for the position. Mr. Hallman III suggested Mrs. Bartley obtain a public works job description from another municipality.
  2. Boundary Signs – Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Board would need more specific information before the next meeting.
- D. Full-size field – Mr. Shemonsky stated that he received an email from LYA requesting the status of the potential sites for a permanent full-sized field. Mr. Cracas made a motion to have the Township Engineer, the Park and Recreation Committee and LYA work together using the DCNR grant monies to establish a potential master plan at Windolph Knoll that would allow one to two playing fields and sufficient room for whatever type of drip irrigation may be needed. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III suggested that details be in place by the middle of May. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Auction of excess municipal property– Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to contact Weiderseim Associates and set a date and time to conduct an auction of excess municipal property. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Allocation of funds to non-profits
1. Anselma Mill - Mr. Barker made a motion to allocate \$1,500.00 to Anselma Mill as requested in their letter of April 2, 2008 for publication of notices for the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of the Township to allocate funds for a profit oriented retail program. Mr. Cracas and Mr. Hallman III stated their opposition to appropriating funds to a business venture. Heather Reiffer stated that the Mill Trust views the Farmer’s Market as a way to promote the Mill and endorse the Township’s agricultural heritage. Mrs. Diesinger suggested that funds could be allocated to the Mill event in June. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was not carried. Mr. Cracas made a motion to table a final decision on the allocation request until the next meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- G. 921 Kimberton Road Final Land Development Plan – Resolution 2008-04-11 – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-04-11 approving the Land Development Plan of Jeffrey A. and Judy Davidson for a 1.997-acre tract, parcel identified as 34-4-9.2 by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2008. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- H. Exceptional Value Stream Committee Report Comments – Robert Molzahn and Brian Glass of the Exceptional Value Stream Committee were present to discuss and summarize the designation report for the Pickering Creek. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the purpose

of such a designation and the affect it would have on projects undertaken by the Township and the agricultural community. Mr. Cracas and Mr. Hallman III stated their concern of the impact on residents and the Township regarding the expense and lengths of review time since the Township would relinquish approval of permits to the State. Mr. Barker made a motion that West Pikeland accept and go forward with the exceptional value designation of the Pickering Creek and all its tributaries. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Mr. Barker, Mr. Shemonsky, and Dr. Bright voting Aye. Mr. Cracas and Mr. Hallman III did not vote. Mr. Hallman III stated his concern that the Township Engineer's review of April 1, 2008 was not discussed or considered.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Invoices to be paid – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III abstained from check 1185.
- B. Replacement of emergency lighting and exit signs in the theatre area – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the following three quotes were received for replacement of emergency lighting in the theatre area:

Connect-it-Electric	\$2,110.00
Charles E. Weis	\$2,332.00
Morris Electric	\$2,675.00

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Connect-it Electric for \$2,110.00. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- C. Open Space – Appointment of subcommittee members – Mr. Rowan stated he is currently obtaining volunteer applications and will present candidates for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.
- D. Jacob Yasgur Subdivision Plan – Time Extension – Mr. Cracas made a motion to grant a 30-day extension until May 19, 2008 for the Yasgur Farm Subdivision Plan. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Upper Pine Creek Culvert Replacement Project – Award of Contract – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the following six quotes were received for the Culvert replacement project:

Wexcon, Inc.	\$49,700.00
A. J. Jurich, Inc.	\$84,100.00
Ramos & Associates	\$247,450.00
Macanga, Inc.	\$65,634.00
Melchiorre Construction	\$114,000.00
Couzins, Ins.	\$114,000.00

Mr. Cracas made a motion to award the Wexcon Inc. bid for \$49,700.00 for the Upper Pine Creek Culvert Replacement Project. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- F. HARB member resignation – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to accept the resignation of Judith Bilenas as a member of HARB. Dr. Bright

seconded the motion. Mr. Shemonsky wished to thank Mrs. Bilenas and Mr. Hallman III requested the Township Manager send a letter of appreciation. Mrs. Bilenas is now serving on the Historic Commission. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Mr. Shemonsky announced the Zoning Hearing Board would be meeting on April 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on the application of Michael and Denise Riley of 641 Byers Road.
- B. Mr. Shemonsky announced the Board of Supervisors would hold a Conditional Use Hearing on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the application of ACMEC of North America.
- C. Mr. Shemonsky announced that the next Board of Supervisors meeting would be April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

- A. Drusilla Kring requested the Board consider approving a sign at the intersection at Pikeland Road for the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Herb Sale to be held on May 8, 2008. The Board requested that Mrs. Kring contact French and Pickering Creek Conservation Trust and ask to forward the Township a letter to waive the present deed restrictions.
- B. Gesa Skarloff requested the Board to approve the People's Light and proposal to use the Cultural Center theatre and facilities so the applicant will have time for planning. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve People's Light and Theatre to use the Cultural Center Theatre May 8-11, 2008 for a performance. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Mrs. Diesinger gave a brief summary regarding the bridge inspection at Pine Creek Park. Sandy Heilman requested that the Board of Supervisors visit the Park to observe the noise the entrance bridge is making when a car passes over.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary

